Pizmonim of the Patriarchs

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Shaul, Joseph and Abraham Tawil

would like to tell you about my all time favorite pizmonim. It is Pizmonim Melech Ram, which can be found on page 220 of the Red Book. This song is the anthem of the Tawil family and is in Maqam Nahwand.

Some Pizmonim are 80 to 100 years old and many were written in this country.

Pizmonim Melech Ram was written in the early 1920s by Hacham Moshe Ashear, with a very catchy tune he took from Chopin. The four Tawil brothers are mentioned in the song. Abraham, the president of Kaheal Magen David 67th Street, Shaul, an original committee member, Joseph, who was getting married at the time

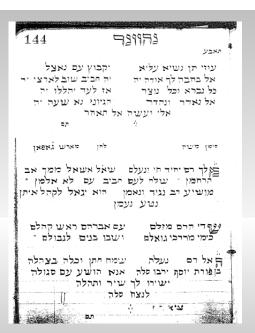
and Mordechai.

For those unfamiliar with the Tawil family, Shaul is the father of Ezra S., Sarah Kairey, Rae Schwecky, Rose Tawil, Harry S., Ralph S., Peggy Hazan, Sylvia Dabah and Meyer S. Tawil. Abraham is the father of Ezra A., Naftali A., Isaac A., Harry A., Moe A., David A. and Sarah Tawil. Mordechai is the father of Esther (Eli) Dweck. Joseph moved to Mexico and had a big family.

Pizmonim Melech Ram may be used for Shav'at Ani'im on Shabbat when Nahwand is used.

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