CANTOR DAVID WERDYGGER SINGS
MELITZER CHASSIDIC ZMIROS
COMPOSED BY THE MELITZER RABBI
WITH CHASSIDIC CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA
MUSICAL DIRECTOR YAakov GOLDSTEIN

A VIEW OF THE FAMOUS SHUL AND SOTEI MIDROSHIM IN MELITZ, POLAND
The present Melitzer Rabbi is a worthy link in the golden chain of his illustrious forebears. A prolific composer in his own right, he has created countless Chassidic niggunim (songs) of all types and has achieved wide recognition for his outstanding abilities. The works included in this recording have been especially transmitted to Cantor David Werdyger by the Melitzer Rabbi’s son, Rabbi Shmuel Horowitz, himself a man of considerable musical ability.

CANTOR DAVID WERDYGER

It is well known that the best, most exciting vocal music results when a singer can feel a sense of identification with the music he is singing — whether it be folk songs, opera, popular songs, liturgical music or whatever. If more proof were needed, the present recording of Melitzer Chassidic melodies sung by Cantor David Werdyger would demonstrate it beyond all possibility of doubt. The warmth, the joy, even the sigh in each of these compositions as sung by Cantor Werdyger shows how deeply ingrained in his being is the Chassidic spirit. Born and raised in the prominent Chassidic Werdyger family of Lodz, Poland, young David had an early training in the world of Chassidic music. Indeed, his association with Melitzer niggunim goes as far back as those early days in Europe when, as a noted musical "child prodigy," he sang many of them to the delight of his knowledgeable listeners. Although he has today gained fame and recognition as one of the leading Cantors of our time (he is currently Cantor of Cong. Enei Israel of East Flatbush, Brooklyn), it is evident that he is still firmly rooted in the rich traditions of Chassidic music.

Yaakov Goldstein is one of the outstanding contemporary composers of liturgical music, and is currently musical director of one of Brooklyn’s leading Jewish Centers. He has contributed greatly to the dissemination and understanding of all forms of Jewish music, including the Chassidic.

In this recording, Mr. Goldstein has utilized his great talents to create orchestral and choral arrangements which emphasize the burning zeal inherent in all authentic Chassidic music.

Please do not play this recording on the Sabbath or Jewish holidays.

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SIDE 1

1. YISMCHU
2. L'CHO DODI
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4. M'NUCHO V'SIMCHO
5. KULOM AHUVIM
6. RIKUD

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7. YISMACH MOSHE
8. DVAIKUS NIGON
9. UV’YOM HASHABOS
10. KOL YISROEL
11. KEIL ODON
12. Y’CHADSHEHU
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