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To Mr. Ronald Lauder

The Lauder Foundation. And President: World Jewish Congress.

Dear Ronald,

I am writing to you regarding the dire situation of the Moscow Jewish Choir,

As you well know, the highlight of my activities in the former Soviet Union, besides many concerts and awards was the creation of the Cantorial School in Moscow and specifically the creation of the outstanding Moscow Jewish Choir, conducted by Maestro Alexander (Sasha) Tsaliuk. The choir is regarded universally as one of the best Jewish choirs if not the very best in the world.

The choir has performed all over the world and much in the Former Soviet Union, often with me as chief soloist with profound successes and music critics have hailed their high level of professionalism, thus succeeding in being great Russian Jewish Ambassador to the world.

Regretfully, the choir finds itself in financial difficulties. With twice a week rehearsals which cost 3,500.00 Dollars a month for 20 singers and the conductor and with no support from outside, they had to suspend rehearsals, which means that effectively they suspended performing and therefore they really suddenly do not exist.

I can not begin to tell you how stressed Sasha and the choir are.

I can not but express to you my pain that such an artistic institution that I helped create with zero remuneration since 1989 is unable to continue performing the best Jewish music and to the highest artistic level. (In fact they should celebrate next year their 30th anniversary).

I, therefore, appeal to you to please help the choir to renew its musical activities. The amount of the money is really minimal but the Musical and Jewish results are maximal to the entire Jewish and non Jewish World.

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to enlist the recommendation of our mutual friend, Rabbi Arthur Schneier, who is writing to you separately.

**Warm regards and best wishes,
Cantor Joseph Malovany.**