



## **THIS COMING AUGUST COME DOWN TO THE JERSEY SHORE!**

- **JOIN YOUR CANTORIAL COLLEAGUES**
- **SING IN A GALA CONCERT**
- **LISTEN AND LEARN FROM THOSE YOU RESPECT**
- **SEE THE OCEAN & OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST**

The New Jersey and Delaware Valley Regions of the Cantors Assembly are pleased to invite you to our 2017 annual summer retreat, which will take place this year “down the Shore” in **Toms River, New Jersey**. This will be a wonderful opportunity for camaraderie, fun and singing in a concert as well as learning from an esteemed colleague. Cantors Assembly membership is not a requirement to participate. The event will take place on **Sunday, August 20 and Monday, August 21** at Congregation B’nai Israel in Toms River, the shul of our colleagues, Hazzan Steven Walvick (incumbent) and Hazzan Daniel Green (emeritus). You may visit the website of Congregation B’nai Israel at <http://www.cbitr.org/>.

On Sunday evening colleagues will perform as an ensemble in a major concert called ***More Jewish Joy On A Summer Evening***. Hazzanim Sheldon Levin and David Tilman will conduct, and we will be accompanied by pianist Dave Schlossberg. The audience will be members of our host congregation along with other residents of the local and nearby Jewish communities.



On Monday morning Rabbi Deborah Miller will offer a practicum entitled **Chaplaincy: Meeting People Where They Are With Music**. Rabbi Miller was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 2011 and became a board-certified chaplain with the National Association of Jewish Chaplains in 2014. She has worked in a variety of healthcare settings, including hospitals, home hospice, and community organizations serving adults with developmental disabilities. Her most recent project is developing <https://booksandblintzes.com/>, an online community and showcase for art inspired by Jewish texts and traditions from around the world. Originally from Toronto, Rabbi Miller now lives in Toms River with her husband, Hazzan Steven Walvick and their 4-year-old daughter.

Also on Monday morning, two national officers of the Cantors Assembly will be with us to share topics of current relevance to all hazzanim: Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro, our newly-installed President; and Hazzan Stephen J. Stein, Executive Vice President. There will be ample time for questions and comments.

Registration for our retreat will be \$90 per person and will include Sunday dinner, Monday breakfast and Monday lunch.

Luxurious accommodations have been arranged to spend Sunday night at the award-winning 4½-star Clarion Hotel in Toms River, whose friendly general manager is past president of the congregation. Hotel cost for our attendees will be \$99 plus 12% tax per room—a high-season favor to us in this resort town.

Those who cannot stay overnight may register for Sunday only (incl. dinner) at \$50 per person or Monday only (incl. breakfast and lunch) at \$50 per person.

**CANTORS ASSEMBLY**  
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**2017 SUMMER RETREAT    AUGUST 20-21, 2017**

**Congregation B'nai Israel    1488 Old Freehold Road, Toms River, NJ    732-349-1244**

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

- 1:00 PM    Check into Clarion Hotel and unpack.                      See last page for more information  
Then drive to Congregation B'nai Israel (5 miles/12 minutes).  
Driving directions between both locations to be provided.
- 2:00            Welcome and snacks
- 2:30            **Rehearsal for evening concert**                      Bring all concert music (to be announced)  
in black looseleaf ring binder.
- 5:00            Dinner                      Dairy / Pareve / Vegetarian
- 6:00            Dress for concert    Secure dressing rooms provided at B'nai Israel
- 7:00            **Concert: *More Jewish Joy On A Summer Evening***
- 9:00            Refreshments and social hour for hazzanim and audience
- 9:45            Drive from Congregation B'nai Israel to Clarion Hotel.
- 10:00            After-concert social hour in designated reserved room at hotel

**Monday, August 21, 2017**

- 7:30 AM    Drive from Clarion Hotel to Congregation B'nai Israel.
- 8:00            **Shacharit service together with daily minyan "regulars"**
- 9:00            Breakfast                      Dairy / Pareve / Vegetarian
- 9:45            **Messages from national officers of the Cantors Assembly**  
**Hazzan Alisa Pomerantz-Boro and Hazzan Stephen J. Stein**
- 10:30            **Practicum by Rabbi Deborah Miller:**  
***Chaplaincy: Meeting People Where They Are With Music***
- 11:30            Lunch                      Dairy / Pareve / Vegetarian
- 12:15 PM    Drive from Congregation B'nai Israel to Clarion Hotel.  
Check out from hotel not later than 1:00 PM.
- 1:00            Enjoy the afternoon "down the Shore" on your own before heading home.

