

61st Annual Cantors Assembly Convention

**June
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2008**



CELEBRATING ISRAEL @ 60

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**Hudson Valley Resort and Spa
Kerhonkson, NY**

[all sessions, participants, times and rooms are subject to change]

SUNDAY June 15, 2008

3:00pm-5:00pm	Registration – Hazzan Eric Snyder (Cherry Hill, NJ), Hazzan Lance Tapper (Bermuda Dunes, CA), Estelle Epstein (Teaneck, NJ) and Mr. Jay Neufeld Vendors: Shop with our convention vendors at your leisure for music, Jewish art, tallitot, software, books and Judaica	Lobby
3:00pm-5:00pm	Cyber Café – Drinks, snacks and free use of Computers Chair: Hazzan Matthew Axelrod (Scotch Plains, NJ)	Lobby
4:00pm	Friday Alive and Zemirot Without Instruments Hazzan Joel Caplan (Caldwell, NJ) Chair: Hazzan Moshe Baer (Dix Hills, NY)	Columbia Room
5:00pm	מנחה Hazzan Richard Berlin (Pittsburgh, PA)	Columbia
5:45pm	Dinner Chair: Hazzan David Propis (Houston, TX) ברכת המזון : Hazzan Arthur Katlin (Lawrenceville, NJ) הבה נשיר : Zalmen Mlotek and the NY Region	Ballrooms B-C
7:00pm	Memorial Awards: Chair: Hazzan Jack Chomsky (Columbus, OH) Max Wohlberg Award for Composition: Hazzan Meir Finkelstein Gregor Shelkan Award for Mentoring: Hazzan Henry Rosenblum Moshe Nathanson Award for Conducting: Hazzan Sheldon Levin David Putterman Award for Lifetime Achievement: Hazzan Saul Hammerman Saul Meisels Award for Hazzanic Excellence: Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi Yehudah Mandel Award for Humanitarian Acts: Hazzan Richard Wolberg Moses Silverman Award for Service: Hazzan Stephen J. Stein	Ballroom A
7:45pm	מעריב : Hazzan Charles Osborne (Lords Valley, PA) and the Boston Hebrew College Chorus Conductor: Hazzan Joseph Ness (West Hartford, CT)	Ballroom A
8:45pm	Concert: Yiddish Theater Tribute Chair: Hazzan Arianne Brown (Los Angeles, CA) Director: Zalmen Mlotek Hazzanim: Moshe Bear (Dix Hills, NY), Arianne Brown (Los Angeles, CA), Martin Goldstein (Denver, CO), Elizabeth Shammash (Blue Bell, PA), Sam Weiss (Paramus, NJ) and Ms. Amy Goldstein (New York, NY)	Manhattan Nightclub
10:30am	Kumsitz <i>Bring your instruments and voices</i>	Lobby

MONDAY June 16, 2008

6:00am	Gym Open	
7:00am	שחרית : Hazzan Moshe Bear (Melville, NY) בעל קריאה : Moshe Pinchover (CICA)	Columbia Room

Gabbai: Hazzan Daniel Green (Toms River, NJ)
 D'var Torah: Hazzan Marcia Lane (Oakhurst, NJ)

