

DIGITALLY REMASTERED

עת לקוד
Time to dance

VOLUME
THREE

A ZALMEN
LEIB BLAU
PRODUCTION

arranged by
YISROEL LAMM
conducted in Russia by
VLADIMIR VOLOZHIN
with a spectacular performance by a
68 PIECE MOSCOW SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Biographical Sketches

This recording brings together nigunim composed by spiritual greats who gave expression to their deepest religious feelings through the medium of song. They are not the popular tunes of today but rather the product of *dvaikus* that permeated from the totality of their *Torah* and *Tfilla*.

The nigunim of the late Bobover Rebbe, Rabbi BenZion Halberstam, זצ"ל, are known to the entirety of religious Jewry. The Rebbe's influence in pre-war Poland was extraordinary. He established yeshivos throughout Galicia and drew thousands upon thousands of youngsters to *Chassidus*. His *Torah* scholarship and wisdom was the magnet which brought them to him and his soul stirring *nigunim* served to bind his disciples to him over the years.

Bobover chassidus was transplanted in the United States by the Rebbe, Rabbi Shlomo Halberstam, זצ"ל, after the holocaust. The Rebbe has drawn to him thousands of families by a unique blend of Torah and chesed delivered with a grace and nobility that warms the hearts of his followers. The nigunim he has composed reflect the majesty of his personage and the depth of his *ahavas yisroel*.

Also included on this recording are compositions of two Bobover chassidim who became legends in their lifetimes. Reb Yossele Mandelbaum זצ"ל came from a family that had a long musical tradition. As a young lad of twelve he came to Bobov where he developed an extraordinarily close relationship with the late Bobover Rebbe זצ"ל. Over a lifetime of ninety years he composed hundreds of compositions. Many have become part of the mainstream of *neginah* and most are unaware who the illustrious composer was. After coming to the United States Reb Yossele served as cantor of the Sfaridshie Shul in Borough Park where thousands were moved by his heartfelt *tfillot*. He was a master musician, *chazan* and most important a Chassidic Jew of great piety and learning. It is little wonder that he left an indelible impression through his cantorial renditions and his soul stirring marches and waltzes.

Reb Chaim Dovid Blum זצ"ל the famed Kshanever Chazan was a world famous *menagen*. He composed hundreds of nigunim. Many of them full length and intricate compositions. They have a quality of great fervor and deep longing. Reb' Chaim Dovid was an outstanding Torah scholar and was a disciple of many of the great Chassidic masters and *gaonim* of his era. Those who were privileged to hear him in the pre-war era remember with awe the intensity of his *tfilla*. His body and soul were one in his worship of the Creator. His music is truly a legacy to the ages.

Finally, the music of the incomparable Reb Yossele Rosenblatt זצ"ל, is part of this mosaic of chassidic music. No cantor had such a profound impact on cantorial music as did Cantor Rosenblatt. His compositions were the gold standard against which all measured themselves. His patriarchal appearance and deep religiosity were an integral part of his legend and legacy to the ages.

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SIDE A

1. TRIUMPHANT MARCH – 3:33

Composed by R' Yossele Mandelbaum ז"ל

2. ADAGIO IN E-MINOR – 5:17

*Composed by Admor of Bobov,
Rabbi BenZion Halberstam זצוק"ל*

3. MANDELBAUM MARCH IN B-FLAT – 3:05

Composed by R' Yossele Mandelbaum ז"ל

4. DANCE OF THE DISCIPLES - החדות – 3:41

A Treasured Nigun of the Ropshitz - Dzikover Dynasty

5. WALTZ IN C-MINOR – 3:31

Composed by R' Yossele Mandelbaum ז"ל

6. AN EXALTED DANCE - שבענו – 4:05

Composed by Admor of Bobov, זצוק"ל

SIDE B

7. DANCE IN G-MINOR - לא תבושי – 4:22

*Composed by Admor of Bobov,
Rabbi BenZion Halberstam זצוק"ל*

8. CHASSIDIC RHAPSODY – 8:11

Composed by R' Chaim Dovid Blum, ז"ל

9. WALTZ: ALLEGRO IN E-MINOR – 3:06

Composed by R' Yossele Mandelbaum ז"ל

10. BOBOVER HAKOFA NIGUN-7TH – 2:48

Composed by Unknown "Baal T'shuva"

11. CANTORIAL CLASSIC - ונאף הוא – 4:30

Composed by Chazan R' Yossele Rosenblatt ז"ל

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