

## ***Cantor Sam Josephson—a Life of Service***

**“I have been blessed with the talent and ability to reach out effectively as well as involve, inspire and sing with *neshama*, and to open new horizons in Judaism. I bring together a unique blend of Congregational Singing, and Hazzanut that energizes services and engages the Congregation. I am there for the Congregation covering all life cycle and community related events, working together with the Rabbi.”**

For the second time in as many years, the Cantors Assembly has honored *Cantor* Sam Josephson. The year before last he was asked to sing ES BRENT at the Convention’s Holocaust Commemoration. This past year he was invited to sing the HAZKORAT HANESHAMOT (the Ei\_I Maalei Rakhamim) for the 6 Million Kedoshim. This marks the first time that a Second Generationer has been given this singular honor. It speaks not only of his vocal ability but the kind of mentsch that he is as well.

**Here is a team player—a Jewish Communal Leader for more than a decade serving as Cantor, Director of Jewish Family Life Education, Coordinator of Fundraising & Special Events, Jewish Resource & Programming Specialist, Religious School Director, Music & Drama Specialist, Youth Director, and Assistant Hillel Director for Synagogues, UJA Federation and Zionist Youth Movement Summer Camps, Birthright Israel, College Campus Hillels, UJA Fund Drives, Israel Bonds, JCCs, and YM/YWHAs.**

*Cantor* Josephson met his wife Blair while pursuing his studies at Oberlin College. Their family trips to Israel to celebrate the Bnai Mitzvah of their three sons, even during the height of the Intifada, when everyone else on their proposed tours cancelled—speaks loudly of their commitment to Israel, to the Jewish people, and to Jewish day school education.

*Cantor* Josephson regards as his highest calling, working with the Rabbi and lay leadership to eradicate illiteracy, apathy, and division--through empowerment, participation, and joy!

## **CANTOR SAM JOSEPHSON**

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### ***WORK EXPERIENCE***

#### **Cantor at Elmwood Park Jewish Center, New Jersey (2002—2007) Jewish Programming and Outreach Specialist**

Led services during Yomim Noraim, Shelosh Regalim, and Shabbatot for Congregations, Hillels, Hospitals, and Senior Residences & Centers  
Conducted Life Cycle Events in cooperation with the Rabbi  
Trained Torah and Haftara Readers and taught Davening Skills  
Tended to Pastoral Needs as directed by the Rabbi and Congregation

#### **Cantor at JCC on the Hudson in Tarrytown, New York (2000—2002) Director of Jewish Family Life Education**

Created and Developed Exciting, Participatory Family Services  
Taught courses in Jewish Life Skills to Adults  
Wrote practical, achievable Curriculum for Religious School  
Trained Teachers conducting workshops on how to bring excitement to their classrooms and mentored new staff

#### **Cantor at Temple Emanuel of Passaic, New Jersey (1994—2000) Administrator, Principal, Choir Director, Bnai Mitzvah Teacher**

Taught sacred music, holiday songs, and prayer in the Religious School  
Trained Bnai Mitzvah students in basic skills and gave them analytical tools  
Founded and Conducted Children's & Adult Professional & Volunteer Choirs  
Played guitar, clarinet, saxophone, and recorder to facilitate learning, create excitement, and enhance participation

#### **Cantor at Temple Beth Sholom of Fair Lawn, New Jersey (1988—1994) Music Director, Bnai Mitzvah Teacher**

Designed and Implemented participatory programs for Families, Children, Adolescents, College Students, and Seniors in Federation Camps, Zionist Youth Groups, Synagogues, Senior Residences, and College Campus Hillels  
Developed group synergy to plan, organize, and run Shabbatons

Produced, organized, and coordinated committees of professionals and volunteers for the planning and running of Fundraisers, Concerts, Recreational and Cultural Events as well as Family Celebrations

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### ***EDUCATION***

*West Virginia University, Master of Arts, Judaic Studies, Drama and Music*  
*Oberlin College and Conservatory, Bachelor of Arts, Judaic Studies, Music*  
*Belz School, Yeshiva University, Certificate Program in Nusakh HaTefillah*  
Private Cantorial Study with Cantors Moshe Taube and Abraham Fuchs

### ***PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND INVESTITURE***

Cantors Assembly, Center for Alternatives in Jewish Education,  
Jewish Educators Assembly, Cantorial Council of America,  
Jewish Ministers Cantors Association, American Society for Jewish Music

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**Hear *Cantorial Favorites*, followed by Cantor**  
**led *Congregational Singing***  
**([Part Two](#) shows work with Bnai Mitzvah)**

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