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DONI GROSS PRESENTS



ENGLISH CLASSICS EDITION

OFF THE RECORD

BARUCH LEVINE

and friends

Credits

PERFORMED BY:
BARUCH LEVINE

PRODUCED & ARRANGED BY:
DONI GROSS

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER:
ZEVI SCHICK

PROJECT CURATOR:
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GRAPHICS:
THINKINK CREATIONS

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Music

DRUMS
AVI AVIDANI

BASS
GUY DAHN

GUITARS
NOAM BURG

PIANO & PROGRAMMING
DONI GROSS

TROMBONE & FRENCH HORN
DANNY FLAM

TRUMPET
KAI SANDOVAL

SAXOPHONE & FLUTE
AVROMI BASCH

Dear Friends,

I am often asked what music I personally listen to when I am alone, or on long trips in the car. Truthfully, I enjoy the quiet time, but when I do listen to music I almost always choose to listen to "oldies". Each song that I listen to brings me right back to that specific era of time. I can vividly recall where I was and the specific feeling and inspiration that I got at that moment.

I encourage my children to listen to the music that I grew up on and it has now become their favorites too! I have a feeling that although our generation is speeding fast into the future we also find ourselves longing for the past more than ever before.

What was it about those days that we want to run backwards-towards (if that makes any sense)? Deep down we know the answer. While we are always looking for something new and fresh, the true hischadshus that we seek is already inside of us. The music of the good old days awakens something in us that inspires us to renew..... ourselves. When we listen we feel connected, inspired, and more at peace. That is why it doesn't cease to talk to us even after all these years. Open your hearts and join me as we journey back and reconnect to some real Jewish music!

Baruch Levine

MEDLEY 1

GOLUS

1. **PRAY & SING**
Composed by: **Mordechai Ben David** Lyrics by: **Frayda Milkah Wercberg - The Ribnitzer Rebbetzin, A"H**
Originally recorded on: **Mordechai Ben David I'd Rather Pray & Sing**

2. **THE LITTLE BIRD**
Composed by: **Leonid Shokhin** Lyrics by: **Malka Saks A"H**
Originally recorded on: **Tzlil V'zemer Vol. 1**

3. **DEAR NIKOLAI**
Composed by: **Heshy Walfish** Lyrics by: **Chesky Kornfeld**
Originally recorded on: **JEP Vol. 1 Reach Out**

4. **TATTE**
Composed by: **R' Menachem Davidowitz** Lyrics by: **Abie Rotenberg**
Originally recorded on: **Yaakov Shwekey Leshem Shomayim, Dveykus**

5. **GOODBYE GOLUS**
Composed by: **Yossi Green** Lyrics by: **Avraham Fried**
Originally recorded on: **Avraham Fried Goodbye Golus**

6. **WHEN**
Composed by: **Yerachmiel Begun** Lyrics by: **Shoshana Begun**
Originally recorded on: **Miami Boys Choir It's Min Hashomayim**

7. **LET MY PEOPLE GO**
Composed by: **Mordechai Ben David** Lyrics by: **Mordechai Ben David**
Originally recorded on: **Mordechai Ben David Let My People Go**

8. **MY ZAIDE**
Composed by: **Moshe Yess, Z"L** Lyrics by: **Moshe Yess, Z"L**
Originally recorded on: **Megama Vol. 1**

9. **MEMORIES**
Composed by: **Abie Rotenberg** Lyrics by: **Abie Rotenberg**
Originally recorded on: **Journeys Vol. 2**

MEDLEY 1

ACHDUS

FEATURING **BENNY FRIEDMAN**

10. **UNITY**
Composed by: **Mordechai Ben David & Sheya Mendlowitz**
Lyrics by: **Mordechai Ben David & Sheya Mendlowitz**
Originally recorded on: **Mordechai Ben David & Friends**

11. **KOL YISROEL**
Composed by: **Zale Newman** Lyrics by: **Zale Newman**
Originally recorded on: **Yehuda! & Friends Kol Yisroel Chaverim**

12. **KLAL YISROEL**
Composed by: **Yerachmiel Begun** Lyrics by: **Yerachmiel Begun, Shoshana Begun, H. Begun, Yocheved Reich, S. Rokove**
Originally recorded on: **Miami Boys Choir Klal Yisroel Together**

13. **REACH OUT**
Composed by: **R' Yaakov Spivak** Lyrics by: **R' Yaakov Spivak**
Originally recorded on: **JEP Vol. 1 Reach Out**

