

CANTOR ERIC MOSES AND THE SHAARE ZION SYNAGOGUE CHOIR

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THE MUSIC OF SHAARE ZION

ERIC MOSES, CANTOR
LOU BURKO, MUSIC DIRECTOR



Eric Moses has been Cantor of Montreal's prestigious Shaare Zion Congregation since 1996. His arrival has marked the beginning of a new generation perpetuating the legacy of Montreal's great Cantorial tradition.



A gifted musician and a remarkable talent, Cantor Moses has inspired an entire community with his beautiful voice.

Cantor Moses was born in 1970 in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada and has been singing since the age of six. His background is in classical music; studying piano and voice at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. In addition to his musical education, Cantor Moses earned a master's degree in business administration (MBA) from York University in Toronto. Cantor Moses is a graduate of the Tel Aviv Cantorial Institute under the direction of Naftali Herstik, Chief Cantor of the Jerusalem Great Synagogue. Among his many mentors are Master Cantors Shmuel Baruch Traube, Yitzchak Eshel, Chaim Feitel, as well as conductor Elli Laffe and composer Raymond Goldstein.

Eric Moses has appeared at concert halls across Europe, Israel, the United States, and Canada and has performed both as a soloist and as a member of the Jerusalem Great Synagogue Choir. He has served as guest Cantor in major synagogues throughout North America and Israel.

Cantor Moses hopes this historic recording will inspire those of all generations with the rich musical traditions of the Jewish people.



Lou Burko conducted his first professional Synagogue Choir at the age of 17 and has since directed some of Montreal's outstanding Jewish choirs. In 1963 he was appointed Music Director and Choirmaster of

Shaare Zion Congregation, where he conducted the Shaare Zion Choir and members of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra in a series of annual concerts devoted to Jewish Music.

As a graduate of the Royal Schools of Music (London, England), Lou Burko received his post-graduate training at Tanglewood's Berkshire Music Centre. Upon his return to Montreal, he conducted members of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra in 300 radio broadcasts with internationally-famous singers and musicians as soloists; resulting in a number of musical awards and citations.

Lou Burko is the composer/arranger of "The Choral Liturgy", a compilation of over 200 liturgical compositions for Cantor and Choir heard regularly at Shaare Zion Congregation. "The Music of Shaare Zion" represents a small portion of Mr. Burko's input to Jewish liturgical music; thus marking 36 years of creativity at Shaare Zion. His contribution to music is documented in a number of reference publications, including "The International Who's Who in Music"; ranking him amongst the foremost synagogue musicians on the contemporary scene.

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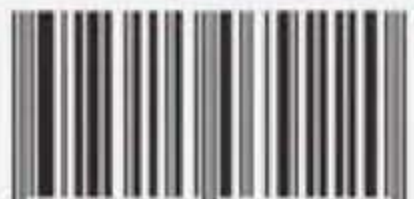
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| 13. | Shema Yisrael | 3:20 |
| 14. | Chassidic Kaddish | 2:34 |
| 15. | Asei L'Ma-an Sh'mecha | 1:21 |

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF PAUL GOLDSMITH **ל"ת**

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Chenke Margolis
Leslie Sara Michaels
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Irene Shanesfield
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Sharon Steinberg
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Irwin Raber
Andre Sandor
Robert Shuster



Paul Goldsmith ל"ו
(1966-1994)

We dedicate this recording to the memory of my dear nephew, Paul Goldsmith. A gifted and creative young man, Paul was an exceptionally dedicated member of the Shaare Zion Choir for two decades until his sudden, untimely death. May his memory be an everlasting inspiration to us all.

Lou Burko

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Soprano Solos - Robin Hornstein. Mezzo-Soprano Solos - Cheike Margolis
Musical Arrangements by Lou Burko

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In order to capture the authentic atmosphere of the synagogue, the selections were recorded live without audience. This CD should be played back at a high level to ensure the maximum impact of its wide dynamic range.

Produced by Eric Moses and Lou Burko.

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