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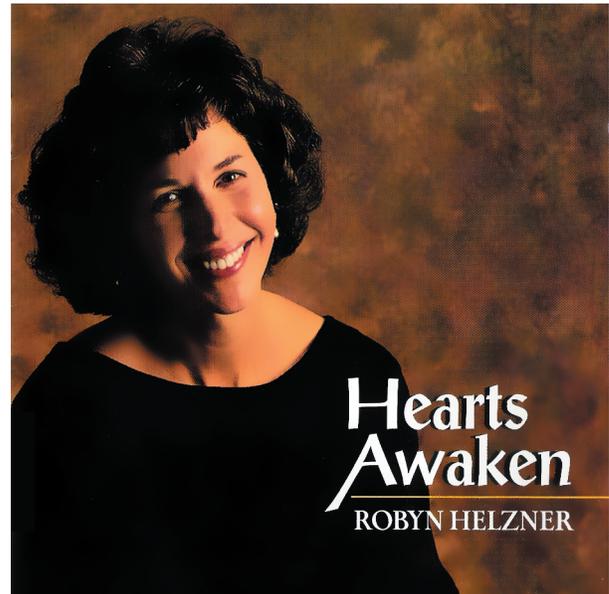
Art in the tunes

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Robyn Helzner's ***Hearts Awaken*** is her second collection of Hebrew, Yiddish and Ladino songs on CD, and, again, a hit. Accompanied by a number of vocalists and instrumentalists, including Dov Weitman on guitar, Michael Stein on violin and Mark Novak on piano, Helzner and company exhibit a broad range of sounds, verse and rhythm.

Her music is passionate and captivating, and even if you don't speak the language you can derive from her tone the meaning of the song.



From "Na'aleh, Na'aleh," which speaks of freedom and strength, to the spirited message of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach's "Gam Ki Elech," to the sadness of "Piyus," Helzner breathes soul into the songs with the sweet sound of her voice.