

CANTOR'S CONCERT

at Temple Chai

"Bimah to Broadway"

Sunday, April 15th

6:00pm **Cookout Dinner**
Featuring Lucy Greenbaum

7:00pm **Concert**

Featuring Guest Cantors: Dan Sklar & Natalie Young



Dan Sklar
Temple Israel
Westport, CT



Natalie Young
Temple Beth El
Aliso Viejo, CA

Performing with Cantor Ross Wolman, Cantor Sharona Feller,
Allan Naplan, Lucy Greenbaum, Dan Kurek
and Temple Chai's Adult Choir and Youth Choir



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April 15, 2018 || 30 Nisan 5778

Yism'chu

ישמחו

Liturgy

music by Robbie Solomon

ישמחו במלכותך שומרי שבת וקוראי ענג. עם מקדשי שביעי, כלם ישבעו ויתענגו
מטובך. והשביעי רצית בו וקדשתו, חמדת ימים אותו קראת, זכר למעשה בראשית.

Ensemble with Dan Kurek, piano

Those who keep Shabbat by calling it a delight will rejoice in Your realm. The people that hallow Shabbat will delight in Your goodness. For, being pleased with the Seventh Day, You hallowed it as the most precious of days, drawing our attention to the work of Creation.

Psalm 150 - Hal'luyah!

תהילים ק"נ - הללויה!

Psalm 150

music by Natalie Young

Hal'luyah!

הללו יה!

Praise God in God's sanctuary; praise God in the Sky

הללו-אל בקדשו הללוהו ברקיע עזו

Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for greatness

הללוהו בגבורתיו הללוהו כרב גדלו

Praise God with blasts of the horn, harp, and lyre

הללוהו בתקע שופר הללוהו בנגבל וכנור

Praise God with timbrel and dance, lute and pipe

הללוהו בתוף ומחול הללוהו במנים ועגב

Praise God with with resounding and crashing cymbals

הללוהו בצלצלי שמע הללוהו בצלצלי תרועה

Let all that breathes praise God. Hal'luyah!

כל הנשמה תהלל יה הללו-יה

Cantor Natalie Young and Adult Choir

A Dudele

תהילים ק"נ - הללויה!

text by R Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev (1740-1809)

folksong arranged by Ida Ruth Meisels

רבוננו של עולם כ'וועל דיר א דודעלע זינגען! דו-דו-דו, דו-דו / איה אמצאך ואיה לא
אמצאך? וואו קאן מען דיר יא געפינען און וואו קאן מען דיר נישט געפינען? אז וואו איך
געה: דו. אזת וואו איך שטעה: דו. רק דו נאר דו וויעדער דו. אבער דו / איז עמיצען גוט:
דו. חלילה שלעכט: אי דו; מזרח: דו מערב: דו, צפון: דו דרום: דו!
שמים: דו ארץ: דו, מעלה: דו מטה: דו! וואו איך קעהר מיך. וואו איך ווענד מיך דו: דו!

Cantor Dan Sklar & Cantor Shirah Lipson Sklar with Dan Kurek, piano

Ruler of the World, I will sing You a song! Where shall I find You? And where shall I not find You? Where I wander :You are there. Where I sojourn – You are there. Only You, always You. You! You! You!

When I am joyful: it is You. When I am woeful: it is You. Only You, always You. You! You! You!

East and west, north and south, in all directions: to and fro,

In the sky and on the earth, You above and You below: Only You, always You. You! You! You!

Va'ani T'fillati

ואני תפילתי

Mah Tovu liturgy, excerpted from Psalm 69:14

music & english interpretation
by Noah Aronson & Coleen Dieker

And I will be my prayer for You, just as you want me to be

וְאֲנִי תְפִלְתִּי לְךָ, יְיָ, עֵת רְצוֹן.

In the fulness of Your stead-fast love, embrace me, answer me אֱלֹהִים בְּרַב-חַסְדֶּךָ עֲנֵנִי בְּאַמַּת יִשְׁעֶךָ

Lucy Greenbaum, Cantor Dan Sklar, Cantor Ross Wolman, and Cantor Natalie Young

Al Kein N'kaveh L'cha

על כן נקוה לך

Liturgy (the Aleinu prayer)

music by Noam Katz

שִׂדֵי! עַל בֶּן נְקוּהָ לְךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְרֵאוֹת מְהֵרָה בְּתַפְאֶרֶת עֲזֶךָ לְתַקֵּן עוֹלָם בְּמַלְכוּת שִׂדֵי!

