THE MOLISHE OYSHER
CHANUKAH PARTY
ABRAHAM ELLSTEIN MUSICAL DIRECTOR
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MOISHE OYSHER

The son of a son of a son of a cantor is Moishe Oysher! And that's a Ripley! For six generations of the Oysher family, a male descendant has been a cantor; the seventh son back was a rabbi. It seems a far cry from that ancestor to Moishe of the movies... from Lipkon, Bessarabia, to celluloid City... but the change is merely environmental, not spiritual. The journey was inevitable.

Back in that little Rumanian village of Lipkon, his life was the humdrum of many another Jewish boy. His teacher was the great Jewish poet and fabler, Eleazar Steinberg. On the Sabbath, Moishe would sing with his father in the synagogue.

It was only when a troupe of travelling players came to town, that life became exciting. The tinsel and bedraggled trappings of the tent-show fascinated the boy. Moishe was given parts whenever they needed a child actor. At the age of six, steeped in an imaginative world, he began his stage career... much to the disapproval of his father.

So Moishe grew up... his soul in the synagogue and his heart in the theatre... they were inseparable, unbreakable fibres of his consciousness...

One time, on returning from a trip to South America, he found that the shows in New York had all been cast... there wasn't a part available. It was the season of the High Holydays. Friends urged him to take the position of cantor at the Rumanian Synagogue. He did so.

His singing was a sensation. Amidst this burst of spiritual ecstasy, he began his musical career, which has skyrocketed him to the top. Today, he continues as a cantor... the foremost in America and a worthy successor to the late Rosenblatt... but like Rosenblatt, he also concertizes and acts in the movies. He has never played on Broadway because he will not break the Sabbath.

"The richness of Jewish music and tradition deserves an artistic comprehensible presentation." That is his purpose.

Yes, Moishe Oysher is his real name. "There is a Hebrew proverb," he concludes. "He who is content is rich. So I am rich."... Oysher means rich in Hebrew.

THE MUSIC

Much of the music sung on this record is purely traditional, and stems from Chassidic sources. Some of the music was composed by Moishe Oysher himself.

All of the music for this production was arranged by Abraham Elstein, who also conducted the orchestra and choir.

SHOSHANNA OYSHER

The narrator, Shoshanna Oysher is the daughter of Moishe Oysher. She is eleven years old, and a student at the Westchester Day School, (Yeshiva), in Mamaroneck, New York.

Shoshanna has a flair for the Dramatics, and intends to concentrate her studies on Drama, Dance, and Music.

MARMELYN STERNBERG

The featured soloist on the Chanuka Party is Marilyn Sternberg, daughter of Freidele, and niece of Moishe Oysher. She is a student at the High School of Music and Arts.

The Moishe Oysher, Chanuka Party is not a service. It is rather a collection of highlights of the Moishe Oysher repertoire, used during the years for Chanuka Festivals in Synagogues and Jewish Centers.

Technical Notes:

Transferred by Ampex Model 351 Tape Recorders through Pultec and Graphic Equalizers and Filters. Master Tapes were cut on a Neuman Lathe using specially designed amplifiers, limiting and filtering systems, coupled to a Westrex Cutting Head. For added clarity without sacrificing level a Fairchild Conax, Hi-Frequency Limiter was used.

The original master recording of this L.P. was consigned to oblivion and only recently discovered and brought to life through the miracle of modern day electronics and the most ingenious of technical resources. This recording has been restored almost to its original quality. The slight scratching sounds still audible on this L.P. and the various very minor imperfections are due to the limitations of the original early recording process. These slight imperfections have not been removed entirely, in order to preserve the highest possible faithfulness to the original recording.

Also available: THE MOISHE OYSHER SEDER, which features the Passover story narrated by Barry Gray with the Abraham Nadel Chorus, and KOL NIDRE NIGHT WITH MOISHE OYSHER, also narrated by Barry Gray with the Abraham Nadel Chorus.

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2. BLESSING OF THE CANDLES (BROCHOT)
3. REG’N
4. V’LIRUSHULAYEM
5. MOAT TZUR

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2. MIZMOR SHIR
3. ANI MAMIN
4. DREI DREIDELE (SPIN THE DREIDLE)
5. S'HMA YISROEL (HEAR O'ISRAEL)

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