

## Over the Water

*[Note: In the year of this adventure (1999) Tami Ezra was known as "Tami Trotter".]*

The Americans were in a stew.  
They'd gotten some customers,  
but as someone --I forget just who--  
said, "Those guys don't know alephe  
from a god-damned apple tree!..."

They needed help.

To the rescue came Israel's daughter;  
over the water flew Tami Trotter.

Imparting the secrets of Aleph tables without number,  
she worked through May and on into summer.

Mid-July was terribly hot.  
Did Tami sweat?... Not a drop!

Planning to leave at the end of September,  
she labored on into cold, cold November....

Tami, we thank you most sincerely  
for teaching us so skillfully,  
for analyzing so perfectly  
what it is that our customers need....

Now fair Tami must take her leave,  
return to familiar Tel Aviv  
where, subsisting on Rice-Cakes and lettuce,  
we hope and pray she won't forget us!