

REMARKS ABOUT HALLEL PSALMS

The Hebrew word ‘hallel’ means praise. ‘Hallelujah’ – the nearly universal expression of joyful praise – is a Hebrew word that means “praise the Lord”. The Hallel psalms are psalms 113 through 118, and they figure prominently in Jewish liturgy, and in Christian liturgy as well – a great deal of music has been written for these six psalms over the centuries. Jews chant the Hallel Psalms for the Three Pilgrimage Festivals (Passover, Shavuot, & Sukkot), at New Moons, and on each of the eight days of Hanukkah.