"RENEW OUR DAYS"

CANTORIAL GEMS FROM JEWISH LITURGICAL TRADITION - OLD AND NEW

The cantorial music and singing usually featured on record has never presented a true portrayal of the deeply rooted cantorial liturgy of the synagogue. These recorded excerpts generally reflect the tastes of cantorial music enthusiasts, rather than the personal preferences and musical interpretations of the cantors concerned.

Not all cantorial singing as performed in the synagogue is suitable for recording. Within the synagogue service, the cantor, aided by his choir, can render compositions which are both lengthy and musically complicated. In contrast to this, the cantor, in his recorded renditions, is required to satisfy the feelings and emotions of his listeners by using short and easily understood motifs. At the same time, he desires to demonstrate both his voice and his prowess in the art of cantorial music.

Looking back at the history of cantorial music, we are able to pinpoint those sources that inspired it’s development as well as the devotional purpose in the cantor’s singing of the prayers. In interpreting their own music as well as that of other composers, these cantors were able to break down the barriers of the "customary" synagogue music and introduce their recorded excerpts into the texts of the prayers. Today, such excerpts are an inseparable part of Jewish liturgical music.

This recording consists of selections from CBS' archives. We have endeavoured to span a period of about 60 years - beginning with the personality of cantor Zevulun Kwartin; followed by Kussevitzky and Ganchoff, and finally Malowany and Stern.

Note: The recorded excerpts have been restored by complex technical processes and adapted by special methods for stereophonic reproduction. Restoration was performed by special methods for stereophonic reproduction. Restoration was performed by the laboratories of I.M.C. Ltd.

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