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The world of Jewish music is created not only by those who make music, but by those who listen to it. To the wide-eyed children, the enthusiastic teenagers and appreciative adults - Thank you! Your passion, your encouragement, your singing, praying, crying and dancing along is what has always made these songs so much more than just tunes. This album is tribute to all of you.



THERE IS NO FORCE QUITE LIKE MUSIC.

IN ITS RHYTHM AND RESONANCE, WE'RE TRANSPORTED: the innocence of childhood, the simple joy of a different time, moments long-gone summoned back in a single note, tears and laughter all together.

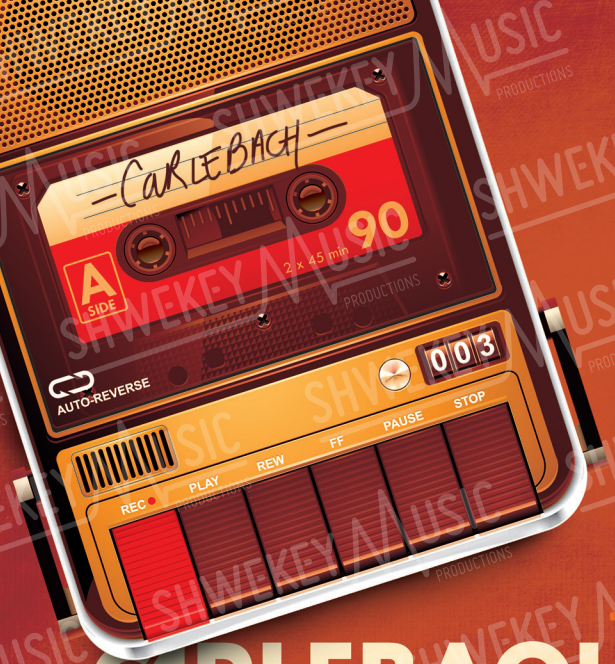
I've been blessed, for my life, has been filled with that music. My childhood and yeshiva years, memories of family and close friends, of cherished moments and experiences against a backdrop of exceptional song.

Which is why I'm so gratified to be able to offer this album. It's my humble acknowledgement of those who've filled my world with music and given my life color and meaning.

The medleys are an expression of my thanks: each one celebrates a different artist or style of music. Standing in the studio and recording these selections, every song took me back to a different place and time. In singing these songs, we live them once again: it's our hope that we can bring them back to a new generation, allowing them to feel them the way we did.

And so this album is in recognition to them, the artists, composers, producers, arrangers and musicians who created this genre, the magnificent world of Jewish music.

The entire album- every album, every song I've ever sung, every breath I've ever taken- is thanks to the One who Makes Music, whose entire creation is a symphony, who has given me a million reasons to sing, *Modeh ani lefanecha.*



CARLEBACH MEDLEY

1

1 על אלה
2 מאת ה'
3 למען אחי
4 ואני בחסדך
שפכי 5
6 אנא ה'
7 אשא עיני
8 אם אשכחך
9 זאל שוין זיין
10 שמחה לארצך

Reb Shlomo,

You created the simplest, most authentic form of music: you believed in the words and believed in your music, so you never veered off the simple, straight path to the Neshama.

At our Shabbos table each week, your song- Esah Einai El Hehorim- joined the classic Sephardic Piyutim and Zemiros. Timeless in its own way.

Reb Shlomo, when we turn to the Master of the Universe, we come bearing your songs, notes of prayer, faith and hope. The instruments? Our hearts - overflowing, broken, or even numb. Your songs always find a way in.

Music Produced &
Arranged by: **AVRUMI BERKO**
Mixed by: **CHAIM GOTTESMAN**

Drums: **AVI AVIDANI**
Bass Guitar: **SHLOIMI SPEILMAN**
Guitars: **YONI KESAR**
Saxophones & Flute: **DOR ASSRAF**
Piano: **YARON GOTFRIED, AVRUMI BERKO**

Strings and Brass by: **O.S. GROUP**
Conducted by: **YOSSI GREENBAUM**

CHOIR
Michael Weinberger,
Yossi Weinberger, Gil Yisraelov,
Yaakov Rotblatt, Yossel Leifer,
Yaakov Steiner
Arranged by: **AVRUMI BERKO**

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The songs I've been privileged to sing aren't mine, for I'm surrounded by blessings. An exceptional family and cherished friends. Far beyond the microphone and stage, it's their encouragement, advice, and smiles which buoy me, pushing me forward.

