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The structure of this kina is based on the fifth chapter of Eikha. The first eighteen verses are rhyming couplets, corresponding to the first eighteen verses of the chapter. The first stich of each couplet is the opening phrase of the verse in Eikha, while the second expands the idea

אוי.	וְכֹר יהוה מֶה־הֵיָה לֱנוּ,
אוי מֶה הֲיָה לֻנוּ. אימה הא	הַבְּיטָה וּרְאֵה אֶת־חֶרְפָּתֵנוּ.
.ייוֹצ	נַחַלָתֵנוּ נֶהֶפְּכָה לְזָרִים,
אוֹי מֶה הֲיָה לֲנוּ.	בָּתֵינוּ לְנָכְרִים.
.יוֹצ	יְתוֹמִים הָיִינוּ וְאֵין אָב,
אוֹי מֶה הֲיָה לֱנוּ.	וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ מְקוֹנְנוֹת בְּחְדֶשׁ אָב.
מוֹי.	מִימֵינוּ בְּבֶפֶף שָׁתִינוּ,
אוֹי מֶה הֲיָה לֶנוּ.	פִי נְפוּךָ הַפַּיִם בָּזִינוּ.
מוֹיג.	עַל צַנָּארֶנוּ נִרְדֵּפְנוּ,
אוֹי מֶה הֲיָה לֶנוּ.	פִּי שִׁנְאַת חִנָּם רָדֵפְנוּ.
מוי.	מְצְרֵיִם נָתַנּוּ יָד,
אוֹי מֶה הֲיָה לֱנוּ.	ָוְאַשׁוּר צָדֶנוּ כְּצַיָּד.
.ik	אֲבֹתֵינוּ חָטָאוּ וְאֵינָם,
אוֹי מֶה הֲיָה לֵנוּ.	וְאֲנַחְנוּ סוֹבְלִים אֶת עֲווֹנָם.
אוי.	עֲבָדִים מֵשְׁלוּ בֵנוּ
אוי מֶה הֲיָה לֵנוּ.	פִּי שִׁלְּוֹח עֲבָדִים בִּפַּןלְנוּ.
מוי.	בְּנַפְשֵנוּ נָבִיא לַחְמֵנוּ,
אוי מֶה הֲיָה לֵנוּ.	פִּי קָפַצְנוּ מֵעָנִי יָדֵנוּ.
.118	עוֹרֵנוּ בְּתַנּוּר נִכְמֶרוּ,
אוי מֶה הֵיָה לֵנוּ.	פּוֹרְבוֹדָם בְּקָלוֹן הֵבְּי ורוּ.

expressed in that verse. Each stich ends with an expression of lament ("Oh!" or "Oh! What has become of us!"). The last four lines are the last four verses of the Megilla.

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וְבֹר Remember, God, what has happened to us,

Oh!

See and take heed of our shame,

Oh! What has become of us! Lam. 5:1

Our possessions have been turned over to foreigners, Our homes to strangers,

Oh! What has become of us!

יתומים We have become orphans with no father,

Oh!

Oh!

Our mothers lament in the month of Av,

Oh! What has become of us!

שימינו We were forced to purchase water,

Oh!

Because we dishonored the water libation,

Oh! What has become of us!

עַל We were hounded at our necks, Because we hounded others hatefully, Oh!

Oh!

efully,

Oh! What has become of us!

מִצְרֵיִם We extended our hands to Egypt for help, But Assyria grasped us as a hunter would his prey,

OLIM

Oh! What has become of us!

Our fathers sinned and are no longer,

Oh!

But we suffer for their sins,

Oh! What has become of us!

עֶבְּדִים Slaves rule over us,

Oh!

Because we failed to free our slaves,

Oh! What has become of us!

We must risk our lives to obtain our bread,

Oh!

Because we prevented our hands from giving to the poor,

Oh! What has become of us!

עוֹרְנוּ Our skin has shriveled as from an oven's heat,
Because we exchanged His glory for scandal,

Oh!

Oh! What has become of us!