We put our hope in You, Adonai our God, that we may soon behold the glory of Your might, perfecting the world under the sovereignty of God.

Kol Chai: Temple Chai's Youth Choir with Cantor Ross Wolman, guitar

Shir Hashirim Medley

מחרוזת משיר השירים

Eit Dodim

עת דודים

Song of Songs 6:11

folk melody

It is a time for lovers; come into my garden my bride.

עַת דּוּדִים בָּלָהּ בּוֹאֵי לְגַנִּי

The vines are blossoming; the pomegranates are budding.

פְּרָחָה הַגָּפֶן הַיָּצוּוֹ הָרְמוֹנִים.

Rise Up My Love

text and music by Debbie Friedman

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter's passed and the rain is gone.
The flowers appear on earth, the time for singing is come / And the voice of the turtle is heard.
The fig tree bringeth forth her green figs The vines in blossom bring forth their fragrance
Arise, arise my love, my fair one come away
Arise my love, come away.

Cantor Sharona Feller with Cantor Ross Wolman, percussion

Elohai N'tzor

אלוהי נצור

Liturgy

Music by Danny Maseng

אֱלֹהֵי, נִצֹר לְשׁוֹנֵי מִרְעַע וּשְׂפָתַי מִדְּבַר מְרָמָה, וְלִמְקַלְלֵי נַפְשִׁי תְדוּם, וְנַפְשִׁי בְּעַפְרָא לְכָל
תְּהִיָּה. פֶּתַח לְבָבִי בְּתוֹרַתְךָ

יְהִיו לְרָצוֹן אִמְרֵי פִי וְהִגִּיוֹן לְבָבִי לְפָנֶיךָ, יְיָ צוּרִי וְגֹאֲלִי.

Ensemble with Cantor Ross Wolman, guitar

My God, guard my speech from evil and my lips from deception. Before those who slander me, I will hold my tongue; I will practice humility. Open my heart to Your Torah.

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to You, Adonai, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Sim Shalom

Text: "One Human Family" from Gates of Prayer

Grant peace, goodness and blessings

graciousness and compassion on all of the world

May it be your will

that you will eradicate wars,

and bloodshed from the world

and may all become one community

to do your will wholeheartedly

God/Creator of peace, bless us with peace.

שים שלום

Music by Allan Naplan

שים שלום טובה וברכה

חן וחסד ורחמים על כל יושבי תבל

יהי רצון מלפניך

שתבטל מלחמות

ושפיכות דמים מן העולם

ויעשו כלם אגדה אחת

לעשות רצונך בלבב שלם

יי שלום ברכינו ושלום

Allan Naplan with Dan Kurek, piano

Samachti B'omrim Li

from Psalm 122

שמחתי באומרים לי

music by Charles Osborne

שְׂמַחְתִּי בְּאֹמְרִים לִי בֵּית יְיָ. עֲמֻדֹת, הָיוּ רַגְלֵינוּ בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ, יְרוּשָׁלַם. יְרוּשָׁלַם
הַבְּנוּיָה כְּעִיר, שְׁחַבְרָה-לָהּ יַחְדָּו. שְׁשֵׁם עָלוּ שְׁבִטֵי-יָהּ עִדוּת לְיִשְׂרָאֵל: לְהַדוֹת, לְשֵׁם
יְיָ. שְׁאֵלוּ, שְׁלוֹם יְרוּשָׁלַם; יִשְׁלִיוּ, אֶהְבִּיךָ. יְהִי-שְׁלוֹם בְּחֵילֶךָ; שְׁלוֹה, בְּאַרְמְנוֹתֶיךָ. לְמַעַן
אֲחֵי וְרֵעֵי אֲדַבְרָה-נָא שְׁלוֹם בְּךָ. לְמַעַן, בֵּית-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֲבַקֶּשׂה טוֹב לָךְ.

I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go unto the house of Adonai." Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem; Jerusalem, that was built as a city in close quarters; Whether the tribes went up, even the tribes of Adonai, as a testimony unto Israel, to give thanks unto the name of Adonai. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; may those who love you prosper. Peace be within your walls, and prosperity within your palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say: 'Peace be within you.' For the sake of the house of Adonai our God I will seek your good.