Some songs are slow and pensive, while others are fast and upbeat. MY DEAR PARENTS taught me to sing along regardless of what kind of song life is playing. MY IN-LAWS, as well, are role models in how to walk the path with grace and dignity. My siblings and siblings-in-law all share the journey with us.

MY WIFE JENINE, is the whole world to our family: her warmth, energy, heart and selflessness inspires me and the children as we look on in awe.

THE KIDS....my laughter and light, every one of you, is the music of life itself. ADELE, MARCELLE, MENACHEM, NATAN, MOSHE and of course, little baby SHOSHANA- our rose- fill our garden with the greatest Bracha of all.

CHAZAL TEACH US TO ACQUIRE GOOD FRIENDS. My friends have become family, walking this path along with me and singing softly in the background (sometimes not so softly- even a bit off tune!). The very experience of choosing songs for this album - sitting around with DAVID HILLEL, ELAN JAFFA and YAAKOV ADELMAN- was itself a joy, the delight of shared memories and special times. HILLY HILL is brilliant and YANKY KATINA is super-talented: it was a treat to have them on board, along with YISSASCHAR DROR, who has been a great addition. I would also like to thank my dear friend SRULI BESSER for all his efforts.

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SHWEKEY MEDLEY

1 **קול ברמה** Composed by: **Yossi Green** *Child solo,* **Yaakov Shwekey** *age 11*	2 **אין עוד מלבדו** Composed by: **SHIMON SWIATYCKI**	3 **לך עמי** Composed by: **M. D. SHWEKEY**
4 **על נהרות בבל** Composed by: **YITZY WALDNER**	5 **בני** Composed by: **M. D. SHWEKEY**	6 **יזכרם** Composed by: **YITZY WALDNER**
7 **ממקומך** Composed by: **YITZY WALDNER**	8 **שמע** Composed by: **YITZY WALDNER**	9 **והערב** Composed by: **M. D. SHWEKEY**

YITZY WALDNER. People marvel at how he is able to feel music in his Neshama and then take it and form a tune. It doesn't surprise me, because I know his Neshama. Yitzy, thank you for what you've done for Jewish music, and thank you for what you've done for me- not just your songs, but your friendship!

THE ALBUM IS A TRIBUTE to the ones who've given us the gift of contemporary Jewish music. As a child, I was amazed by the energy and range of Jo Amar A"H. The albums of artists like Mordechai Ben David and Avraham Fried filled all our homes with their music. We'll always be grateful to Yossi Green, Yisroel Lamm, Moshe Laufer, Mona Rosenblum, Sheya Mendlowitz and Suki and Ding: their imprint on Jewish music is eternal.

IT'S BEEN AN HONOR to collaborate with so many wonderful people, too many to mention - **GIFTED COMPOSERS, INSPIRED ARRANGERS, EXCEPTIONAL MUSICIANS** - who share this Zechus of injecting our people with song.

All of you have done your part to set the stage we're privileged to walk: the chorus will always be yours.

Special children's center family,

The connection with the listening audience is one I've always cherished. Music means so much to all of us: but while music lifts our spirits, there is one community who looks to music as to sunlight or oxygen. The special needs community - children, adults, parents, care-givers - have been my greatest source of motivation. Being close and able to observe, first-hand, how the amazing little soldiers at the **SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CENTER** sing and dance, has given me strength to keep singing. Seeing the spark of light in their eyes and their glowing smiles as they realize their dreams inspires me to keep dreaming...

Yaakov

THE SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CENTER

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RAVID KASHTI
Mixed by: **RON TICHON**

Drums: **ASHER FEDI**
Percussion: **GOLAN KULESH**
Bass Guitar: **AVI YIFRACH**
Guitars: **NOAM HARGOL BURG**
Programming: **RAVID KASHTI**
Piano: **RAFI GREIDI**
Keyboards: **RAFI GREIDI, AMITAI VAISFELD, RAVID KASHTI**
Strings: **NITZAN CANETTY, GILI RADIAN, MAYA BELZITZMAN**

CHOIR
Zemiros Group,
Yoeli Polatseck
Yoeli Friedrich
Berl Karpen
Toivy Friedman
Moishy Glick

This medley brought me back to moments with my mother, who would lovingly explain each word. It's the medley of mothers praying and hoping and reassuring their children. It strikes a chord in my heart as I contemplate the generations that walked the journey with spirit and resolve, knowing that despite fierce wind and biting cold... The Sukkah would remain standing.

Ima, I dedicate this medley to you!

