



LAZAR WEINER (1897–1982) is most widely remembered today as the supreme exemplar and advocate of the Yiddish art song genre. Through his oeuvre of more than two hundred songs composed over a span of more than fifty years, he elevated that medium to unprecedented artistic sophistication. The Jewish art song was born only in the first decade of the 20th century, and though originally it was fashioned out of authentic folk material, the composers increasingly turned to modern Yiddish and Hebrew poetry as sources for inspiration. Ultimately, it was Lazar Weiner under whose pen the American Yiddish art song attained its most profound expression and reached its fullest and richest bloom.

These recordings feature leading song recitalists in collaboration with Lazar Weiner's son, Yehudi Wyner, the eminent American composer and pianist.



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LAZAR WEINER (1897–1982)

The Art of Yiddish Song

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| 1. YOSL KLEZMER | Raphael Frieder | 2:13 |
| 2. YIDISH | Ida Rae Cahana | 1:25 |
| 3. ERGETS VAYT | Meir Finkelstein | 2:10 |
| 4. IKH HOB FAR DIR A SOD | Elizabeth Shammash | 1:46 |
| 5. A NIGN | Robert Abelson | 2:53 |
| 6. SHTILE LIKHT | Ida Rae Cahana | 2:02 |
| <i>Poems by Abraham Joshua Heschel:</i> | | |
| 7. GOT GETT MIR NOKH UMETUM | David Ossenfort | 2:22 |
| 8. KHOYVES | David Ossenfort | 1:57 |
| 9. GOT UN MENTSH | David Ossenfort | 1:34 |
| 10. TSELA-TSELDI | Ida Rae Cahana | 2:21 |
| 11. DER SHOLEM-ZOKHER | Raphael Frieder | 4:27 |
| 12. TOYBNSHTILE | Harold Orbach | 2:30 |
| 13. VIGLID (text: Shumiatcher-Hirshbein) | Re'ut Ben Ze'ev | 2:49 |
| 14. FUN VAYTE TEG | Robert Abelson | 1:46 |
| <i>Two Humoresques:</i> | | |
| 15. BALD VET ZAYN A REGN | Susan Davenney-Wyner | 0:45 |
| 16. A PAPIR VIL BAGEYN ZELBSTMORD | Susan Davenney-Wyner | 1:05 |
| 17. DER YID MITN FIDL | Robert Abelson | 3:13 |
| 18. BAYM BENTSHN LIKHT | Elizabeth Shammash | 1:56 |
| 19. A GEBET | Re'ut Ben Ze'ev | 1:32 |
| 20. SHTILE TENER | Elizabeth Shammash | 2:09 |
| 21. A FOTER TSU ZAYN ZUN | Robert Abelson | 2:26 |
| 22. VOLT MAYN TATE RAYKH GEVEN | Ida Rae Cahana | 1:44 |
| 23. DOS REYD FUNEM NOVI | Harold Orbach | 4:38 |
| 24. OVNT-LID | Susan Davenney-Wyner | 2:25 |
| 25. GRAMEN GESHRIBN IN ZAMD | Raphael Frieder | 3:18 |
| 26. IKH HOB DIKH SHOYN LANG | Ida Rae Cahana | 1:28 |
| 27. VIGLID (text: Markish) | Meir Finkelstein | 2:46 |
| 28. DOS GOLD FUN DAYNE OYGN | Ida Rae Cahana | 1:56 |
| 29. DI MAYSE MIT DER VELT | Robert Abelson | 3:25 |
| 30. IKH BIN DER VAYNRIB | Susan Davenney-Wyner | 1:29 |
| 31. UNTER DAYNE VAYSE SHTERN | Ida Rae Cahana | 2:13 |
| 32. YIDN ZINGEN ANI MAMIN | Robert Abelson | 3:14 |

Pianists: Yehudi Wyner (tracks 1-4, 6-11, 13, 15, 16, 18-20, 22, 24-28, 30, 31)
 Barry Snyder: (tracks 5, 12, 14, 17, 21, 23, 29, 32)

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Time
74:14

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