14. **ONE BY ONE**
Composed by: **Yerachmiel Begun** Lyrics by: **Shoshana Begun**
Originally recorded on: **Miami Boys Choir One By One**

15. **DON'T WALK/V'OHAVTA**
Composed by: **R' Zalman Wald, Z"L** Lyrics by: **Albert Camus/ Unknown**
Originally recorded on: **Uncle Moishy Vol. 2 & Amudai Shaish Vol. 3**

16. **FRIENDSHIP**
Composed by: **Baruch Levine** Lyrics by: **R' Yehuda Deutsch**
Originally recorded on: **Lost In Lazerland**

17. **FOREVER ONE**
Composed by: **Yossi Green** Lyrics by: **Yocheved Reich**
Originally recorded on: **Avraham Fried Forever One**

MEDLEY 3

SHABBOS

FEATURING **SIMCHA LEINER**

18. TIME TO SAY GOOD SHABBOS
Composed by: **Abie Rotenberg** Lyrics by: **Abie Rotenberg**
Originally recorded on: **Journeys Vol. 1**

19. JUBILATION
Composed by: **Unknown/Camp Munk** Lyrics by: **Unknown**
Originally recorded on: **JEP Vol. 1 Reach Out**

20. ONE PEACEFUL FRIDAY NIGHT
Composed by: **R' Aharon Karliner, Z"L** Lyrics by: **R' Yonah Weinrib & R' Yosil Rosenzweig**
Originally recorded on: **JEP Vol. 2 Return My Children**

21. MIZMOR SHIR
Composed by: **R' Shlomo Carlebach, Z"L** Lyrics by: **R' Shlomo Carlebach, Z"L**
Originally recorded on: **I Heard the Wall Singing Vol. 1**

22. JUST ONE SHABBOS
Composed by: **Mordechai Ben David** Lyrics by: **Mordechai Ben David**
Originally recorded on: **Mordechai Ben David Just One Shabbos**

23. IM ATEM MESHAMRIM
Composed by: **Chayala Neuhaus** Lyrics by: **Chayala Neuhaus**
Originally recorded on: **Miracles**

24. SHABBOS IS GOING AWAY
Composed by: **Dvorah Weiss** Lyrics by: **Dvorah Weiss**
Originally recorded on: **Uncle Moishy Vol. 1 & Hebrew Academy of Atlantic County Choir - Modeh Ani**

MEDLEY 4

TORAH

FEATURING **RIVIE SCHWEBEL**

25. THE PLACE WHERE I BELONG
Composed by: **R' Hershel Goldstein, Z"L** Lyrics by: **Abie Rotenberg**
Originally recorded on: **Journeys Vol. 1**

26. SUNSHINE
Composed by: **Yerachmiel Begun** Lyrics by: **Shoshana Begun**
Originally recorded on: **Miami Boys Choir One By One**

27. SOMEDAY I WILL BE
Composed by: **R' Yonah Weinrib** Lyrics by: **Rebbetzin Yona Weinberg**
Originally recorded on: **Dov Dov Bicycle Race & Simchatone Vol. 1**

28. TO LIVE A LIFE OF TORAH
Composed by: **Yerachmiel Begun** Lyrics by: **Chaya Sara Fogel**
Originally recorded on: **Miami Boys Choir Miami Experience Vol. 2**

29. VHAAREV NA
Composed by: **Baruch Levine** Lyrics by: **Ruchie Torgow**
Originally recorded on: **Single**

30. LULEI SORASCHA
Composed by: **Abie Rotenberg** Lyrics by: **Abie Rotenberg**
Originally recorded on: **Journeys Vol. 3**

31. TIMES OF JOY
Composed by: **Abie Rotenberg** Lyrics by: **R' Moshe Rosner & R' Chaim Dovid Zwiebel**
Originally recorded on: **JEP Vol. 2 & Clei Zemer**

MEDLEY 5

EMUNAH

32. BESIYATA DISHMAYA
Composed by: **Yerachmiel Begun** Lyrics by: **Yocheved Reich**
Originally recorded on: **Miami Boys Choir Besiyata Dishmaya**

33. AIBISHTER
Composed by: **R' Velvel Marantz, Z"L** Lyrics by: **R' Velvel Marantz, Z"L**
Originally recorded on: **Tzlil V'zemer Vol. 2**

34. SHEMA YISROEL
Composed by: **Yitzy Waldner** Lyrics by: **Bella Levitan**
Originally recorded on: **Yaakov Shwekey Yedid**

