

# Sesame Street iPod Shacharit

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## **Song 1: Sesame Street Theme**

**Reader 1:** There are many ways to add Kavanah, which is our intent or meaningful focus, to our tefillot. Kavanah can be achieved through learning, through study, through ruach, through community, through personal prayer, and through nusach or the music of our prayers. Today we present to you our Sesame Street iPod Shacharit. We hope that your tefillot will be enhanced this morning through song and through our connection to music. Please sing along, and remember that even though we may each have one small voice, together we can feel the music growing sure and strong.

## **Song 2: One Small Voice**

**Reader 1:** Please turn to page 2 for Mode Ani

*(Before Birkat Hashachar, pg 10)*

**Reader 2:** In Birkat Hashachar we thank God for providing us with experiencing the phenomenon of our bodies and of our daily lives. We are grateful to God for helping us distinguish between day and night, for giving us sight, for guiding us, and for providing us with clothing. We thank God for having two eyes with which to see the beauty of the world, and two ears with which to hear the wonder around us.

## **Song 3: I've Got Two**

**Reader 2:** Turn to Pg 10 for Birkat Hashachar

*(Before Ashrei, page 80)*

**Reader 1:** The Ashrei has a special significance for two reasons: One is that it contains inspiring testimony to God's mercy, and the other is that beginning with the word "aromemcha" the first letters of each of the versus follows the order of the Hebrew Alphabet. Just like the Ashrei, Big Bird also loves to sing using the alphabet.

## **Song 4: ABC-DEF-GHI**

**Reader 1:** Turn to Page 80 for the Ashrei

***(Before Psalm 150, pg 88)***

**Reader 2:** In the Hallelujah or psalm section of our tefillot we praise God with happy excitement. As it says in psalm 149 Haleluyah, Shir L'hashem – Hallelujah, Sing to God. Psalm 150, on page 88, is the final of the Book of Psalms. Here there is a list musical instruments intended to reflect our emotions and spiritual potential when praising God. Whatever our method, let us remember the importance of praising God and singing with fervor and excitement.

**Song 5: SING (Dixie Chicks version)**

**Reader 2:** Please turn to page 88 as together we sing out loud and strong.

***(Before Adon Olam, page 6)***

**Reader 1:** Repetition is often found in our tefillot, which we will see in a minute when singing Adon Olam. First let's follow Sesame Street's Two Headed Monster as he leads us, and we repeat his favorite song.

**Song 6: Hi De Ho Man**

**Reader 1:** Please turn to page 6 for the Adon Olam (NOTE: be sure to lead the repeating version- Adon Olam, Adon Olam.. Asher Malach, Asher Malach)

***(Ending)***

**Reader 2:** Before we near the end our Sesame Street Shacharit, let us remember that we are all brothers and sisters sitting here together, or as the Muppets remind us, we are all earthlings spinning around together on a planet of the sun.

**Song 7: We Are All Earthlings**