Cantor Moshe Koussevitzky
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Moshe Koussevitzky’s rise to become the chazan hadar and prince of the amud began in Europe as he became cantor of the great synagogue of Vilna in 1925 followed by being awarded the position of the great Tlomatsky synagogue in 1928 where Gershon Sirota was Chazan. Arrested by the Gestapo and to be sent to Treblinka he was saved by the Polish underground recognizing his singing talent he was spirited off to Byalistok. For the next several years he performed as a Russian Opera Star in Moscow, Kiev, Odessa and Leningrad.

In London in 1946 he joined his brothers Jacob, Simcha, David and his mother. His gala farewell concert was in the Royal Albert hall for an audience of ten thousand people.

In 1947 he arrived in the U.S. and officiated in various synagogues. In 1952 he accepted the position of Temple Beth El in Brooklyn, N.Y. one of the largest orthodox congregations in the U.S. where he followed the great Chagy and Hershman. There he remained until his passing in 1966. His perfect trill on a high B flat and his glittering brilliancy of his C’s were unmatched by any of his fellow cantors.

In commemoration of the 30th yahrzeit Aderet Music through the private collection of Cantor Robert Vegh is pleased to release this live recording of an Annual Maariv-Chanukah concert at Temple Beth - El. These recordings are from the 1963 and 1965 concerts.

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MAY HIS MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING.

COVER: MONUMENT OF MOSHE KOUSSEVITZKY IN HAR-HAMENUCHOS CEMETERY, JERUSALEM ISRAEL.
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