35. THE POWER OF A NIGGUN
Composed by: **Baruch Levine** Lyrics by: **R' Yechiel Spero**
Originally recorded on: **Touched by a Niggun**

36. MIN HASHOMAYIM
Composed by: **Yerachmiel Begun** Lyrics by: **Shoshana Begun**
Originally recorded on: **Miami Boys Choir It's Min Hashomayim**

37. THANK YOU HASHEM
Composed by: **The Blumstein Brothers** Lyrics by: **The Blumstein Brothers**
Originally recorded on: **Joey Newcomb To Be a Yid**

38. THE SHADCHAN
Composed by: **Abie Rotenberg** Lyrics by: **Abie Rotenberg**
Originally recorded on: **Journeys Vol. 1**

FEATURING **JOEY NEWCOMB**

MEDLEY 6

MOSHIACH

39. MIRACLES
Composed by: **Yossi Green** Lyrics by: **Heshy Rubin, Yossi Green, Seymour Rockoff & Mordechai Ben David**
Originally recorded on: **Mordechai Ben David Double Album**

40. OH MOSHIACH
Composed by: **R' Velvel Marantz, Z"L** Lyrics by: **Ella Adler**
Originally recorded on: **Tzlil V'zemer Vol. 4**

41. LITTLE KINDERLACH
Composed by: **Country Yossi Toiv** Lyrics by: **Country Yossi Toiv**
Originally recorded on: **Shteeble Hoppers Vol. 1 Wanted**

42. WE NEED YOU
Composed by: **Yerachmiel Begun** Lyrics by: **Shoshana Begun**
Originally recorded on: **Miami Boys Choir Shabbos Yerushalayim**

43. NO JEW
Composed by: **Yossi Green** Lyrics by: **Pnina Klaver**
Originally recorded on: **Avraham Fried No Jew Will Be Left Behind**

44. SOMEDAY
Composed by: **Dina Storch** Lyrics by: **Dina Storch**
Originally recorded on: **JEP Vol. 4 Someday**

45. ANI MAAMIN/I BELIEVE
Composed by: **R' Itzy Weisberg** Lyrics by: **Unknown**
Originally recorded on: **Pirchei Sings Ani Maamin**

46. YERUSHALAYIM
Composed by: **Baruch Levine** Lyrics by: **Baruch Levine**
Originally recorded on: **Yaakov Shwekey Pisome**

Doni Gross,

I could not have chosen a more perfect producer and arranger for this album. I feel like we picked it up right where we left off by the Camp Rayim Cantata. Our generation is lucky to have you as one of Jewish music's most preeminent arrangers and producers. In today's world of "influencers," you, from your basement studio in Brooklyn are the most influential of all, influencing the young and old with Jewish music that is true to its core. You were blessed with a deep, intuitive love and understanding of the power of a niggun, and you carry that responsibility greatly and proudly. You possess the perfect balance of respecting the great music of the past and giving it a fresh yet authentic flavor for the listeners of today. It was a pleasure working with you (though I'd hardly call it work).

To my supportive and loving family: **Daddy and Mommy Levine, Daddy and Mommy Adler,** My wife, **Chanala,** and my children, **Gavi, Nechama, Tova, Yisroel, and Yonina** I love you all!

Baruch

Baruch Levine,

You are someone that I have looked up to since we first met, over 15 years ago. You're a true model of what it means to be a Ben Torah in the music industry! I'm humbled by the opportunity to produce this special album that touches upon the roots of Jewish music, and will hopefully give the younger generation an appreciation of where Jewish music comes from. Your sweetness and tremendous chein is felt through every note! I wish you only continued hatzlacha and bracha in all of your endeavors!

To my wife, **Sara,** and yummy boys **Dovid, Asher, and Yosef**, you guys are the best! Thanks to the boys for all the visits and for cheering us on while recording!

To my parents, **Miriam and Michel Gross**, and in-laws, **Leah Miriam and Yermie Lehrman,** thank you for all your love and support!

Doni

THANK YOU

To the great **composers and lyricists** whose songs we are honored to feature and cover on this album. It is in your footsteps that we tread as we try and continue to inspire and uplift Am Yisroel with real Jewish music.

To our exectuve producer **Zevi Schick,** without your support and vision this project would never have happened. We speak the same language as music lives in your blood and in the heart of your beautiful mishpacha. Thank you for entrusting us with this special opportunity.

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