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I am a member of Lincoln Square Synagogue in New York and I organize Israeli-themed programs for the synagogue. Earlier this year, we were delighted to host a Naomi Shemer program performed by Roy Rimshon. The program was a huge success! Roy played songs by Naomi Shemer, showed old, seldom seen pictures (including one when Naomi was 3 years old!) and old, black & white videos. The audience loved it !

The best part is that Roy linked the story of Naomi's life with events happening in Israel at the same time. It provided a historical context to her life and music, the honey and the sting, the good times and the bad times. When he played the video of the Israeli soldiers entering the Old City in the Six Day War, with the live commentary, culminating with the soldiers singing Yerushalaym Shel Zahav, people in the audience were half singing along, half crying .

At the end of the program, Roy was mobbed by people and he ran out of business cards. People were resorting to taking pictures of his one remaining card in order to be in touch with him about doing other similar programs in other communities, other synagogues. I recommend him without any reservation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at nvogel212@gmail.com .

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