

אֲשָׁמְנוּ

Ashamnu

We accuse [ourselves] (an *alef-beth* of errors):

The soul reckoning (הַשְׁבוּן הַנֶּפֶשׁ *heshbon ha-nefesh*) that we do on Yom Kippur is communal, and so we recite the *ashamnu* together. We are all implicated in the personal acts, good or bad, of any individual in our community. It is traditional to tap one's heart when reciting each transgression in the *Viddui*. -- CB, PM

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| אֲשָׁמְנוּ : | <i>Ashamnu</i> | ☞ We have acted wrongly, |
| בָּגַדְנוּ : | <i>Bagadnu</i> | ☞ We have <i>been</i> untrue, |
| גָּזַלְנוּ : | <i>Gazalnu</i> | ☞ We have <i>gained</i> unlawfully |
| דִּבְרַנוּ דְּפִי : | <i>Dibbarnu dofi</i> | ☞ We have <i>defamed</i> . |
| הָעוֹיְנוּ : | <i>He'evinu</i> | ☞ We have <i>harmed</i> others, |
| וְהִרְשָׁעְנוּ : | <i>Vehirshanu</i> | and we have <i>wrought</i> injustice, |
| זָדְנוּ : | <i>Zadnu</i> | ☞ We have <i>zealously</i> transgressed, |
| חָמַסְנוּ : | <i>Hamasnu</i> | ☞ We have <i>hurt</i> , |
| טָפַלְנוּ : | <i>Tafalnu</i> | ☞ We have <i>told</i> lies. |
| שָׁקַר : | <i>shaqer</i> | |
| יָעָצְנוּ רָע : | <i>Ya'atznu ra</i> | ☞ We have <i>improperly</i> advised, |
| כִּזְבְּנוּ : | <i>Kizavnu</i> | ☞ We have <i>covered up</i> the truth, |
| לָצְנוּ : | <i>Latznu</i> | ☞ We have <i>laughed</i> in scorn, |
| מָרַדְנוּ : | <i>Maradnu</i> | ☞ We have <i>misused</i> responsibility. |

ALL sing a *niggun* (wordless melody)