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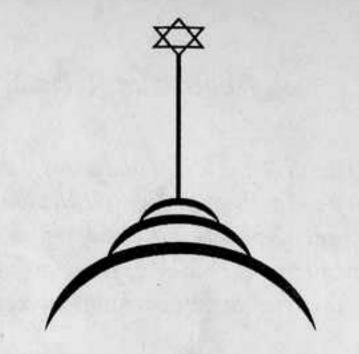
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# PARK EAST SYNAGOGUE SHUSHAN PURIM CONCERT

# THE MOSCOW MALE JEWISH CHOIR

ALEXANDER TSALIUK ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR

> NETANEL HERSTIK CANTORIAL SOLOIST

SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 26, 2005

In conjunction with

The American Society for the Advancement of Cantorial Acts

### About the Artists

The Moscow Male Jewish Choir brings audiences world-over the joyful experience of listening to traditional Yiddish, Hebrew and Russian folk songs, as well as Jewish liturgical music. This is a remarkable union of twenty-one musically gifted men-singing the music of freedom and religion in Russian synagogues even while living under Communist repression.

Almost from the start, the choir won acclaim for their perfect pitch and lively repertoire. Officially debuting in 1990 at the Moscow Choral Synagogue, the choir ever since has been a vehicle throughout Russia for renewed interest in Jewish heritage. Six months after the group was established, performances were booked in cities throughout the Soviet Union. Thanks to the choir, music suppressed for over seventy years, was heard again.

Today, they perform throughout the world. The choir sang in Washington, D.C., for Congress at the Chanukah celebration, the Park East Synagogue in New York City, and at Carnegie and Merkin Halls. They were invited to sing in Toledo, Spain, at the event commemorating the 500th year since the Spanish expulsion of the Jews, a performance attended by representatives of England, France, Italy, Greece, Morocco, and China. In June of 1993, they gave a cantorial concert in Tel Aviv, attended by the Chief Rabbi of Israel.

Under the leadership of Alexander Tsaliuk the choir performed for Danish and Norwegian royal families acknowledging the anniversary of the Danish king saving Jews during the Second World War. In 1992, they became the laureate of the Zimriya festival in Israel and in 1996 won first prize at the International Competition of Folklore Choral Collectives in Moscow.

The choir actively participates in a wide range of cultural events organized by both secular Russian and Moscow Jewish communities, including seminars, symposia, conferences, religious services in the synagogue, and religious concerts during holidays. For the past five years, the choir has been honored with a place in the season's schedule, by invitation, at the Great Hall of the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory.

## Congratulations to Rabbi Arthur Schneier on his 75th birthday and 50 years as Rabbi in the City of New York

### Program

Composer/Arranger	Soloist(s)
M. Mahtenberg	German Apaykin
Meyer Finkelsteyn	Mikhail Roubanov
Sol Zim	V.Gutov,M. Ruoubanov
Gypsy Romance Song	Gia Beshitaishvily
M. Vladovskiy, Arr. J. Malovany	Cantor Natanel Herstik
Georgian Folksong	Gia Beshitaishvily
M. Yanowsky	Gia Beshitaishvily
Moshe Stern, Arr. K, Bodrov	Vladimir Kraytman
S. Kalib	
Yiddish Folk Song	Vladimir Kraytman
M. Hitman	
Traditional Hasidic	
	M. Mahtenberg Meyer Finkelsteyn Sol Zim Gypsy Romance Song M. Vladovskiy, Arr. J. Malovany Georgian Folksong M. Yanowsky Moshe Stern, Arr. K, Bodrov S. Kalib Yiddish Folk Song M. Hitman

### Intermission

Ierushalaim Shel Zagav	N. Shemer, Arr. Y. Dubravin	
A Glezele Lekhaim	Arr. Y. Dubravin	
A Yiddishe Mama	Arr. K, Bodrov	V. Gutov
Ve Tageyr Libeynu	V. Kritz, Hasidic Tune	
Ki Lekach Toyv	R, Rumshinskiy	Cantor Natanel Herstik
Rozhenkes Mit Mandlen	Yiddish Folk Song	M. Rubanov, V. Gutov
L'kel baruch	Y.Heilman	Cantor Natanel Herstik
Me Shebeirach	Antzis	German Apaykin
Tum Balalayka	Yiddish Folk Song	Andrei Skenderov
Ba Mir Bistu Sheyn	Yiddish Folk Song	V. Kraytman, V. Gutov
Ten Shabbat Ve Ten Shalom	D Zeltzer	Gia Beshitaishvily