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We present recent progress on our ongoing project to study spectral properties of certain elements of group algebras of symmetric groups. These elements include the random-to-random shuffling operators (Dieker-Saliola, 2018) as well as the symmetrized shuffling operators studied by Reiner, Saliola and Welker (2014). (Received February 19, 2018)