Lam. 5:21

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איכה ה, יט-כב איכה ה, כא

KINOT FOR THE NIGHT OF TISHA BAV. נשים Our enemies violated women in Zion, Oh! Because we each defiled our neighbor's wife, Oh! What has become of us! שרים Our princes were hung by their hands, Oh! Because they robbed and cheated the poor, Oh! What has become of us! Our young men were forced to carry millstones, Oh! Because they frequented the house of the harlot, Oh! What has become of us! סיקנים Our elders were dislodged from the gates of judgment, Oh! Because they perverted justice for the widow and orphan, Oh! What has become of us! Joy was dispelled from our heart, Oh! Because we abandoned our pilgrimages to Jerusalem, Oh! What has become of us! The crown has fallen from our heads, Oh! For our Holy Temple has been burnt, Oh! What has become of us! ועל It is for this that our hearts are pained, Oh! For the honor of our cherished House is gone, Oh! What has become of us! על Thus is Mount Zion desolate, Oh! For an abominable idol has been placed on it, Oh! What has become of us! אתה But You, O LORD, are enthroned forever, Your throne endures through the ages. Why have You forgotten us utterly, forsaken us for all time? Take us back, O LORD, to Yourself, and let us come back; renew our days as of old! For truly, You have rejected us, bitterly raged against us. Lam. 5:19-22 Take us back, O LORD, to Yourself, and let us come back; renew our days as of old!

4

This kina was written by Rabbi Solomon ibn Gabirol (Spain, 1021–1058). In Ezekiel chapter 23, the kingdoms of Israel and Judea are depicted as two unfaithful wives, Ohola and Oholiva. This kina is written as a conversation between them, and concludes with a prayer to God to have mercy on them.

ישעיה מט, יד

שּוֹמְרוֹ קוֹל תִּהֵן, מְצָאִוּנִי צְווֹנֵי / לְאֶרֶץ אֵחֶרֶת יְצָאִוּנִי בָנֵי. וְאָהַלִיבָה תִּוֹעֵק נִשִּׁרְפוּ אַרְמוֹנֵי / וַהְּאמֵר צִיוֹן עַזָבֵנִי יהוה:

לא לָן אֲהַלִיבָה חֲשוֹב עָנְיֵן בְּעָנִיּי / הֲתַמְשְׁילִי שִׁבְרֵן לְשִׁבְרִי וּלְחְלְיִי. אַנְ אָהֲלָה סוּרָה בָּגֵּרְתִּי בְקְשִׁיִי / וְקָם עָלֵי בַּחֲשִׁי, וְעָנָה בִּי מֶרְיִי. וּלְמִקְצֵת הַיָּמִים שִּלַמְתִּי נִשְיִי / וְתִּגְלֵת בִּלְאֱסֶר אָכֵל אֶת פִּרְיִי. חֲמוּדוֹתֵי הִפִּשִִיט, וְהִצִּיל אֶת עֶדְיִי / וְלַחֲלַח וְחָבוֹר נְשָׁא אֶת שִׁבְיִי. וְאֵל תִּבְכִּי בְּבִּרְיִי / שְׁנוֹתֵין אָרְכוּ, וְלֹא אֶרְכוּ שָׁנִי: וְאֵל תִּבְנִי יהוה:

מְשִׁיבָר שְּהַלִּיבָה אֲנִי בֵּן נָעֵקְשְׁתִּי / וּבְאֵלּוּף נְעוּרֵי בְּאָהָלָה בָּגֵרְתִּי.
דְּמִּי אֲהַלָּה, בִּי יְגוֹנִי זָבַרְתִּי / נָדַרְרִּתְּ אֵתְ אַחַת, וְרֵבּוֹת נָדְרְתִּי.
הְנָּה בְּנֵרְה לְבָבֶל יָבְרְתִּי.
וְנִשְּׁרְתִּי לְצִיּוֹן עוֹד, וְהֵיכָל יָבְּרְתִּי / וּשְׁבִיָּה עֲנִיָּה לְבָבֶל יָבְרְתִּי.
וְנִשְּׁרְתִּי לְצִיּוֹן עוֹד, וְהֵיכָל יָבְּרְתִּי / וִּשְׁבְעִים שָּנָה בְּבָבֶל יָבְרְתִּי.
וְעֵל בְּל הָאֲרָצוֹת נָפְוֹצוּ הֲמוֹנֵי:
עֵר לְקָחַנִי אֱדוֹם, וְכִמְעֵט אֶבַרְתִּי / וְעַל בְּל הָאֲרָצוֹת נָפְוֹצוּ הֲמוֹנֵי:
וַלְקְחַנִי אֲדוֹם, וְכִמְעֵט אֶבַרְתִּי / וְעַל בְּל הָאֲרָצוֹת נָפְוֹצוּ הֲמוֹנֵי:
וְנִאָּהְלִיבָּה וְּנְעַבְנִי יהוֹה:

