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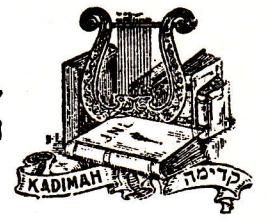
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Over twenty years ago a group of the finest Jewish artists, singers, dancers, and musicians living in Russia established a Jewish song and dance ensemble, in spite of the persecution and hardship for Jewish culture and communal life.

Notwithstanding unending obstacles and interference by the Soviet authorities, the activities of the ensemble and similar groups sprouted in many other Russian cities. Its popularity also grew amongst a sympathetic non-Jewish public. The troupe contributed greatly to the Jewish National movement in the Soviet Union. In 1971 its members were among the first immigrants to Israel (in the renewed wave of Soviet Aliya) and, in Israel they organized anew, and established their ensemble named, WE ARE HERE — "ANACHNU KAN". The troupe enriched its repertoire during the years of its performing in Israel, adding new songs and dances, songs of Jewish valor, songs of hope and happiness; songs of identification with our brothers in the Soviet Union.

In 1975 "ANACHNU KAN" toured the United States and Canada, and its performances were received with great enthusiasm for their high artistic level, as well as their popular Jewish spirit.

In 1976 the ensemble appeared before the second International Conference on behalf of Soviet Jewry in Belgium, and then toured the United Kingdom. The name "ANACHNU KAN" is recognised worldwide.

For this reason the J.N.L. "Kadimah", together with all major Jewish community organisations in Melbourne decided to bring "ANACHNU KAN" to Australia in October, 1978. Since the ensemble consists of over 80 singers, dancers and musicians, this is indeed a major undertaking, probably the largest of its kind ever envisaged on the Australian Jewish Cultural scene.

We are accordingly seeking your assistance in the form of advertisements in the Souvenir Program which will be published to mark the occasion. Ten thousand copies will be printed. Not only will your advertisement help in defraying the considerable costs involved (the promoters are all non-profit organisations) but it will also represent an expression of solidarity with all those who continue to be persecuted in the Soviet Union.

We look forward to your generous support,

Yours faithfully,

J. SHER, Chairman

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