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D'ror Yikra

The Dror Yikra poem is a piyyut (Jewish religious song or hymn), traditionally sung during Shabbat meals, particularly on Friday evening. Dror Yikra was written in 960 CE in Córdoba, Spain by the poet, linguist, and musician Dunash ben Labrat.

It is said that he was born in Fez, Morocco but moved to Spain after a period of study in Baghdad under the rabbinic scholar Saadia Gaon. Dror Yikra is full of Biblical references and quotations.

It praises God and calls on us to keep Shabbat. It deals with themes reflecting on the challenges of Jewish history, the persecution faced by the Jewish people and our faith in God that he will look after us and protect us from those who through history have sought to harm us