THE GOLDEN VOICE OF ISRAEL

Cantor Shabtai ACKERMAN

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Cantor Shabtai Ackerman was born in Kishinev (Jessaрабия) Roumania and received his musical training in the local Conservatory. His cantorial training was supervised by Cantors David Rothman and Moses Steinberg, with Composer Abraham (Kalachnik) Berkowitz, author of numerous liturgical works.

At the early age of 16, he officiated as Guest Cantor in Bassarabia and in the Great Synagogue of Kishinev.

During World War II he was wounded at the hands of the Nazis and in 1945, while a Refugee in Russia, he chanted the services in the Great Moscow Synagogue.

After the war, he miraculously fled to Roumania where he was appointed permanent Cantor of the Baron de Rothschild Synagogue and later the Ahavas Achim (Fraternal) Synagogue in Bucharest.

When Russia occupied the country, the Cantor and his family went to Israel where he was chosen Cantor of Congregation Beth El and later in the Great Synagogue of Tel Aviv (Bet Hamidrash Hagedolah).

After his nation-wide concert tour of the United States in 1955, he was appointed cantor of the Beth Abraham Synagogue in Detroit. During his brief residence in the United States, Cantor Ackerman has become nationally known, having been actively engaged in officiating at Dedication Ceremonies of many new Synagogues and Concerts throughout the Country, and for extensive work in Radio and Television.

Cantor Ackerman performed at the Hotel Commodore as guest artist at a National Convention of Misachi and Harpel Misachi where a delegation of Detroit Misachi, heard the magnificent voice of Cantor Ackerman. He was asked to fill the position of Chief Cantor for the Congregation Beth Abraham in Detroit, where he has officiated for the past five years.

The Cantor posses a powerful, dramatic tenor voice, with full range and most pleasing quality. He is able to render from the simple folk tunes to the greatest operatic arias.

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Side 1

V'HA-AREV NO 5:24

Make pleasant, therefore, we beseech thee, O Lord our God, the words of Thy Torah in our mouth and in the mouth of thy people, the house of Israel, so that we with our offspring and the offspring of thy people, the house of Israel, may all know thy name and learn thy Torah. Blessed art thou, O Lord, who teachest the Torah to thy people Israel.

HAMAVIR BONOV 5:24

Who made his children pass through the divided Red Sea, but sank their pursuers and their enemies in its depths. Then his children beheld his might; they praised and gave thanks unto his name, and willingly accepted his sovereignty. Moses and the children of Israel sang a song unto thee with great joy, saying, all of them...

RTSEI A'SIROSM 5:00

(Slichot) Composed by Israel Fuchs
Accept their plea which they address nightly, favor it as a perfect offering, show them thy marvelous, dear or great deeds, and harken to the cry and the prayer.

Side 2

ANI MAAMIN 3:36

I firmly believe in the coming of Messiah; although he may tarry, I daily wait for his coming.

KILEKACH TOV 4:43

For I give you good doctrine; for sake Ye not my law. It is a tree of life to them that grasp it, and of them that uphold it every one is rendered happy. Its ways are ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace. Turn thou us unto thee O Lord, and we shall return: Renew our days as of old.

MI SHOSSO NISIM 3:55

("May He who performed miracles")
Composed by Israel Fuchs
May he who performed miracles for our Fathers, and freed them from slavery, speedily redeem us and gather our dispersed people from the four corners of the earth so that all Israel be knit together; and let us say, Amen.

V'SE ERAV 6:35

(The priestly blessing)
And may our prayer be acceptable unto thee as a burnt offering, and as a sacrifice, O Lord art merciful, we beseech thee, in thine abundant mercy to restore thy divine presence unto Zion, and the ordained service to Jerusalem. And let our eyes behold thy return in mercy to Zion, and there will we worship thee in awe, as in the days of old and as in ancient years.

SHAM A YISROEL 5:15

(Hear, O Israel)
Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. He is our God; he is our Father; he is our King; he is our Saviour; and he will save us and redeem us a second time; and he of his mercy will let us hear a second time, in the presence of all living. Behold I have redeemed ye in the latter end, as I have done at first, to be to you for a God.

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OSCAR JULIUS, Conductor
And Choir

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