הַחוֹמֵל עַל דַּל, חֲמוֹל עַל דַּלּוּתָם / וּרְאֵה שׁוֹמְמוֹתָם וְאָׂרֶךְ גָּלוּתָם. וְאַל תִּקְצֹף עַד מְאד, וּרְאֵה שִּפְלוּתָם / וְאַל לָעַד תִּוְכֹּר עֲווֹנָם וְסִכְלוּתָם. וְפָא נָא אֶת שִׁבְרָם, וְנַחֵם אֲבֵלוּתָם / כִּי אֵתָה סִבְרָם וְאַתָּה אֱיָלוּתָם. חַדֵּש יָמֵינוּ כִּימֵי קַדְמוֹנֵי / כִּנַאֲמִךָ: בּוֹנֵה יְרוּשֶׁלֵם יהוה: 4

Samaria [the ten tribes of Israel, "Ohola"] proclaimed,
"My sins have caught up with me! My children have left me for another land!"

And Oholiva [Jerusalem, Judah] screamed in response,
"My palaces are in flames!" And Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me." Is. 49:14

k¹/₇ [Samaria answered,] "You cannot equate your plight to mine!
Can your downfall compare to my collapse?
I, Ohola, acted with spite and treachery;
my betrayal opposed me, and my rebellion accused me.
In a few short days, I paid my debt, and the Assyrian king devoured my fruits.
He stripped me bare of my treasures and jewels,
and carried off my captives to Halah and Habor.
So be still, Oholiva, don't cry as I do;
your years endured, but my years did not!"

And Oholiva screamed in response, "My palaces are in flames!"
"The LORD has forsaken me."

בְּהַלְּהָ Oholiva responded, "I, too, was perverse and betrayed the Companion of my Youth just as you did. So be still, Ohola, as I recall my anguish. You wandered but once; while I, many times.

I was entrapped by Chaldean hands and descended to Babylon as a destitute prisoner.

The Temple of which I was so proud was burned. After seventy years in Babylon, I was remembered and returned to Zion to found my Temple yet again. But this time, too, I was not long entrenched before Rome snatched me, and I was almost no more, for my multitudes were scattered to distant lands."

And Oholiva screamed in response, "My palaces are in flames!"
And Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me."

א הַחוֹמֵל He who pities the poor, take pity on their plight!

See their desolation and lengthy exile.

Do not be implacably angry, but remember their lowliness.

Remember not their foolish iniquities forever.

Mend their fissures, soothe their grief, for You are their Hope and their Hero.

Renew our days like the days long gone,

as You have spoken, "The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem."

Ps. 147:2

תהלים קמו, ב 5

This kina, which concludes the night kinot, is a very ancient one. It is framed by verses of pleading for the redemption and rebuilding of Jerusalem. Each of the twelve signs of the Zodiac is mentioned, based on the Talmud (Hagiga 5b) which describes how, after the destruction of the Temples, even the heavenly hosts joined in mourning with Israel.

תהלים קב, יד עֵד אֱנָה בְּכִיֶּה בְּצִיוֹן, וּמִסְפֵּד בִּירוּשָׁלֵיִם. הְרַחֵם צִיוֹן וְתִבְנָה חוֹמוֹת יְרוּשָׁלֵיִם:

