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1. The Chazzan:
 Why are High Holiday services all about the music?



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2. Our prayers are modeled after the service in the Temple.
 It was the Levites musical performance drew the crowds each year.

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3. Untalented Levites guarded the gate. All talented Levites performed. Imagine hundreds of singers, hundreds of instruments. It must have been magnificent!



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4. Many of the Levites' songs are in Psalms.
 Some say they sang *Kol Nidre* in the Temple.



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5. The importance of music:
 It inspires people to repentance.



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6. A story about the power of music:
 Shazar
 Niggun gives him courage on fateful
 day.
 (See full sermon)

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7. Eventually this niggun brought
 Shazar back to Judaism.



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8. Parsha:
 "Moses came and spoke all the words
 of this song."



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9. Why is the Torah called a song?
 Torah is meant to move you the way
 a song does.



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10. Music doesn't get old.
 Torah is read in a tune so it'll never
 get boring.
 We can't let this music stop!

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