

Music of the Jewish Days of Awe

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The Ten Days of Awe is the holiest period in the Jewish calendar.

From the eve of Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year - to Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, long days of prayer, study and fasting are held in synagogues around the country.

And as rabbis and cantors lead the congregation, voices soar in prayer.

At Emanuel Synagogue in Sydney, the choral director is former opera star Andrea Catzel.

She tells Rachael about the different prayers that are sung, including *Avinu Malkeinu*, *Kol Nidre* and even a version of The Mamas & The Papas song *Creeque Alley*.

We also hear from Alexander Tsaliuk, the founder and artistic director of the Moscow Male Jewish Capella.



Image: Andrea Catzel (Photo: Mariam Chehab, ABC RN)



Image: The Moscow Male Jewish Capella (Photo: supplied)

He tells us how the Russian choral tradition - especially in the Orthodox Church - has its roots in the Jewish tradition.

And, we hear the incredible story of the Capella's emergence in the last days of communism under Mikhail Gorbachev.

They've since performed for the Queen of Denmark, the Norwegian Royal Family and even Russian President Vladimir Putin, among others.

The Capella will celebrate its 30th anniversary next year.



Image: Alexander Tsaliuk (Photo: Mariam Chehab, ABC RN)

Supporting Information

Presenter: Rachael Kohn

Producer: Mariam Chehab

Executive Producer: Joe Gelonesi

Music:

Shalom Aleyhem, by The Moscow Jewish Male Capella, from 'Kaleidoscope'

Avinu Malkeinu, sung by Barbra Streisand, from 'Higher Ground'

Libera Me (from Requiem Mass) by Guiseppe Verdi, sung by Andrea Catzel with Cape Town Symphony Orchestra (June 1990)

Kol Nidre, sung by the Emanuel Synagogue Sydney choir, live recording by Oliver Einfeld & Dominik Kelly

Avinu Malkeinu, sung by the Emanuel Synagogue Sydney choir, live recording by Oliver Einfeld & Dominik Kelly

Creeque Alley/L'Adoni Na Arets by the Mamas and the Papas, sung by the Emanuel Synagogue Sydney Choir, live recording by Oliver Einfeld & Dominik Kelly

Sh'ma Yisrael, by cantor Azi Shwatz and [Park Avenue Synagogue choir](#)

Havdala, by The Moscow Jewish Male Capella, from 'Kaleidoscope'

Ierushalaim Irho, by The Moscow Jewish Male Capella, from 'Kaleidoscope'

Shen Har Ve Nahi, by The Moscow Jewish Male Capella, from 'Kaleidoscope'

O Sole Mio, sung in Russian by Misha Davidovich Alexandrovich

Kol Nidre (All Vows) by composer Max Bruch

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