אָז בַּחֲטָאֵינוּ חָרֵב מִקְדָּשׁ / וּבַעֲוֹנוֹתֵינוּ נִשְּׁרֵף הֵיכָל. בָּאֵרֶץ חָבְּרָה לָה, קָשְׁרָה מִסְפֵּד / וּצְבָא הַשְּׁמֵיִם נָשְׁאוּ קִינָה. נָּם בָּכוּ בְּמֶרֶר שִׁבְטִי יַעֲקֹב / וְאֵף מַזָּלוֹת יִזְלוּ דִמְעָה. דָּגְלֵי יְשָׁרוּן חָפּוּ רֹאשָׁם / וְכִימָה וּכְסִיל קְדְרוּ פְּנֵיהֶם. הָשְׁתְּרוּ אָבוֹת, וְאֵל בְּלֹא שׁוֹמֵע / צָעֲקוּ בְנִים וְלֹא עָנָה אָב. וְקוֹל הַתּוֹר נִשְׁמַע בַּפָּרוֹם / וְרוֹעֶה נָאֶמֶן לֹא הִטָּה אְזֶן. חשר השׁמשׁ וִירח קִדר / וכוֹכבים וּמזֹלוֹת אַספּוּ נִגהם.

תְּעֶתְ, שׁ נְיָבְטוּ שַּׁלְיָם מְּיִבְטּ יִיבְּטְּיִם יְיָבֶח יְיָבֶח יְיָבְטּ יְּיָבְּט יְיַבְּטְ יְּיָבְטְ יְּיָבְטְ יְּיַבְּטְ יְּיָבְטְ יְּיִבְּטְ יְּיְבָּטְ יְּיְבְּטִ יְּעָלְ צִּיְּאֲלֵוּת אֶסְפּוּ נְגְּהָם. טְלֶה הִשְׁמֵישׁ שְׁוֹר בְּמְּרוֹמִים / כִּי עַל צַוָּאֵרֵנוּ נִרְדַּפְנוּ כְּלֵנוּ. כּוֹכָב הְאוֹמִים נְרְשֶׁה חָלוּק / כִּי דַּם אֵחִים נִשְּפֵּךְ כַּמֵּיִם. לָאֵרֶץ בִּקֵשׁ לִנְפּוֹל מַרְטָן / כִּי הִתְעַלַפְנוּ מִפְּנִי צָמָא. מָהָנוּ בְתוּלוֹת וְגַם בַּחוּרִים / עַל בֵן בְּתוּלֵה קְּדְרָה בְּמָיִה. סָבֵּב מֹאוִנֵים וּבְּקֵשׁ תִּחָנֵה / כִּי נִבְחֵר לְמוֹ מֵוֹת מֵחַיִּים. סָבֵּב מֹאוִנִים וּבְּקֵשׁ תִּחָנֵה / כִּי נִבְחֵר לְמוֹ מֵוֹת מֵחַיִּים.

עקרב לבש פתד ורעדה / כי בחרב וברעב שפטנו צורנו.

פלגי מים הורידו דמעה כנחל / כי אות בקשת לא נתן לנו.

5

How long must Zion cry and Jerusalem mourn? Pity Zion, rebuild the walls of Jerusalem!

Ps. 102:14

Song. 2:12

- K Then, because of our sins, the Sanctuary was destroyed; because of our sins, the Temple was burned.
- Jerusalem's heavenly counterpart arranged to mourn, while the stars in the sky lamented.
- Jacob's tribes wept bitterly. The constellations dripped tears.
- The banners of Jeshurun were shrouded. Pleiades and Orion dimmed their glow.
- 7 Forefathers pleaded, but God would not hear; children wailed, but Father did not respond.

 Moses' protest was sounded on high, but the Faithful Shepherd turned a deaf ear.

The sacred seed [the Jews] wore sackcloth; the angels in heaven donned sackcloth too.

The sun darkened, the moon was dim, the stars and planets withheld their shine.

- D Aries [corresponding to Nisan], first in the constellations, wept bitterly, for her lambs were led to slaughter.
- Taurus [corresponding to Iyar] bellowed up above, for we were pursued from behind.
- ⊃ Gemini [corresponding to Sivan] seemed torn asunder, for the blood of brothers was spilled like water.
- Cancer [corresponding to Tammuz] clambered to the shore while we were faint with thirst.
- The heavens trembled at Leo's [corresponding to Av] roar, but our roaring prayers never reached those heavens.
- Young virgins were killed and also young lads.
 No wonder that Virgo [corresponding to Elul] is darkened in gloom.
- D Libra [corresponding to Tishrei] tipped her scales, yet prayed for those who chose death over a life of woe.
- y Scorpio [corresponding to Ḥeshvan] was overcome with fear and shuddering, for the Protector Himself condemned us to sword and hunger.
- Our eyes overflowed with streams of tears; the hope of Sagittarius' [corresponding to Kislev] rainbow was denied us.

