

Israeli company gives professional performance

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special writer

The third annual Freedom Concert for Soviet Jewry, organized by the Detroit Soviet Jewry Committee of the Jewish Community Council (DSSJC) was given recently at Adat Shalom Synagogue of Farmington Hills.

It was dedicated to helping the Jews of the Soviet Union in the efforts to emigrate or to exercise freely their religious and cultural lives as Jews within their homeland.

The program was the Israeli troupe "Anachnu Kahn" ("We are Here"), an ensemble of 100 people who dance and sing in a folkloric style. The nucleus was formed in Willina, Russia, in 1958. Today, this nucleus has been supplemented by Israelis.

THE PROGRAM was in two parts. The first represented the older times during the second World War and after, and the songs and speeches were performed in the Jewish language.

The second part of the program, performed in Hebrew, represented Jewish life in Israel.

A small but extremely proficient orchestra played throughout the program. Noticeable was first violinist, Emma Grenapal, who showed excellent control and technique, as did trumpet and trombone players, Michael Gold, Yitzchak Almog, and Yehuda Belcher.

Singing with the orchestra was a 60-voice choir. These people don't consider themselves professionals, but they gave a very delicate accompaniment to the dancing, although they didn't sound highly trained.

The 30 dancers were supposed to represent the Jewish-Russian style, but there was "kibbutznik" style among them. (A kibbutz is a type of cooperative settlement in Israel).

The program started with Jews being shot during the Holocaust.

THE DANCERS started and finished with the stately setting of a memorial.

Sara Shrimling presented a beautiful rendition of "Ein Yidishke Mamma" as part of a solo and duet section.

Three different dances portrayed the religious life of the Chassidic Jew. The men were depicted in the "Yeshiva," a formalized setting of learning and praying, doing "God's Work" with body and soul. In a comparable setting the women performed their regular household chores with intense spirit-

ality and emotion.

As they finish the week's labor and set up their homes for the "Shabat" — the Sabbath — a day of rest and celebration. They mingle with their menfolk and their families are unified and happy.

Western culture is brought into the Jewish community with Western dances performed in brightly colored costumes with modern songs and band music.

The brass was too loud for the setting but we found out later, the musicians are used to playing in front of larger audiences. The first part of the performance ended with the portrayal of a Jewish wedding.

THE SECOND part started with the singing of Israeli songs.

There were songs about Samaria and Ein-Gedi (a village in Israel).

One dance depicted the work in the fields — cutting of grain, separating the grain from the straw and celebrating the harvest.

Uri Abramovitz, a singer who has been with the ensemble since it's inception in Willina, sang a popular Jewish prayer, "Adon Olam" (Master of the Universe). In his rendition, this prayer conveyed happiness and hope and had depth as well. It is a rendition that should be repeated.


Israeli songs of "Hava Nagila" and others followed, as well as a duet song on Jerusalem.

Although these singers and dancers consider themselves to be non-professional, this is professional level entertainment, which could and should be submitted to larger and broader audiences.

preview


IN ISRAEL, folklore ensembles from different countries are presented from time to time with extremely good results. Here we seldom see this type of thing.

The Anachnu Kahn goes on world tours twice a year. They played in Hong Kong to a large, enthusiastic audience in 1978. Last year, they performed in Washington, D.C., before 15,000 people, in a memorial tribute to the victims of the Holocaust. It is hoped we will be able to see them again.



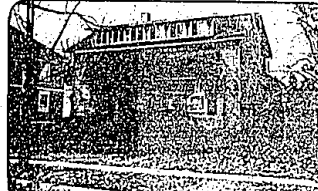
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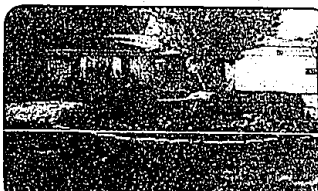
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