7:00am	Yoga and Meditations - Using music by Meir Finkelstein set to morning prayers, meditations, kavanot and simple Yoga movements bring new spirituality to your prayers and body. (<i>This is not a complete service.</i>) Presenter: Judy Greenfeld (Encino, CA) Chair: Hazzan Rachel Hersh Epstein, (Bethesda, MD)	Ulster
7:00am- 9:00am 8:00am	Breakfast	Ballroom B-C
	Breakfast with Officers and Regional Chairs	Sansui Room
9:00am- 12:45pm 2:00pm – 4:00 pm 10pm –midnight	Vendors: Shop with our convention vendors at your leisure for music, Jewish art, tallitot, software, books and Judaica Cyber Café (drinks, snacks, free computer use)	Lobby Library
9:00am	The Ideal 21st Century Conservative Synagogue Chair: Hazzan Stephen J. Stein: <i>Executive Vice President of Cantors Assembly</i> Dr. Raymond Goldstein: <i>President, United Synagogue Of Conservative Judaism,</i> Rabbi Joel Meyers: <i>Executive Vice President, the Rabbinical Assembly,</i> Cory Schneider: <i>President, Womens League For Conservative Judaism,</i> Rabbi Charles Simon: <i>Executive Director, Federation of Jewish Mens Clubs</i>	Columbia Room
10:30am	Keynote: Reaching Every Jew Through Music Debbie Friedman Chair: Hazzan David Propis (Houston, TX)	Ballroom A
11:30am	<u>Concurrent Break Out Sessions:</u> A) Fusing New with Nusach: Hazzan Jacob Mendelson (White Plains, NY) B) New Tunes for Congregations and Children Hazzanim Alisa Pomerantz-Boro (Cherry Hill, NJ) & Mimi Haselkorn (Tarzana, CA) C) How Should We Train the Cantors of the Future Chair: Hazzan Henry Rosenblum-Dean, H. L. Miller Cantorial School Panelists: Hazzanim Scott Sokol-Dean, Cantorial School Boston Hebrew College & Nathan Lam-Dean, Cantorial School Academy of Jewish Religion, Los Angeles	Columbia Hudson Dutchess
12:45pm	Lunch *Officers and New Members ** Education Committee Meeting	Ballroom B-C *Sansui Room **Mimi's table
2:00pm	<u>Multiple Tracks Session One</u> Cantorial Track, Cantorial Master Class: Hazzan Faith Steinsnyder (Perth Amboy, NJ) Chaplaincy Track, Spiritual Assesment, Illness & Health: Hazzan Robert Scherr; Williams College (Williamstown, MA) & Rev. Harlan Ratmeyer: Director of Chaplaincy Services for Albany Medical Center Educational Track-4Mat: Dr. Cindy Dolgin & Hazzan Marcey Wagner (Jericho, NY) Intermediate Electronics: Hazzan Sheldon Levin (Metuchen, NJ) Spirituality Track: Hazzan David Lefkowitz (New York, NY) & Rabbi Jonathan Slater: Spirituality Institute (New York, NY)	Empire Columbia Hudson Library Dutchess
3:30pm	Choral Rehearsal Conductor: Hazzan Jeremy Lipton (Los Angeles, CA) Band Rehearsal Director: Hazzan Kenneth Richmond (Natick, MA) Dance Rehearsal Director: Hazzan Heather Batchelor (Port Chester, NY)	Columbia Ballroom A Ulster

	Free Individual Coachings Membership Interviews	Rooms TBA Hudson
5:00pm	Challenging Issues For Women Cantors: Hazzan Erica Lippitz (S. Orange, NJ) Free Time , Rehearsals, Free Individual Coachings	Dutchess Rooms to be announced
6:00pm	Dinner Chair Beny Maisner Toronto, Canada ברכת המזון : Hazzan Stacey Sokol (East Rockaway, NY) הבה נשיר : Hazzan David Tilman (Elkins Park, PA) and the Delaware Valley Region	Ballroom B-C
7:30pm	מנחה : Hazzan Richard Berlin (Pittsburgh, PA) מעריב : Hazzan Henry Rosenblum (Teaneck, NJ) and students of the H. L. Miller Cantorial School	Tent or Ballroom A
8:30pm	Abraham Shapiro ז"ל Memorial Concert <i>Honoring Members of the Assembly Fifty Years or Longer: Nathan Chaitovsky, Charles Davidson, Saul Hammerman, Sol Mendelson, Ivan Perlman, Max Rubin, Morton Shames.</i> Producer: Emanuel Perlman (Baltimore,MD) Hazzanim: Thom King (Baltimore, MD), Kim Komrad (Gaithersburg, MD), Jacob Ben Zion Mendelson (White Plains, NY), Emanuel Perlman (Baltimore,MD), Joshua Perlman (Rockville, MD), Richard Perlman, Robert Scherr (Williamstown, MA), Eliot Vogel (Penn Valley, PA), Yitzhak Zhebker (Dallas, TX)	Manhattan Nightclub
10:00pm	Visions: A trio of young singers accompanied by Hazzan Alan Robuck (Orlando, FL)	Manhattan Nightclub
11:00pm	Promenade Concert: Masters of Ceremonies: Hazzanim Matthew Axelrod (Scotch Plains, NJ) & Larry Goller (Highland Park, IL)	Empire Room