שיר השירים ב, יב צֵפּוּ מֵיִם עַל רֹאשֵנוּ / וּבִדְלִי <mark>שְׁלֵא חָבֵנוּ יָבֵש.</mark> קַרְבְנוּ קְרְבָּן וְלֹא נִתְקַבֵּל / וּגִּדִי <mark>בְּסַק</mark> שְׁעִיר חַטָּאתֵנוּ. וַחֲמָנִיוֹת בִּשְּׁלוּ יַלְדִיהָן / וּמַזַל <mark>דְּגִּים ה</mark>ָעְלִים עֵינָיו. שְּכַחְנוּ שַּבָּת בְּלִבּוֹת שוֹבָבִים / שַדַּי שִׁכַּח בְּל צִדְקוֹתֵינוּ. תְּקֵנֵא לְצִיוֹן קִנְאָה גְּדוֹלָה / וְתָאִיר לְרַבֶּתִי עָם מְאוֹר נָגְהֶךְ.

The קהל stands and the שליח ציבור says the following:

תְּנַחֵם צִיּוֹן כַּאֲשֶׁר אָמֵרְתָּ / וֹתְכוֹנְנֶהָ כַּאֲשֶׁר דִּבְּרְתָּ / תְּמֵהֵר יְשׁוּעָה וְתָחִישׁ גְּאֻלָּה / וְתָשׁוּב לִירוּשָׁלַיִם בְּרַחֲמִים רַבִּים:

בַּכָּתוּב עַל יַד נְבִיאֶךָ: לָכֵן כֹּה־אָמֵר יהוה, שַּבְהִי לִירוּשָׁלַם בְּרַחֲמִים, מַבַּיְהֹּא בַּיתוּב עַל יַד נְבִיאֶךָ: לָכֵן כֹּה־אָמֵר יהוה, שַּבְהִי לִירוּשָׁלַם בְּרַחֲמִים, מַבִּיְהֹּא בִּיתִּי יִבְּנָה בָּה, נְאָם יהוה צְבָאוֹת, עוֹד הְּפוּצֶנָה עָרִי מִטּוֹב, וְנִחֵם יהוה עְּלֵץ לֵאמֹר, כֹּה אָמַר עוֹד בִּירוּשָׁלָם: וְנָאֱמֵר: כִּי־נִחַם יהוה צִיּוֹן, נִחַם ישׁיִּהּאִּ בְּלֹ-חְרְבֹתֵיה, וַיָּשֶּׁם מִדְבָּרָהּ בְּעֵדֶן, וְעַרְבָתָהּ בְּגַן־יהוה, שָׁשוֹן וְשִּמְחָה יִּמִיה בְּלֹּרְחָרְבֹתָה וְמָלֶה:

- Y Water flowed plentifully above our head, but even Aquarius' [corresponding to Shevat] bucket left our palates dry.
- 7 The sacrifices we offered were not accepted; under Capricorn [corresponding to Tevet], the goats, the sin-offerings, ended.
- When compassionate mothers cooked their own children, Pisces [corresponding to Adar] averted her eyes.
- We ignored the Sabbath with our wayward hearts, so God ignored whatever merits we had.
- N You will one day again take up Zion's cause with zeal, and once more illuminate the populous city with the light of Your splendor.

The congregation stands and the Leader says the following:

Pity Zion as You have spoken.

Make her firm as You gave Your word.

תְּמֵהֵר Hasten salvation, hurry redemption.

And return to Jerusalem with great compassion.

As is written by the hand of Your prophet: "Therefore, thus says the Zech. LORD: I have returned to Jerusalem with mercies, My House shall be rebuilt in it, says the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth over Jerusalem." And it is said: "Proclaim further, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem." And it is said: "For the LORD shall Le 51:3 comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found in it, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody."