

Listen! by Resonate

In 2011, Will wrote a song called "We the People," inspired by David Cobb speaking about the effort to overturn the Citizens United Supreme Court decision on behalf of Move to Amend. He made a music video of the song, working for the first time with Will Russell at Electric Wilburland Studio in Newfield, NY, and posted it on YouTube. After reading some of Rabbi Arthur Waskow's posts about Citizens United, Abbe sent Rabbi Waskow the link to "We the People," thinking that he would enjoy it. Imagine our surprise when Rabbi Waskow contacted Will and asked him to create a music video using some of his midrashic translations of Isaiah and Sh'ma. Will asked Abbe to join him on this project, and, wanting to bring in a Middle Eastern flavor, they invited Mahmud for some initial musical brainstorming for "Isaiah Lives!" Once Will and Abbe had set both Waskow pieces, they recruited the rest of the band to record at Electric Wilburland (of course!). Tony Ingraham assisted with photography and videography for "Isaiah Lives!" which also featured paintings by Michael Bogdanow. Meanwhile, an enthusiastic response from Rabbi Rachel Barenblat about setting some of her poetry to music led Abbe and Will to another collaboration on "First Step." "Behind the Clouds" came from Will's longtime musical collaborator and mentor, Gerry Tenney. Rounding out the lineup were originals "Collegetown" (John Simon), "Source of All the Universe" (Abbe), and "The Ninevites" (Will).

What people are saying about Listen!

"Witty, deep, tuneful--music for our moment and for the long haul." *Bill McKibben*

If modern America held public square readings of Torah the way that prophets preached to our ancestors, this is what it would sound like. The English makes it accessible, the quality of the musicianship compels attention, and the messages are as timeless and relevant as the texts on which the songs are based. *שמעו - Listen!* is a welcome expression of Jewish spirit for a contemporary world.

Faith Rogow

...extraordinary chant and music by Cantor Abbe Lyons and Will Fudeman...enormously enrich the text."
Rabbi Arthur Waskow

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