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The International Children's Chorus featured in *Israel 50* concert at Los Angeles' Greek Theatre. (more photos on page 5...

Nearly 5,000 Attend Acclaimed Israel 50 Celebration

Nearly 5,000 people attended the musical gala at the prestigious Greek Theater in one of the world's most successful celebrations of Israel's 50th Anniversary. Presented by *Jewish News* publisher and TV/radio host Phil Blazer, the concert starred Theodore Bikel, Marvin Hamlisch, Pat Boone, Shelley Winters, Peter Strauss, Alon Ben-Gurion, The Los Angeles Jewish Symphony directed by Noreen Green, The Keshet Chaim Dancers, The BILUBI a capella Choir directed by Nurith Cohen and the International Children's Chorus (pictured above) directed by Marrina Waks.

The International Children's Chorus was the combined effort of The Children of the World Choir, The Emanuel Arts Center Singers, The Milken High School Select Choir, The Portola Choir and The Pressman

Academy Choir. The united group, accompanied by the 36 piece Jewish Symphony, consisted of children representing many nationalities and religions who came together to deliver their message of hope and love.

All performers received critical acclaim and standing ovations from the huge audience. Included among the many congratulatory letters received after the event:

"The show was most enjoyable and truly provided a festive atmosphere and a good time for all. Congratulations!" Sidney Rosen, President, ARMDI.

"*Today Rabah!* Thank you for giving all of us a most warm and wonderful evening in celebration of Israel's 50th Anniversary..." Michael J. DeKofsky, Executive Director, Israel Bonds.