Temple Chai Adult Choir with Dan Kurek, piano

Chad Gadyo

Haggadah

חד גדיא

music by Moishe Oysher

חד גדיא, חד גדיא: דזבין אבא בתרי זוזי.

ואתא שונרא, ואכלה לגדיא, דזבין אבא בתרי זוזי. חד גדיא, חד גדיא:

ואתא מיא, וכבה לנורא, דשרף לחוטרא, דהכה לכלבא, דנשך לשונרא, דאכלה לגדיא, דזבין אבא בתרי זוזי. חד גדיא, חד גדיא:

ואתא הקדוש ברוך הוא, ושחט למלאך המות, דשחט לשוחט, דשחט לתורא, דשתה למיא, דכבה לנורא, דשרף לחוטרא, דהכה לכלבא, דנשך לשונרא, דאכלה לגדיא, דזבין אבא בתרי זוזי. חד גדיא, חד גדיא:

Allan Naplan, Cantor Ross Wolman, and Temple Chai Adult Choir with Dan Kurek, piano

One only kid, one only kid. My father bought for two zuzim. One only kid, one only kid.

Then came a cat that ate the kid, that father bought for two zuzim. One only kid, one only kid.

Then came the water, which put out the fire, which burnt the stick, which hit the dog, which bit the cat, which ate the kid, which my father bought for two zuzim. One only kid, one only kid.

Along came the Holy One Blessed Be He, and slew the Angel of Death, who slew the butcher, who slaughtered the ox, which drank the water, which put out the fire, which burnt the stick, which hit the dog, which bit the cat, which ate the kid, which my father bought for two zuzim. One only kid, one only kid.

INTERMISSION

You Will Be Found *from Dean Evan Hansen*

Text and music by Justin Paul & Benj Pasek

Arranged by Alex Lacamoire, Justin Paul, and Benj Pasek

Ensemble

Falling Slowly *from Once*

Text and music by Glen Hansard & Markéta Irglová

Cantor Dan Sklar & Cantor Natalie Young with Dan Kurek, piano

Send in the Clowns *from A Little Night Music*

Text and music by Stephen Sondheim

Cantor Sharona Feller with Dan Kurek, piano

Everyone Hates His Parents *from Falsettos*

Text and music by William Finn

Ari Sklar & Cantor Dan Sklar with Dan Kurek, piano

Somewhere Over the Rainbow *from The Wizard of Oz*

Text by EY Harburg

Music by Harold Arlen

Cantor Natalie Young with Dan Kurek, piano

Maria *from West Side Story*

Text by Stephen Sondheim

Music by Leonard Bernstein

Dan Kurek with Dan Sklar, piano

She Used to be Mine *from Waitress*

Text and music by Sara Bareilles

Lucy Greenbaum with Dan Kurek, piano

Rumania Rumania

Text and music by Aaron Lebedef

Arranged by Sholom Secunda

Cantor Ross Wolman with Dan Kurek, piano

Rumania, Rumania. There was once a land, sweet and beautiful, and fine. To live there is a delight. What your heart desires, you can obtain. A cornmeal pudding, a pastrami sandwich, a sausage, and a glass of wine, aha! In Rumania it is good, where one is free from worries. Everyone drinks wine and eats yellow cheese. Hay digi digi dam. In Rumania it is wonderful, with no worries, everyone drinks wine and eats cucumber. Oy vey! I am going crazy, I love only feta cheese, cornmeal pudding, and I dance and celebrate to the ceiling when I eat eggplant. Dzingma, ay digi digi dam. Ay it's a pleasure, it can't be better, Rumanian wine is a delight. The rumanians drink wine and eat cornmeal pudding. He who kisses his own wife is crazy. Dzingma! Ah, "Yokum purkon min shamaya" he stays and kisses the cook, Khaye, who dresses in old worn-out shoes, and makes a pudding in honor of the Sabbath. Zetz! Ay digi digi dam. Ay, it's a pleasure, it cannot be better, ay a joy is drinking Rumanian wine. Ay!

