

I had the pleasure of hosting the Moscow Jewish Cappella (Male Choir) for a concert and a Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Shabbat Morning Service.

I was in Hazzanic heaven. This choir should not be confused with the Moscow Choir under Mischa Turetsky that has been coming to the US for many years now. This group is here for the first time.

I highly recommend them for any Hazzan wishing to present a most outstanding group that is absolutely wonderful to work with. They were open to doing anything I sent them to learn and did a masterful job at it. They came 21 strong plus 3 soloists. My congregation was thrilled. Their conductor Sasha Saliuk is an outstanding musician and conductor and a real "mench."

As many know, I have had the "other" Moscow Choir with Turetsky for the past 4 High Holidays. It has not been any pleasure at all to work with them. I've had nothing but grief and aggravation from that group. I hope I never see them back again and would strongly caution anyone who might entertain the notion of inviting them. This group however was like a breath of fresh air.

Their voices are outstanding, they are all Jewish and love Chazzanut and Jewish Music. They were also incredible with Russian and Georgian folk songs.

If anyone would like any information on how to reach them, I will be glad to forward that information.

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