TUESDAY, June 17, 2008

6:00am	Gym Open	
7:00am	שחרית : Hazzan Carol Chesler (Huntington, NY) Gabbai: Hazzan Daniel Green (Toms River, NJ) D'var Torah: Hazzan Frank Lanzkron-Tamarazo (Farmington Hills, MI)	Columbia Room
7:00am	Yoga and Meditations (see Monday 7:30am) Presenter: Judy Greenfeld (Encino, CA)	Ulster
7:00am- 9:00am	Breakfast (Ex-officio and Officers)	Ballroom B-C (Sansui)
9:00am – 12:45pm 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Shop with our convention vendors at your leisure for music, Jewish art, tallitot, software, books and Judaica	Lobby
10pm – midnight	Cyber Café (Drinks, snacks, free computer use)	Library
9:00am	New Music Read Through - Chair: Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz (Briar Cliff Manor, NY) Hazzanim Gaston Bogomolni (Omaha, NE), Kenneth Cohen (Honolulu HI), Robbie Solomon (Lexington, MA)	Tent
10:15am	60th Annual Membership Meeting (Closed session – members and spouses only)	Ballroom C

Presiding: Hazzan Joseph Gole (Los Angeles, CA)
 Membership Report and Induction of New Members:
 Hazzan Jeffrey Myers (Massapequa, NY)
 Fiscal Report: Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi (Chicago, IL)
 Pension Update: Mitchell Smilowitz, CEO, Joint
 Retirement Board
 Presentation of Commissions: Hazzan Eric Snyder, Executive Administrator (Cherry Hill,
 NJ)
 Nominations and Election of Officers and Board: Hazzan Steven Stoehr (Northbrook,
 IL)
 Installation of Officers and Board: T.B.A.
 President's Report: Hazzan Joseph Gole (Los Angeles, CA)
 Growth and Development: Hazzan Rebecca Carmi (Beachwood, OH)
 Placement Report: Hazzan Robert Scherr (Williamstown, MA)

10:15am	Session for Non-Members, an Israeli Film: <i>Ushpizin</i> Chair: Steven Heavenstone (Atlanta, GA) (Membership Testing)	Empire Room (Hudson)
12:30pm	Lunch *Miller School Alumni	Ballroom B-C *Sansui Room
1:30pm	שמחה: Hazzan Estelle Epstein (Teaneck, NJ) Samuel Rosenbaum Memorial Award awarded to Hazzan Sam Weiss (Paramus, NJ) Presenter: Hazzan Morton Shames (Springfield, MA)	Ballroom A
1:45pm	Samuel Rosenbaum Lecture Voices of Jewish Music Mathew Lazar and chorus Chair: Hazzan Nancy Abramson (New York, NY) Choir: Hazzanim T.B.A.	Ballroom A
3:15pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Multiple Tracks Session Two</u></p> Cantorial Track, <i>Cantorial Master Class</i> : Hazzan Alberto Mizrahi (Chicago, IL) Chaplaincy Track, <i>Life and Death Issues</i> : Rabbi Stephen Robbins, Hazzan Eva Robbins (Los Angeles CA), Hazzan Deborah Tanzer-Cohen: Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (Philadelphia, PA) Educational Track-4Mat : Dr. Cindy Dolgin (New York, NY) & Hazzan Marcey Wagner (Jericho, NY) Intermediate Electronics, <i>Managing Torah Reader with the Web and Music Publishing</i> : Hazzanim Gaston Bogomolni (Omaha, NE) and Richard Berlin (<i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>) Spirituality Track : Hazzan David Lefkowitz (New York, NY) & Rabbi Jonathan Slater: Spirituality Institute	Empire Room Columbia Dutchess Library Hudson Rooms
4:45pm	Choral Rehearsal Conductor: Hazzan Jeremy Lipton (Los Angeles, CA) Band Rehearsal Director: Hazzan Kenneth Richmond (Natick, MA) Dance Rehearsal Director: Hazzan Heather Batchelor (Port Chester, NY)	Columbia Ballroom A Ulster
5:45pm	Free Individual Coachings Membership Interviews Free Time , Individual Rehearsals, Free Individual Coachings	Rooms to be announced Rooms to be announced

6:30pm **DINNER** Ballroom B-C
 Chair: Hazzan Marcey Wagner (Jericho, NY)
הבה נשיר: Hazzan Sheldon Levin (Metuchen, NJ) and the NJ Region
ברכת המזון: Hazzan Wayne Kreiger (Marlboro, NJ)

8:15pm **מעריב**: Hazzan Moshe Taubé (Pittsburgh, PA) Ballroom A
 Conductor: Sol Zim (Hollis Hills, NY) and Mens Chorus
HaShoah Memorial הזכרה: Hazzan Steven Stoehr (Northbrook, IL)
קל מלא: Hazzan Moshe Taubé (Pittsburgh, PA)

