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An Alter Zhok

recording of clarinettist Naftaly Gokhberg
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Joel Engel, in a lecture to the Jewish Folk Music Society in Moscow, 1915:
“Reb Gokhberg, a Skvira clarinettist, ... about 55 years old, ... described an authentic Jewish musician this way:
"a real Jewish musician pulls out your soul, pulls out your life.
The playing goes to the end of the earth."
and of Jewish music he said:
“A song loves it when you make it cry.
You have to make something more of it, extend yourself,
go beyond yourself.”
(*The Upward Flight* CD Insert notes, p 8)