YIDDISH MEDLEY



1
אויפן פריפעטשיק
Composed by:
MARK WARSHAWSKY

2
טאטעניו
Niggun
Chabad

3
איזהו מקומן
Composed by:
R' YOSSELE MANDELBAUM Z"L

4
א סוכה'לע
Composed by:
AVROM REYZEN

5
נישט געדאגהע'ט איידן
Composed by:
YOSSI GREEN

6
מאמע רחל
Composed by:
MBD

7
א יודישע מאמע
Composed by:
JACK YELLEN

8
ליכטיגער שבת
Composed by:
MBD

Music Produced &
Arranged by: **RAFI GREIDI**
Mixed by: **LERON SCHAFER**

Drums: **ASHER FEDI**
Bass Guitar: **AVI YIFRACH**
Guitars: **NOAM HARGOL BURG,**
Programming: **RAVID KASHTI**
Trumpets: **RAFI DAVIDOV, NETANEL KUPERMAN**
Trombones: **MATAN MAMAN**
Saxophones: **GILAD RONEN**
Piano & Keyboards: **RAFI GREIDI**
Strings: **NITZAN CANETTY, GILI RADIAN, MAYA BELZITZMAN**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR
SHIR VASHEVACH BOYS CHOIR
Shloime Friedman
Shloime Ganz
Duvi Reichman
Yanky Schwartz
Yossi Spitzer
Ozie Glick
Shia Ostreicher
Shea Friedman

Arranged by:
AVRUMI BERKO
Conducted by:
CHAIM MEIR FLIGMAN

CHOIR
Zemiros Group,
Yoeli Polatseck
Yoeli Friedrich
Berl Karpen
Toivy Friedman
Moishy Glick

Reb Mordechai,

You gave the music such Ta'am, a special flavor to those exalted moments in my Yeshiva days, carefree summer days in camp, the richness and depth that is your trademark connecting us with each Niggun. There was a vibrancy and confidence in your music that allowed us to soar, to travel along with each note.



mbd MEDLEY

1
פרעה אין מצרים
Composed by: **MBD**
Album: Let my people go

2
PRAY AND SING
Composed by: **MBD**
Album: Pray and sing

3
חקותיה
Composed by:
YOSSI GREEN
Album: Double Album

4
שיר השלום
Album: Neshama

5
באין מליץ
Composed by: **MBD**
Album: Let my people go

6
ואנחנו לא נדע
Composed by: **MBD**
Album: Neshama

7
עוד יישבו
Composed by:
YOSSI GREEN
Album: Double Album

8
אני מאמין
Album: Let my people go

9
דאגה מנין
Composed by:
YOSSI GREEN
Album: Double Album

10
LET MY PEOPLE GO
Album: Let my people go

Music Produced &
Arranged by: **RAFI GREIDI**
Mixed by: **RON TICHON**

Drums: **ASHER FEDI**
Bass Guitar: **AVI YIFRACH**
Guitars: **NOAM HARGOL BURG, DROR YAKAR**
Programming: **ROBY FAYER**
Trumpets: **RAFI DAVIDOV, NETANEL KUPERMAN**
Trombones: **MATAN MAMAN**
Saxophones: **GILAD RONEN**
Piano & Keyboards: **RAFI GREIDI**
Strings: **NITZAN CANETTY, GILI RADIAN, MAYA BELZITZMAN**

CHOIR
Zemiros Group,
Yoeli Polatseck
Yoeli Friedrich
Berl Karpen
Toivy Friedman
Moishy Glick

Middle Eastern Medley



1 אלוקי עוז

2 יה רבון

3 כי אשמרה שבת

4 דרור יקרא

5 במירון שם רבי שמעון

6 שמח בני

7 לנר ולבשמים

Composed by: AVIHU MEDINA

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Bass Guitar: **AVI YIFRACH**
Guitars: **NOAM HARGOL BURG**
Buzouki: **LIOR GREIDI**
Programming: **RAVID KASHTI**
Trumpets: **RAFI DAVIDOV**
Trombones: **MATAN MAMAN**
Saxophones, Flutes: **GILAD RONEN**
Piano & Keyboards: **RAFI GREIDI**
Strings: **NITZAN CANETTY, GILI RADIAN, MAYA BELZITZMAN**

CHOIR
Rafi Greidi, Or Shevach, Shay Shevach, Lior Greidi

This is the medley of my soul, tunes and lyrics that carry the serenity of Shabbat, the pleasure of Yom Tov, the light which is life itself.

In this traditional medley, I hope you hear the long winter Friday nights with my parents and siblings, the Shabbat afternoons when we sang and sang, always surprised that it was already time for Mincha. I long for those special times of neighbors filling our Sukkah to join us, as our family sang song after song, wishing time would stand still.

