

English Abstract

The Riddle of "Ma'oz Tzur"

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This short study offers a new solution to the age old riddle, regarding the historical background that contributed to the writing of the liturgical poem "Ma'oz Tzur". This article focuses on arriving at the correct interpretation of "d'che admon b'tzel tzalmon", which is generally translated as "Repel the Red One in the nethermost shadow", as the key to understanding the historical background for the writing of this poem, and through this, its special connection to Chanukah will become clear.