



THOSE WERE THE DAYS

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*my favorite collection*

YAAKOV

*Shwekey*

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When we first introduced this concept, with **Those Were The Days I**, we were overwhelmed by the reaction: it turns out that while we cant go back in time, music is able to transport to us to a simpler time, to reawaken old dreams, hopes and feelings. It was that response that inspired us to try again, to reach for the sounds of a different era, to recapture the magic, and embrace it once again. Thank you for sharing this journey with us.

A special Thanks to my dear and talented friend **YISROEL BESSER** for always being ready for any challenge. it is and always will be greatly appreciated.

A good friend, Chazal teach us, is a 'kinyan', an acquisition one must guard like a cherished possession. Having **YITZY WALDNER** at my side since the beginning of this journey, being able to rely on his talent, his depth of emotion and his wisdom has given me such confidence. Choosing songs for this album along with him, walking along a path spanning so many years, was a particular joy, like observing a magnificent landscape with a master artist. I'm grateful not just for his ear, but for his soul.

*Yaakov*



# KUMZITZ MEDLEY

1. מודה אני - Composed by R' Shmuel Brazil
2. בלבבי - Composed by R' Shmuel Brazil,  
Lyrics by R' Yitzchok Hutner ZT"L
3. טאטע - Composed by Yerachmiel Begun
4. מקולות מים רבים - Novardok
5. למענך - Composed by Eitan Katz
6. אבינו אב הרחמן - Composed by Chaim Banet
7. רוא דשבת - Composed by R' Binyamin Hershkowitz Z"L
8. רחם - Composed by R' Baruch Chait
9. כי הנה כחומר - Composed By R' Hershel Goldstein
10. לולי תורתך - Composed by MBD
11. והביאותים - Composed by Avi Kritzler  
אם אשכחך - Composed by Yochanan Shapiro  
ובאו האובדים - Composed by R' Shlomo Carlebach Z"L

Featuring: **YITZY WALDNER**

Music Produced &

Arranged by: **YEHUDA GLILI**

Mixed by: **GERSHY SCHWARCZ**

Drums: **AVI AVIDANI**

Percussions: **AMIT AZRAN**

Bass: **GUY DAN**

Guitars: **MEIR OZERI, AVI SINGOLDA**

Piano & Synth: **YEHUDA GLILI**

Woods: **GUY NACHMIAS**

Horns: **AMIR BEKMAN**

**CHOIR**

**Zemiros Group,**

**YOELI POLATSECK**

**Yoely Friedrich**

**Gershy Schwarcz**

**Shloime Zalmen Perl**

**Avrumi Spielman**

**YY Weingarten**

**Avrummy Dörmer**

**Nussy Landau**

In Chabad, a wise man commented, in between chassidic teachings, they 'say' a niggun: the songs themselves blend seamlessly into the words of uplift and inspiration.

To me, this ability, the gift of being able to use music as a ladder to climb ever higher, is embodied by a friend and mentor, Avraham Fried.

Back when I was a child, his music was already the soundtrack to life, and it continued playing when I was a bochur in yeshiva. When I married and built my own family, his voice was serenading us in the background and even today, he is still teaching us.

Music Produced &  
Arranged by: **RAFI GREIDI**  
Mixed by: **IAN FREITOR**  
Drums: **ASHER FEDI**  
Bass Guitar: **AVI YIFRACH**  
Guitars: **NOAM HARGOL BURG**  
Programming: **RAVID KASHTI**

What a remarkable career, bli ayin hara, and what a remarkable man! Such sweetness, such warmth, such flavor and such authentic Yiddish emotion! A fifteen minute medley certainly can't do justice to that sort of journey: still, it was a chance to dance between so many classics, the niggunim that have given us a means to express the longing in our collective soul.

Avremel, my dear friend, may we merit going together, arm in arm, to greet Moshiach- the undercurrent and theme to your every note, in every song, very soon!

*Yaakov*

Trumpets: **ADI MEIRI, ARAD YEINI**  
Trombones: **MATAN MAMAN**  
Saxophones: **GILAD RONEN**  
Piano & Keyboards: **RAFI GREIDI**

Background Vocals:  
**YITZY WALDNER, YAAKOV SHWEKEY**



# FRIED MEDLEY

**12.**

Hashem's the World  
Around the Year 2  
Composed and Lyrics by Mrs. Berry

**13.**

רפאני  
Composed by Yossi Green

**14.**

זכינו  
Composed by Yossi Green

**15.**

ידיד נפש - רצה  
Composed by Yossi Green

**16.**

אברהם יגל - אל ההודאות  
Composed by R' Baruch Chait

**17.**

No Jew Will Be Left Behind  
Composed by Yossi Green

**18.**

לא אבוא  
Composed by Yossi Green

**19.**

Goodbye Galus  
Composed by Yossi Green  
Lyrics Penina Claver

**20.**

שישן ושמחו  
Composed by Avraham Fried,  
Lyrics by R' Asher Mizrahi

**21.**

לבנימין - ירושלים  
Composed by Moshé Laufer  
Composed by Yossi Green  
& Gershon Frenkel

**22.**

Forever One  
Composed by Yossi Green  
Lyrics by Yocheved Sorcher





23. צמאה לך נפשי, עך טי דורין - מניגוני הרבי מליובאוויטש.  
24. דיין נצח - ניגון יום נצחון הספרים.  
25. אנעים זמירות - מניגוני הרבי מליובאוויטש.  
26. ניגון ר"ח כסלו - הרב פיטל לוי.  
27. שלום עליכם - מיוחס לאדמו"ר הדקן.
28. כי אנו עמך - מניגוני הרבי מליובאוויטש.  
29. אבינו מלכנו - מיוחס לאדמו"ר הדקן.  
30. ואתה אמרת - ניגון התוערות.  
31. ניגון שמחה - מיוחס לחסידי אדמו"ר הצמח צדק.  
32. דער רבי - כי בשמחה - ניגון סיום.