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Don't return home right away if you can possibly arrange to spend just a few more hours "down the Shore." Please stay for the afternoon and enjoy a couple of tourist attractions or visit a quiet park. The Clarion Hotel is only 20 minutes from the Atlantic Ocean. Driving east from the hotel along Route 37, you will cross over Barnegat Bay to the long, narrow "barrier island," arriving first at Seaside Heights, the famous town of ocean, beach, boardwalk, rides, amusements, arcades, entertainment, food and more. Then, both to the north and south, you will find more small beach towns, each with its own character and each with its own policy and prices for admission to the beach. But the boardwalks are free, and the ocean view and salt air aroma are fabulous everywhere. Be sure to include a drive along the equally-beautiful Barnegat Bay side of the barrier island. Also, only 10 minutes south of Seaside Heights is Island Beach State Park. Visit: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/island.html>.

Alternatively, consider driving 20 minutes north instead to visit Lakewood. Because of the explosive and ongoing influx of Orthodox Jews, Lakewood has now reached a population of over 100,000. There you will find kosher supermarkets, fast-food restaurants, *shatnez*-checking stores, stores selling black hats for men and *shaitls* for women, and literally dozens of Orthodox synagogues, mikvahs and yeshivas (ask us to direct you). You might just as well be in Brooklyn's Borough Park or Williamsburg.

Many points of interest are even closer to Congregation B'nai Israel and the Clarion Hotel, such as Winding River Park, with its picturesque views of the cedar-colored but pure Toms River and its fabled pinelands environment (see below). For those interested in shopping, there is always the Ocean County Mall. There are many other fascinating places to visit elsewhere in Ocean County. Please ask Dan Green or Steve Walvick for their recommendations, or visit this tourism website for ideas: <http://www.oceancountytourism.com/>.

If you do plan to spend the afternoon outdoors in our area, be sure to bring along a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.



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**2017 SUMMER RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM**  
**August 20-21, 2017**

**RETREAT REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 1**

Name (PRINT!) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please reply to these three questions:**

1. Will you rehearse with the ensemble at 2:30 PM and sing in our evening concert? \_\_\_\_\_

2. If so, please specify your voice part: Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass: \_\_\_\_\_

3. All food to be served will be kosher and will be dairy/pareve/vegetarian. Do you have any serious dietary concerns? Please clearly state them here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Print out this page and reply to above questions. Make a copy for yourself, then mail the other with your check before August 1. This is for retreat registration only--not the hotel.**

The enclosed check, payable to **Cantors Assembly NJ Region**, is for:

\_\_\_ Registration fee of \$90 per person for full Sunday-Monday retreat.

\_\_\_ Registration fee of \$50 per person for: \_\_\_ Sunday only \_\_\_ Monday only

Mail this completed page, along with your check, to:

**Cantor Daniel Green  
6 Teri Court  
Jackson, New Jersey 08527**

For questions, advice or assistance, please contact:

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**HOTEL INSTRUCTIONS**

**Clarion Hotel & Conference Center**  
**815 Route 37 West (just east of Mule Road)**  
**Toms River, NJ 08755**  
**732-341-2400**

For full information about the Clarion Hotel visit <http://www.clarionhoteltomsriver.com/>. You must phone the hotel to make your reservation; do not attempt to reserve online.

Phone the hotel at **732-341-2400** as soon as possible but before August 6. Identify yourself as attending the Cantors Assembly Retreat. Tell them the name of any other person with whom you expect to share your room. The rate for our Cantors Assembly Retreat participants is \$99 plus tax per room. Parking is free.

Bob Van Bochove, the hotel manager, has granted us special permission to check in as early as 1 PM on Sunday and to check out up to 1 PM on Monday. Remind the hotel agent of these check-in and check-out exceptions when you call in your reservation. If there is any problem, ask to speak to the manager's office.

**CLARION HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 6**

For questions, advice or assistance, please contact:

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