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SIDE ONE

1. EIL DAR BAR MORON ("LORD OF INFINITY")
Highest Divinity
Potentate Paramount
Great in performing all
Sure in decreeing all
Speaking in holiness
Saviour and Shelterer
Worshipped eternally
Seeing Unseen by all
King of the Universe
"Lord of Infinity"

2. UNSANEH TOKEF ("WE WILL CELEBRATE THE MIGHTY HOLINESS OF THIS DAY, FOR IT IS ONE OF AWE AND TERROR")
Thy throne is established in mercy and in truth. Thy who are Judge and Arbitrator. Thou dost open the Book of Records and the deeds there in inscribed proclaim themselves, for the Seal of every man's hand is set there to. The great trumpet is sounded, the Angels shudder—it is the day of Judgement. All who are about to enter into the world pass before Thee as a herd of sheep. As a shepherd, seek out thy flock cause to pass, number, tell and visit every living soul, appointing the measure every creature's life and decreeing their destiny.

3. B'ROSH HASHONA ("ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE YEAR IT IS INSCRIBED")
On the day of atonement it is sealed, who shall live, who shall die. Who is to perish by fire, by water, by sword, wild beasts, by hunger or by thirst, who shall have rest and who shall go wandering, who shall be brought low and who shall be upraised, the destiny of all men will this day be inscribed and then sealed.

4. K'VOIDO ("HIS GLORY FILLETH THE UNIVERSE")
His ministering angels ask one of another, Where is the place of his glory?
Those all of them say Blessed—

SIDE TWO

1. S'HMA YISROEL ("HEAR O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE")
One is he, our God, our Father, our King and he in his mercy will yet let us hear, in the presence of all living, his promise to be unto you for a God.

2. BEN EIN MELITZ YOSHER ("IF THERE BE NO ADVOCATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS")
To plead against the witness of transgression do thou thy self teach Jacob the word, even of law and justice; and clear us in Judgement O King of Justice.

3. V'CHOL MAMINIM ("AND ALL BELIEVE")
That he is the true Judge
That he is, was, and ever will be
That there is none beside him
That he liveth and endureth

4. HA YOM HARAS OLOIM ("THIS DAY THE WORLD WAS CALLED INTO BEING")
This day thou causest all the creatures of the Universe to stand in Judgement as servant or as children. If as children, pity us as a father does a child, if as servants, bring forth over Judgement O'God, terrible and Holy.

5. VEH NEHMAR A BEIN YAKIR LI ("AND IT IS SAID")
Is Ephraim my dear son? Is he a pleasant child? For tho I speak against him I do earnestly remember him still, my heart yearneth toward him, "I will surely have mercy upon him," saith the Lord.

Technical Notes:

Transferred by Ampex Model 351 Tape Recorders through Pultec and Graphic Equalizers and Filters. Master Acetates 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.

Cantor Samuel Malavsky has long been acclaimed as the foremost interpreter of the Hebrew liturgy. He has earned respect not only as a Cantor but as a talmudic scholar. It is the blend of spiritual interpretation of the text and the heart rendering musical blend of voices that creates the incomparable true Malavsky sound. The Malavsky family choir is most unique since they inspire a family spirit of love, sentiment, respect and admiration for their father and each other. All this is reflected in the deep sensitive music, in the harmonious blend of their beautiful voices. "The family that prays together stays together" has been their motto, but the Malavskys have, through their music and spiritual interpretation of the Hebrew liturgy, inspired families throughout the world to "Pray Together."

With the advent of the month of Elul, the approaching of the High Holy Days, a devout earnestness settled in each Jewish community in the "old country." The Jews who came from the small villages in Ukraine felt this to be particularly true. Echoes of sacred music filled the air, the fear and awe of what the future, the coming year, held in store. These impressions are all reflected in the beautiful, traditional selections of this High Holy Days Album. As a boy-cantor, touring Russia, Cantor Malavsky drew from these emotions. He drew inspiration from each Cantor he sang with as a choir boy before he earned the title of Cantor himself. All these impressions, emotions and musical experiences coupled with his talmudic knowledge and understanding helped him to create the solo Cantorial compositions and the choral compositions contained in this album. Under their father's guidance, the Cantor's four daughters and two sons, steeped in liturgical music and interpretation of the text, bring back all the nostalgia of those echos of sacred music that prevailed during the High Holy Days in the small villages in the "Old Country."

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