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## ARTISTIC ENTERPRISES INC.

PRESENTS

SIDOR BELARSKY

IN

## CHANUKAH FESTIVAL OF SONGS

VLADIMIR HEIFETZ, Music Director — MANDEL KRAMER, Narrator

## BIOGRAPHY

In nearly every phase of vocal art Sidor Belarsky has won repeated acclaim. Formerly a leading basso of the Leningrad State Opera, he has been featured with the San Francisco Opera, the American Opera Company of Los Angeles and the New York City Center Opera Company since coming to the United States in 1930. Mr. Belarsky also received operatic plaudits at the Wagner Festival in Montevideo, directed by the late Fritz Busch, at the Teatro Municipal in Rio de Janeiro and the Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires; he was later selected by Arturo Toscanini to star in broadcasts of Beethoven's "Fidelio". In concert he has sung throughout Europe, the Middle East, Australia, New Zealand and South America, appearing in this country as soloist with the NBC Orchestra, and many others.

In addition to his classical repertoire, Mr. Belarsky has fostered the development of the music of his people and has long been considered a foremost exponent of Hebrew and Yiddish songs.

## NARRATION

## Side 1

## Theme song — TZINT UN LICHTLECH (Rivesman - folk melody)

Once a year we usher in a Jewish holiday hallowed by tradition and memory and cherished for more than 2100 years of Jewish observance. Chanukah is again greeted in the Jewish home.

The Chanukah menorah, the seven-branched candelabra, one of the oldest symbols in Jewish history, is about to be lit. All the family waits as father places one candle in the menorah, — only one tonight because tomorrow evening we will add another, and so on for eight days, symbolic of our growing faith in the future. As the single taper is poised, we hear the Chanukah blessing: "Blessed Art Thou, O Lord Our God, . . . ."

## BROCHOT (Traditional - Secunda)

## HANEROT HALOLU (Traditional - Secunda)

## MOOZ TZUR - Rock Of Ages (Traditional)

Chanukah, the forerunner of the struggles for religious liberty, captures the minds of old and young alike as they recall, retell and relive through song the ancient miracle story. What does it recall? As we look into the flames, we remember Mattathias, the Maccabee, and his five sons, mother Hannah and her seven sons, the people of Israel, their courage, their heroism. Hear the simple melodies of recall, "O, You little lights, you tell of wonders of the past, of courage and of bloodshed."

## O, IR KLEINE LICHTLECH (Rosenfeld - folk melody)

Our memory is awakened to the revolt against the tyranny of the powerful emperor, Antiochus of Greece, who wished to subjugate the Jewish people to strange, abhorrent and forbidden practices. As the temple was being defiled Mattathias joined by his sons and the Jewish community which rallied to his banner, set forth in battle against the mighty forces of the Greeks. They routed the enemy and emerged victorious. They cleansed the temple and found a cruse of oil which had burned miraculously for eight days instead of one. A miracle happened there!

## NES CHANUKAH (Pinkerfeld - Edel)

## SHEOSO NISEEM (Greenblat - Alter)

## Side 2

## Theme song — TZINT UN LICHTLECH

More than twenty-one centuries have elapsed since Syrians and Jews clashed in battle. Although Antiochus was vanquished, he has had many successors. Mighty as have been the adversaries of Israel, mightier still has been the God of Israel.

## BORUCH ATO (Reisen - Golub)

As the greatest enemy of the Jewish people unleashed his destruction on six million Jews of Europe, they believed with faith that a miracle would happen, and it did in Medinat Yisrael! There arose modern Maccabees who were determined that our brethren shall not have died in vain; and from Dan to Beersheba they fought and they toiled and out of the European ashes, there emerged the third Jewish commonwealth, who wrought miracles in those days and in our own. Chanukah, the old ever new message of belief and freedom, faith and future, is now being retold, relived in Israel.

## MI YEMALEL (Ravina)

## AL HANISEEM (Stolovy - Alter)

Chanukah! Such a wonderful time! Chanukah — Such a wonderful holiday! The Chanukah top has spun its magic in every country of Jewish dispersion. It has spun its mystery and fascination down thru the ages into our own generation.

## SOV SOV (Bass - Greenspan)

## 2,000 YEARS (Katz - Gelbart)

## DOS DREIDL (Glaser - Heifetz)

Thru the centuries, we hear the songs, the blessings, the stories, and we savor the aroma taste of the Chanukah pancakes, and we are touched by the gifts given and received, — all of which heightens and deepens our attachment to the Feast of Lights.

## CHANUKAH, O CHANUKAH (Rivesman - Folk Melody)

## CHANUKAH . . . A HAPPY HOLIDAY FOR ALL