

Im Ein Ani Li

(Pirkei Avot I:14)

Three chants for cong. and SATB

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Chant 1
♩ = 70
mf

S/A Im ein a - ni li mi li? Uch-she - a - ni l' - atz -
T/B *pp* Im ein a - ni li mi li? Uch-she - a - ni l' - atz -
IF NOT MYSELF FOR ME WHO FOR ME + WHEN I AM FOR MYSELF (ONE)

7 mi mah a - ni? v' - im lo ach - shav ei - ma - tai? v' - im lo
T/B 7 mi mah a - ni? v' - im lo ach - shav ei - ma - tai? v' - im lo
WHAT AM I IF NOT NOW THEN WHEN

Chant 2
pp

S/A 14 ach - shav ei - ma - tai? Im ein a - ni li mi li? Uch -
T/B 14 ach - shav ei - ma - tai? Im ein a - ni li mi li? Uch -

21 she - a - ni l' - atz - mi mah a - ni? V' - im lo lo ach - shav ei - ma -
T/B 21 she - a - ni l' - atz - mi mah a - ni? V' - im lo lo ach - shav ei - ma -

Chant 3
mf

S/A 28 tai? V' - im lo ach - shav ei - ma - tai, If I am not for my - self,
T/B 28 tai? V' - im lo ach - shav ei - ma - tai If I am not for my - self,

35 who will be for me? And if I'm on - ly for my - self what am I?
T/B 35 who will be for me? And if I'm on - ly for my - self what am I?

41

S/A

And if not now when? and if not now when? and if not now

T/B

And if not now when? and if not now when? and if not now

47

S

when? *mp* Im ein a - ni li mi li?

A

when? *mp* If I am not for my - self, who will be for me?

T/B

when? *mp* Im ein a - ni li mi li? Uch-

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47 rehearsal only

53

S

Uch-she - a - ni l' - atz - mi mah a - ni? *cres.* *mf* v' - im lo ach - shav

A

And if I'm on - ly for my - self what am I? *cres.* *mf* And if not now

T/B

she - a - ni l' - atz - mi mah a - ni? *cres.* *mf* V' - im lo lo ach - shav

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53

59 *dim.* *mp*

S ei - ma - tai? v'-im lo ach - shav ei-ma-tai?

A when? and if not now when? and if not now when? If I am

T/B 59 *dim.* *mp* ei - ma - tai? V' - im lo ach - shav ei - ma tai? - Im

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65

S Im ein a - ni li mi li? Uch-she - a - ni l' - atz -

A 65 not for my - self, who will be for me? And if I'm on - ly for my -

T/B 65 ein a - ni li mi li? Uch - she - a - ni l' - atz -

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71 *cres. mf dim.*

S mi mah a - ni? v' - im lo *mf* ach - shav ei - ma *dim.* tai?

A self what am I? And if not now when? and if not now

T/B 71 *cres. mf dim. mp*
mi mah a - ni? V' - im lo lo ach - shav ei - ma - tai? V' -

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77 *mp mf*

S v' - im lo ach - shav ei - ma - tai? If I am

A 77 *mp*
when? and if not now when?

T/B 77
im lo ach - shav ei - ma - tai?

Pno. Red. 77

81 *mp* *mf*

S not for my - self And if I'm on - ly for my - self what am

A 81 *mf* *mf*
ah who will be for me And if I'm on - ly for my - self what am

T 81 *mf* *mf*
ah who will be for me on - ly for my - self what am

B 81 *mf* *mf*
ah who will be for me on - ly for my - self what am

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88 *dim.* *p* *mf*

S I And if not now when and if not now

A 88 *dim.* *p* *mf*
I ah not now when and not now

T 88 *dim.* *p*
I ah when and not now

B 88 *dim.* *p* *mf*
I ah when and if not now when

Pno. Red.

95

S *mf* *rit.* *p*

when v' - im lo ach - shav ei - ma - tai

95

A *mf* *p* *rit.*

when v' - im lo ach - shav im lo ach - shav ei - ma - tai

95

T *mf* *rit.* *p*

when ach - shav v' - im lo ach - shav ei - ma - tai

95

B *p* *rit.*

v' - im lo im lo ach - shav ei - ma - tai

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103

S *mp*

Im ein a - ni li mi li? Uch - she - a -

103

A *mp*

If I am not for my - self, who will be for me? And if I'm

103

T/B *mp*

Im ein a - ni li mi li? Uch - she - a -

103

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109

S ni l' - atz - mi mah a - ni? v' - im lo ach - shav ei - ma -

A on - ly for my - self what am I? And if not now when? and if not

T/B 109 ni l' - atz - mi mah a - ni? V' - im lo lo ach - shav ei - ma -

Pno. Red. 109

115

S tai? v' - im lo ach - shav ei - ma - tai? *p* Im ein a - ni li mi

A 115 now when? and if not now when? *p* If I am not for my - self,

T/B 115 tai? V' - im lo ach - shav ei - ma tai? *p* Im ein - a - ni li mi

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122

S li? Uch-she - a - ni I' - atz - mi mah a - ni?

A who will be for me? And if I'm on - ly for my - self what am I?

T/B li? Uch - she - a - ni I' - atz - mi mah a - ni? V'-im

Pno. Red.

128

S v' - im lo ach - shav ei - ma - tai? v' - im lo ach - shav

A And if not now when? and if not now when? and if not now

T/B lo lo ach - shav ei - ma - tai? V' - im lo ach - shav

Pno. Red.

134 *pp* *rit.*

S

ei *rit.* ma - tai?

134 *pp* *rit.*

A

when?

134 *pp* *rit.*

T/B

ei - ma - tai?

134 *rit.*

Pno.

134 *rit.*

Red.

Performance note:

This may be performed as a procession, the choir singing as it marches into the sanctuary and up toward the bimah. The congregation members join in with which ever chant(s) they are comfortable. Congregational chanting stops during the SATB interlude, at pickups to measure 81 to measure 102 and continue again at measure 103. (Choir should be at the bimah by the time the SATB interlude is reached.)

The 16 measure three part chant may be omitted or repeated before or after the SATB interlude, as needed. The 16 measure chant, (on the next page) may be distributed to the congregation to facilitate the learning of the piece.

"Lu, lu lu" may be substituted for the text as well.

*From Hillel
Pirkei Avot - Ethics of the Fathers
- part of Mishna*