In these delightful notes, the tangible faith of the simple people fuses with the nobility of great Tzaddikim, who expressed their very essence in these beloved songs.

I dedicate this medley to my beloved father, **Avi Mori.** May he have a complete Refuah Sheleimah.

JOURNEYS 6

Medley

Abie,

YOUR CREATIVITY AND INGENUITY HAS GIVEN US ANOTHER GIFT.

A nation in exile searches for reasons to sing, tunes to carry us through the long night. Before you came along, songs carried undertones of suffering- grief at the crushing loss and faith that we would survive the bitter challenges of Golus. Journeys gave us the sound of a new era: amusing lyrics which concealed incredible profundity, catchy tunes with the searing spiritual power of Piyutim of old.

For a generation who'd returned, the gate of Jewish song seemed closed: with your English lyrics, you allowed them to swing wide open.

1
HAD TO BE HASHEM
Journeys 1
Composed by:
ABIE ROTENBERG

2
TIME TO SAY GOOD SHABBOS
Journeys 1
Composed by:
ABIE ROTENBERG

3
LITTLE KITE
Journeys 2
Composed by:
ABIE ROTENBERG

4
JOE DIMAGGIO'S CARD
Journeys 3
Composed by:
ABIE ROTENBERG

5
MEMORIES
Journeys 2
Composed by:
ABIE ROTENBERG

6
MAN FROM VILNA
Journeys 4
Composed by:
ABIE ROTENBERG

7
NO PLACE LIKE HOME
Journeys 1
Composed by:
ABIE ROTENBERG

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Keyboards: **RAFI GREIDI, AMITAI VAISFELD, RAVID KASHTI**
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Backup Vocals: **YAAKOV SHWEKEY, YITZY WALDNER, YAAKOV ADELMAN**

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7 CLASSIC MEDLEY

These are the songs we've heard in shul and at home, tunes that have accompanied us on so many spiritual journeys. The composers live on in their creations- the holiness of the Rebbe of Karlin, the pure Neshamos of Moshe Goldman and Benny Hershkowitz, Zichronam Livracha, and the emotion and depth of Akiva Homnick and Chaim Banet.

1
י-ה אכסוף
Composed by:
R' AHARON KARLIN Z"L

2
חמול
Composed by:
AKIVA HOMNICK
This song is a favorite of my Rosh Kollel R' Sholomo Diamond Shlita

3
זכור דבר
Composed by:
ADMOR M'SKULEN Z"L

4
מכניסי רחמים
Composed by:
CHAIM BANET

5
אין ערוך
Composed by:
BENNY HERSHKOWITZ A"H

6
הגלה נא
Composed by:
MOSHE GOLDMAN A"H

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Drums: **ASHER FEDI**
Guitars: **NACHMAN DRYER**
Piano & Keyboards: **RAFI GREIDI, AVRUMI BERKO**
Programming: **AVRUMI BERKO**
Trumpets: **GENADI LITVAK, OLEG STASUK**
Trombones: **SHAHAR LIVNE**
Clarinet: **AVRUMI BALTY**
Saxophones: **DOR ASSRAF**
Strings: **O.S. Group**

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Yaakov Steiner

Child Solo חמול: **Shloime Ganz**
Child Solo זכור דבר: **Shloime Friedman**

Arranged by: **Avrumi Berko**
Conducted by: **Chaim Meir Fligman**

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DVEYKUS MEDLEY

ABIE,

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS DID SOMETHING UNIQUE. YOU TOOK THE VAGUE SENSE OF WISTFULNESS AND DESIRE THAT LACES THE SOUL AND PUT IT TO MUSIC: IT'S THE CRY OF A NESHAMA. IT'S DVEYKUS.

AT SO MANY KUMZITZES, WE CELEBRATED YOUR TUNES, YOUR HARMONIES, THE DEEP POOLS OF MEANING IN EACH SONG. THROUGH THESE SONGS WE LEARNED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO GRASP A FEELING AND TO HOLD ON TO AN EMOTION.

1
אני מאמין
Dveykus 4
Composed by:
Abie Rotenberg

2
נער הייתי
Dveykus 3
Composed by:
Mrs. Pessy (Portnoy) Stulberger

3
הבן יקיר לי
Dveykus 3
Composed by:
Abie Rotenberg

4
קול ברמה
Dveykus 2
Composed by:
Abie Rotenberg

5
לב טהור
Dveykus 1
Composed by:
R' Simcha Soloveitchik

6
שלום רב
Dveykus 4
Composed by:
Abie Rotenberg

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