9:15pm **Concert: Music of Meir Finkelstein** Manhattan
 Producer: Alan Smolen (Ventnor City, NJ) Nightclub
 Hazzanim: Elizabeth Berke (Springfield, MA), Steven Berke (Springfield, MA), Scott Buckner (Minnetonka, MN), Rebecca Carmi (Beachwood, OH), Jack Chomsky (Columbus, OH), Paul Dorman (Northridge, NJ), Meir Finkelstein (Southfield, MI), Joseph Gole (Los Angeles, CA), Sam Josephson (Fairlawn, NJ), Alberto Mizrahi (Chicago, IL), Alisa Pomerantz-Boro (Cherry Hill, NJ), David Propis (Houston, TX), Lance Tapper (Bermuda Dunes, CA) and Ms. Pamela Schiffer (East Lansing, MI),
 New Jersey Cantors Concert Ensemble & The Stephen Glass Singers - Conductor: Stephen Glass

11:15pm **Regional Parties** Rooms to be announced

WEDNESDAY June 18, 2008

6:00am Gym open

7:00am **שחרית**: Hazzan Ralph Goren (Margate, NJ) Columbia Room
 Gabbai: Hazzan Daniel Green (Toms River, NJ)
 D'var Torah: Hazzan Richard Wolberg (Fall River, MA)

7:00am **Yoga and Meditations** (see Monday morning's description) Presenter: Judy Greenfeld Ulster
 (Encino, CA)

7:00am- 9:00am **Breakfast** Ballroom B-C
 (Officer's Think Tank) (Sansui)

9:00am – 12:45 pm Shop with our convention vendors at your leisure for music, Jewish art, tallitot, software, Lobby
 2:00pm– 6:00pm books and Judaica

10pm – midnight **Cyber Café** (Drinks, snacks and free computer use) Library

9:00am **Plenary Session** Manhattan
 Memorial to Departed Colleagues: Nightclub
הספד: Hazzan Josh Perlman
 (Rockville, MD)
קל מלא: Hazzan Shira Belfer (New York, NY)
Annual Address: Hazzan Stephen J. Stein (Akron, OH), Executive Vice President:
 Cantors Assembly
Envisioning a New Future for the Cantorate: Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, Dean:
 Zeigler Rabbinical School

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:15am- 11:15am	<p>A) Placement Issues (How To Interview, Improve Your Resume and CD, Negotiating Techniques, Hazzanim Robert Scherr (Williamstown, MA) and Eric Wasser (Fairlawn, NJ)</p> <p>B) Adapting To Changing Congregations (How to change so you don't need to change jobs) Chair: Hazzan Stephen J. Stein (Akron, OH) with Hazzanim Alan Robuck (Orlando, FL), Lorna Wallach-Kallet (Millburn, NJ)</p> <p>C) Planning a Concert & Fundraising (How to organize a committee, the event, publicity and more) Hazzan Rebecca Carmi (Beachwood, OH)</p>	Dutchess Columbia Hudson Rooms
11:30am	<p>Keynote: On Being A Good Person In A Complicated World-Text Study and Talk Rabbi Joseph Telushkin Chair: Hazzan Henry Rosenblum, Dean, H. L. Miller Cantorial School (New York, NY)</p>	Ballroom A
12:45am	<p>Lunch Lunch with Rabbi Telushkin for those interested in Publishing and Jewish Literacy (<i>at his table</i>) *Lunch for Miller School Alumni</p>	Ballroom B-C *Sansui Room
Multiple Tracks Session Three		
2:00pm	<p>Cantorial Track, <i>New Music For Yom Kippur</i>: Hazzan Sol Zim (Hollis Hills, NY) Chaplaincy Track, <i>End of Life Issues</i>: Hazzan Steven Stoehr (Northbrook, IL) Educational Track-4Mat: Dr. Cindy Dolgin & Hazzan Marcey Wagner (Jericho, NY) Intermediate Electronics, <i>Creating CDs, MP3s and exciting Recordings</i>: Hazzan David Props (Houston, TX) Spirituality Track: Hazzan Eva Robbins (Los Angeles, CA) & Rabbi Stephen Robbins</p>	Empire Room Columbia Dutchess Library Hudson Rooms
3:30pm	<p>Choral Rehearsal Conductor: Hazzan Jeremy Lipton (Los Angeles, CA) Band Rehearsal Director: Hazzan Kenneth Richmond (Natick, MA) Dance Rehearsal Director: Hazzan Heather Batchelor (Port Chester, NY)</p>	Columbia Manhattan Ulster Room
5:00pm	<p>Free Individual Coachings Membership Interviews Free Time, Individual Rehearsals, Free Individual Coachings</p>	T.B.A. Hudson To be announced
6:00pm 6:45pm	<p>Hors d'oeuvres / Cocktail Hour Dinner המזון ברכת: Hazzan Howard Dardashti (Boynton Beach, FL) Chair: Hazzan Joseph Gole, Los Angeles, CA הבה נשיר: <i>Chassidic Song Festival Favorites</i> - West Coast Region</p>	Lobby Ballroom B-C
8:00pm	<p>מנהה: Hazzan Alan Sokoloff (Ventnor, NJ)</p> <p>מעריב: Celebrating Twenty Years of Women Graduates of the H. L. Miller Cantorial School Chair: Hazzan Joanna Dulkan (St. Louis, MO) Hazzanim Laura Berman (Westport, CT), Caitlin Bromberg (Albuquerque, NM) Carol Chesler (Huntington, NY), Avima Rudavsky Darnov (Marlboro, NJ), Elisheva Dienstfrey (Alexandria, VA), Estelle Epstein (Teaneck, NJ), Michelle Freedman (Ridgewood, NJ), Jenna Beth Greenberg (Washington, DC), Amy Pearlman Kanerek (Dobbs Ferry, NY), Erica Lippitz (S. Orange, NJ), Paula Pepperstone (Louisville, KY), Paula Pomerantz, Wenc Portman (Silver Spring, MD), Marina Shemesh (Worcester, MA), Stacey Joy Sokol (East Rockaway, NY), Elizabeth Stevens (New York, NY), Marcey Wagner (Jericho, NY)</p>	Ballroom A

