

Rev. Cantor Hirsch Leib Chazin

BIRTH 17 Jun 1881

Russia

DEATH 9 Nov 1978 (aged 97)

Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, USA

BURIAL Congregation Shari Tephalo Cemetery

Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey, USA

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CHAZIN—Reverend Cantor Hirsch L. Cantor Emeritus of The Congregation Shaarey Tefiloh of Perth Amboy NJ and it's active Cantor for 54 years. Died on November 9, 1978 in his 98th year at the Jewish Hospital and rehabilitation center in Jersey City, NJ. Funeral services were held on Friday, November 10, 1978 at 11AM at the Shaarey Tefiloh Synagogue in Perth Amboy. Cantor Chazin is survived by three sons, Abraham, Meyer and Rabbi Pinchos J. and one daughter, Rhoda Mendelson, fourteen grandchildren and twenty-eight great grandchildren. He was predeceased by two children, Theodore S. Chazin and Mae Mendelson. Shivah period will be observed at the home of Abraham Chazin, 863 Red Rd in Teaneck, NJ. Up to a few years ago, Cantor Chazin was known as the oldest practicing cantor in the United States. He was Founder and lifelong President of the Perth Amboy Mizrahi Zionist Chapter for over 50 years, one of the founders of the Hillel Academy Yeshiva of Perth Amboy, now known as the Hebrew Academy of Central N.J. Cantor Chazin studied at the Telshe Yeshiva of Telshe now in Cleveland, Ohio and at the Radin Yeshiva under the Chofetz Chaim.

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Home News Tribune – November 10, 1978

Rev. Cantor Hirsch Chazin, 97, oldest cantor in U.S.

PERTH AMBOY – The oldest, active cantor in the United States, Rev. Cantor Hirsch L. Chazin, 97, died yesterday at Jewish Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, Jersey City.

Rev. Chazin, was buried at the Shaarey Tefiloh Cemetery this morning.

Born in Ukraine, Russia, he was a descendant of Rabbi Nahum Chernobler who was a disciple of the founder of Chassidiam, the Baal Shem Tov. Cantor Chazin resided her for more than 55 years.

A Cantor Emeritus of Shaarey Tefiloh Congregation for more than 55 years, he was the founder of the Hillel Academy in Perth Amboy, which is presently called the Hebrew Academy of Central New Jersey. Cantor Chazin was the past chairman of the school's board of education and was a board member also.

Completing his studies in the Yeshiva of Telshe in Lithuania and in Bialystok, the cantor held positions in Minneapolis, Minn. and Superior, Wis., prior to coming here in 1920.

An organizer of the Mizrahi Organization here, he was president of the group for 50 years. He was also one of the organizers of the Board of Kosher in Perth Amboy.

Supporting many of the Hebrew institutions throughout the world, Cantor Chazin was an active participant in many civic, religious and charitable causes in the city over the years. He was a member of the YMHA, the Jewish Community Council, B'nai Zion and the Hebrew Fraternity. He was also a member of the Ministers and Cantors Association of America.

The cantor studied music and his baritone voice had been heard often in this area, in Israel and on the radio.

Cantor Chazin composed many pieces and in the 1960s published his original cantorial compositions of Sefira in an anthology of sacred music, *Zamru Lo*, by the Cantors Assembly of America.

He was the husband of the late Ida Margolis Chazin, who died in 1977 and was the father of the late Theodore S. and Mrs. Mae Mendelson.

He is survived by three sons, Abraham of Teaneck, Meyer of Verona and Rabbi Pinchos J. Chazin of Philadelphia, Pa.; a daughter, Mrs. Rhoda Mendelson of Montral, Canada, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Flynn and Son Funeral Home, 424 East Ave.

Family Members

Spouse



Ida Margolis Chazin
1890–1977

Children



Mae Chazin Mendelson
1909–1969



Meyer Chazin
1912–2007

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