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Miraculous music from Russia!

An unbroken line of traditional Jewish Liturgical Music came to Manchester on Sunday straight from its Russian roots.

Members of Moscow's Cantorial Art Academy, who came overland across Europe by bus, delighted the Manchester JNF audience with their novel arrangements of old favorites interspersed with Russian folk songs and more up-to-date 'Israeli melodies.

The choir accompanying miraculously Chazzan Mendel Feingold of Whitefield took place. Chazzan Feingold had only received the music by fax just before Shabbat. And it was a magnificence performance...

The whole concert was a miracle. Considering that until the late 1980s any Jewish religious expression was forbidden in the Soviet Union.

Yet here were these skilled musicians performing traditional Hebrew and Yiddish tunes as though it was second nature.

The concert proved that whatever may happen in the former Eastern Bloc, Jewish culture is alive and flourishing!