9:00pm	<p>Concert: Israel @ 60 Including Convention Band, Chorus & Dancers and sing alongs for entire audience Chair: Hazzan Ilan Mamber (Wyckoff, NJ) Choir Director: Hazzan Jeremy Lipton (Los Angeles, CA) Band Director: Hazzan Kenneth Richmond (Natick, MA) Dance Director: Hazzan Heather Batchelor (Port Chester, NY) Hazzanim : Ofer Barnoy (Roslyn, NY), Aaron Bensoussan (North York, CAN), Josef Chazan (Mission Viejo, CA) Estelle Epstein (Teaneck, NJ), Raphael Frieder (Great Neck, NY), Beny Maissner (Toronto, CAN), Ilan Mamber (Wyckoff, NJ), Israel Singer (Closter, NJ) and others to be announced</p>	Manhattan Nightclub
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11:00pm	<p>C.A. "Idol" Contest Master of Ceremonies: Hazzan T.B.A.as Ryan Seacrest Judges: Hazzanim: Alan Sokoloff as Randi, Marcey Wagner as Paula and Simon Spiro as Simon. <i>At the end of the evening the audience will vote and the winner will receive a grand prize.</i></p>	Empire Room
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THURSDAY, June 19, 2008

7:00am	<p>שחרית: Hazzan Stacy Sokol (East Rockaway, NY) בעל קריאה: Tzahi Ben Moshe (CICA) Gabbai: Hazzan Daniel Green (Toms River, NJ) D'var Torah: Hazzan Benjamin Maissner (Toronto, Canada)</p>	Columbia Room
7:00am	Yoga and Meditations (see Monday morning) Presenter: Judy Greenfeld (Encino, CA)	Ulster
7:00am- 9:00am	Breakfast	Ballroom B-C
8:00am	Executive Council Breakfast	Ballroom A
9:00am- 10:30am	Shop with our convention vendors for music, Jewish art, talitot, software, books and Judaica	Lobby
	Cyber Café	Library
9:00am	FILM: My Name Is Moshe about Hazzan Moshe Nathanson מ"ש produced by Sheldon Feinberg	Empire
9:00am	Executive Council Meeting	Ballroom A
10:30am	Teaching B'nai Mitzvah students with Learning Issues: Hazzan Marcia Lane (Deal, NJ) and Dr. Howard Blas: Director Tikvah Program, Camp Ramah-New England Check Out By 12:30pm	Dutchess
Noon-1pm	Lunch	Tent

NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM (and Eastern Europe) June 28 - July 12, 2009