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KING DAVID'S HARP

"At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto You." (Psalms. 119:62)

How did King David rise each night at midnight?

"Rabbi Shim'on Hasida said: 'David hung his harp above his bed and when midnight would arrive the north wind would blow upon the harp (vibrating the strings) and causing music to emanate. David would immediately rise and begin studying Torah. He would continue his studies even as the first light of dawn appeared in the sky.'" (Talmud Tractate Berachot 3:b)

King David yearned to build the Holy Temple. He spared no effort in gathering materials and making preparations for the day when the Temple would be built. It is in recognition of this great spirit that the Temple Institute has embarked upon the unique project of creating the beautiful kinnor David - harp of David. The kinnor David, pictured above, is nearing completion. May it be a constant inspiration reminding us that our work will not be done until the dream of King David is realized: the building of the Holy Temple.

The task of creating the kinnor David, as with the task of renewing all the Holy Temple service vessels is made possible solely through the generosity of the Temple Institute's supporters throughout the world.

"One thing have I asked of HaShem, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of HaShem all the days of my life, to behold the graciousness of HaShem, and to visit early in His temple." (Psalms, A Psalm of David 27:4)

