

Timing

מֵהִתְעִירוֹ וּמֵהִתְעָרְרוּ אֶתְהֶאֱבָה עַד שֶׁתִּחַפֵּץ

Mah ta'iru u'mah to'r'ru ey-ha'ahavah ad she'techpatz

(Daughters of Jerusalem swear to me)

That you will not awaken love until it is ripe. (Song of Songs 8:4)

Love is a mysterious and powerful force of transformation. To really understand this power is to be humbled and sent to our keenest discernments. We turn to our companions (the Daughters of Jerusalem) to join us in this process of sensitive discernment. In that process, I meet my impatience, and my attachments. I am challenged to let go of my desire for security, affection and control. I am challenged to trust the process of love unfolding, ripening in its time.