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בעזרת השם

Mr. Yury Kanner  
President  
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Moscow,

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Dear Mr. Kanner :

I hope this note finds you in good health, and, as usual, you are extremely busy with issues pertaining to the Russian Jewish Community, to which you are so much dedicated.

I remember with profound pleasure the last time we met in New York at the luncheon given by our mutual friend Ronald Lauder in honor

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of you and your delegation that visited the USSR.  
I addressed the luncheon and also sang in your honor.

It was with much happiness that  
I heard from Sasha Tsalik about the possibility  
that the Moscow Jewish Capella choir will get a new  
home at the Russian Jewish Congress. As you know, I  
have given the choir much of my knowledge, efforts,  
contacts, repertoire initiatives and heart and  
energy since 1989. The choir has appeared over the  
years in many international centers - Jewish and  
non-Jewish with huge success and glowing critics.  
I consider the choir to be one of the best, if not  
the best Jewish choir in the world. Their voices,  
their musicianship conducted by Sasha with  
outstanding discipline is exemplary. They had given

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much honor to themselves and to the Russian Jewish community. I would venture to say that they have created a "KIDDUSH HASHEM" (Sanctification of God's name) in their performances throughout the world either with me as soloist or singing by themselves. I admire their professionalism. It takes a professional to recognize a professional. To work with Sasha, who is a superb musician and conductor and a "Mental" is a delight. To create an atmosphere of awe together to provide Jewish music on the highest artistic level is a matter of providing the truth in the authentic Jewish music. The choir is a direct continuation of the musical tradition that originated in Russia. Russia is the cradle of the artistic

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Jewish music and I am proud to have been part of the awakening need to sing and listen to Jewish music and to returning it back to Russia after so many years of absence, so that Russia is once again a dominant force in the world of the highest level of Jewish music.

I am, therefore grateful to you for being ready to accept the choir into the wings of the Russian Jewish Congress, thus uplifting the spirituality of Russian Jewry and their commitment to Jewish life. The choir is the outstanding ambassador of the best in Jewish culture to the entire world.

I congratulate, you, I salute you

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and I thank you very much indeed.

Warmest regards to you and to  
your entire board.

Most sincerely

Cantor Joseph Malovany

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