In our travels, we've heard different language and accents, seen different currencies and customs, tasted different foods- but there is one constant. Wherever we go, the shlichim of Chabad, the greatest army on earth, is there to greet us, to make us feel home: with their selflessness, courage and love, they write a song of pure ahavas Yisroel. This medley is dedicated to them and their families.

Music Produced, Arranged,  
Mixed & Choir by:  
**AVRUMI BERKO**

Drums: **BARAK AHRON**  
Piano/Pads /SFX/Perc:

**AVRUMI BEKRO**

Bass: **GUY DAN**

Guitar: **AVI SINGOLDA**

Trombone: **SHAHAR LIVNE,  
DANI FLAM**

Trumpets:

**GENADY LITVAK,  
OLEG STASUK**

Strings: **STANISLAV AND CO.**

**CHOIR:**

**Shloimy Heskel  
Sinei Bermatz  
Motty Rotler  
Sruлик Veitzman  
Yossi Weinberger  
Michael Weinberger**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:**

**SHIR VSHEVACH BOYS CHOIR**  
Conducted by:  
**CHAIM MEIR FLIGMAN**

**CHABAD  
MEDLEY**

# ENGLISH Medley

33. Together - Composed & Lyrics by Abie Rotenberg
34. Sunshine - Miami Boys Choir - Composed by Yerachmiel Begun
35. Just One Shabbos - MBD - Composed & Lyrics by MBD
36. Cry No More - Yaakov Shwekey - Composed by Yitzky Waldner, Lyrics by Ken Burgess
37. Someday - MBD - Composed & Lyrics by Dina Storch
38. Small Piece of Heaven, Who Am I - HASC - Composed by Abie Rotenberg  
I Can Be - Yaakov Shwekey - Composed by: Yitzky Waldner, Lyrics by Sophia Franco
39. Jerusalem is Not for Sale - MBD  
We Are a Miracle - Yaakov Shwekey - Composed by: Yitzky Waldner, Lyrics by Sophia Franco
40. Aibishter - Tziil V'zemer - Composed by Velvel Marantz

Music Produced & Arranged by:

**RAFI GREIDI**

Mixed by: **RAVID KASHTI**

Drums: **ASHER FEDI**

Bass Guitar: **AVI YIFRACH**

Guitars: **NOAM HARGOL BURG,**

**DORON MIZRAHI**

Programming: **RAVID KASHTI**

Trumpets: **ADI MEIRI, ARAD YEINI**

Trombones: **MATAN MAMAN**

Saxophones: **GILAD RONEN**

Piano & Keyboards: **RAFI GREIDI**

Background Vocals:

**YITZY WALDNER, YOILY POLATSECK**

# ISRAELI MEDLEY

**BONUS**  
Track

41. ירושלים של זהב - Composed & Lyrics by - Naomi Shemer
42. חֵי חַי - Composed & Lyrics by Avi Toledano
43. בום פם - Composed by Aris San
44. עולה עולה - Composed by Kobi Oshra, Lyrics by Hamutal Ben Zeev
45. אלוקים נתן לך במתנה - Composed by Eitan Masuri, Lyrics by David Chalfon
46. כינור דוד - Composed by Avihu Medina & Yehuda Badini, Lyrics by Avihu Medina
47. חודר הביתה - Composed by Toto Kotonio, Lyrics by Shimrit Or
48. עושה שלום במרומיו - Composed by Nurit Hirsh
49. תודה - Composed by Yorgos Dalakas, Lyrics by Uzi Hitman
50. שמור נא עלינו - Composed by Henri Barter, Lyrics by Betzalel Aloni

Music Produced, Arranged  
& Mixed by: **RAVID KASHTI**

Drums: **ASHER FEDI**

Bass Guitar: **AVI YIFRACH**

Guitars: **NOAM HARGOL BURG**

Bouzouki and Banjo: **YONI KUBANI**

Trumpets: **ADI MEIRI, ARAD YEINI**

Trombones: **MATAN MAMAN**

Saxophones: **GILAD RONEN**

Piano & Keyboards: **RAFI GREIDI**

Background Vocals: **RAVID KASHTI, RAFI GREIDI**



It's nice to sing in America or Europe, but in Eretz Yisrael, it's special: that's because the Land sings along. These songs reflect such exalted moments—standing at the Kotel, in the shadow of such longing and holiness, and singing a message of hope and faith to thousands of brothers and sisters.

Not all these songs were composed by people fortunate enough to have learnt in yeshivot, to have tasted the joy of Shabbat, to be raised as we were: but listen close and you'll hear the soul, the neshama, the song of the Land in every note.

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8. רחם
9. כי הנה כחומר
10. לולי תורתך
11. והביאותים, אם אשחקך, ובאו

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22. Forever One

## CHABAD MEDLEY

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