THE FINDING OF MOSES. Painting by Paolo Veronese, about 1565. Madrid, Prado
75 MINUTES WITH GERSON SIROTA and JOSEF SHLISKY

Josef Shlisky

Shlisky was one of the famous cantors of the golden era of the 20s and 30s, whose tenor voice was so well rounded that he was signed to perform in leading opera roles with the San Carlo Opera Company. For a while Shlisky was determined to appear in La Boheme, La Juive and Tosca, but like many dedicated cantors of the day, finally passed up the opportunity.

He debuted in New York City in 1919 where his voice met with approval of the critics.  For the next 20 years he held positions in leading New York synagogues and gave concerts throughout the nation. He was stricken at the height of his career with a paralytic stroke in 1934 at the age of 40. He never sang again and passed away in 1955.

Gerson Sirota

The possessor of a remarkably strong tenor voice was ranked time and time again by non-Jewish critics as being in a class with the popular contemporary opera singer, Enrico Caruso. A critic describing Sirota’s voice twelve years after his death thought that “He was one of the most highly trained tenors of all time”, “and his facile coloratura was not rivaled by any other recording tenor”.

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1. OMAR RABBI ELEAZAR
2. YEHEI SHOLOM BEHAILECH
3. KODOSH ATO
4. TIKANTO SHABBOS

side II
1. L’EIL ORECH DIN
2. HABEN YAKIR LI
3. BIRCHAS KOHANIM
4. LEOLOM YEHEI ODOM Part I
5. LEOLOM YEHEI ODOM Part II

side I
1. REZEL
2. V’NEMAR LOI HIBET
3. ADOSHEM ADOSHEM
4. PSALM 55
5. KOL NIDRE

side II
1. K’EL MOLAI RACHAMIM
2. UMPINE CHATOENU
3. UNSANE TOKEF
4. ODOM YESODO MEOFOR
5. HABEN YAKIR LI
6. HALBEIN CHATOENU
7. VEOSOR SOTON

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