Seasons of Love *from Rent*

Text and music by Jonathan Larson

Ensemble with Dan Kurek, piano

Performer Biographies

Cantor Natalie Young is an award-winning composer whose music is being used by communities all over the world. Her gift for writing beautiful and memorable melodies has made prayer experiences accessible for worshippers young and old. The power of music is something she takes seriously not just in her music writing, but how she connects with people and crafts services as a cantor. Natalie is getting ready to record her third album of original music, *Soul Spark*. Numerous artists and congregations have recorded her music and have commissioned new works from her. An anthology of many of her compositions was published in the *Natalie Young Anthology* by Transcontinental Music Publications. Natalie proudly serves as the cantor at Temple Beth El in Aliso Viejo, California. She is also privileged to be able to share her musical gifts and teachings with communities as a cantor/composer-in-residence throughout the year.

Cantor Young lives in Irvine, CA with her husband Rabbi David Young of Congregation B'nai Tzedek in Fountain Valley, and their three children, Gabriel, Alex, and Isabella.

Cantor Dan Sklar is currently serving Temple Israel of Westport, CT. He was invested as cantor from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 2006 and ordained as rabbi in 2008. Prior to Hebrew Union College, Cantor Sklar pursued a career in musical theater and has performed in regional theater and a Broadway national tour. He has also participated in numerous concert events including cantorial concerts at Alice Tully Hall and Avery Fisher Hall. Cantor Sklar serves on the board of the Westport/Weston Y and chairs the grant allocation committee of the Bedford Family Social Responsibility Fund. He is joined today by his wife, Cantor Shirah Sklar of Temple Shalom of Norwalk, CT, and his son Ari, a 3rd grade student at Kings Highway School of Westport, CT. Back in CT, the family leaves behind 4-year-old twins Isaac and Jonah, who are staying with their grandparents but look forward to joining them on the stage in the future.

Cantor Sharona Feller is the Cantor Emerita of Temple Chai having served the congregation since 1983. Originally from Los Angeles, Sharona received her BA in Ethnomusicology from UCLA and her cantorial training from Hebrew Union College in L.A. As a cantorial student, Sharona sang throughout California and the Southwest ultimately working at Beth Chayim Chadashim and, for many years, joining Rabbi Barton Lee at ASU Hillel for the High Holy Days. Sharona and her husband Daniel moved to Chicago where she was the cantor at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield for five years. Moving to Phoenix, Sharona reconnected with her friend Rabbi Bill Berk and the rest is history. Sharona and husband Daniel raised their children, Rachel, Avi, and Jonathan at Temple Chai. Their family has grown with Jessie Weiser, Siggie Cherem and two granddaughters Elana & Miri.

Lucy Greenbaum is currently a junior at Washington University in St. Louis studying Psychology and Global Health. She's been surrounded by music her whole life, and spends a lot of her time songleading at different Jewish communities across the country (but her favorite will always be Temple Chai). She sings during the week with her Jewish a cappella group, Staam, for which she is the Music Director. Lucy recently released her debut album, *Sing Your Strength*, which is available everywhere music is streamed or sold.

Dan Kurek works extensively as an outstanding tenor vocalist, pianist, organist, music director, educator and composer-arranger. He has performed numerous roles with some of the nation's leading Opera companies, such as: Arizona Opera, Opera Company of Boston, Cleveland Opera, Opera Pacific, Phoenix Opera and Austin Lyric Opera. He has served as Music Director for many productions in leading professional and community theaters in Indiana, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and throughout Arizona's Valley of the Sun. For the past 11 years, he has been the Choir Director at Temple Chai, and is the Director of the Phoenix Jewish Community Chorus. Dan holds a B.A. degree in Education from Siena College in Albany, NY, and a M.M. degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Allan Naplan has served as a guest cantorial soloist at Temple Chai since 2013. His full time profession is as the Executive and Producing Director of Arizona Musicfest. As a cantorial soloist, Allan has enjoyed affiliations with B'nai Jeshurun "BJ" (NYC), Congregation Beth Yeshurun (Houston), Temple Beth El (Madison, WI), Temple Solel (Paradise Valley), and Congregation Beth David (San Luis Obispo, CA), where he leads High Holiday services. After an initial career as an opera singer, Allan held administrative positions with Houston Grand Opera, Pittsburgh Opera, Madison Opera and Minnesota Opera. As a composer, his works have sold over one million copies world-wide, and have been performed at The White House, The Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, on board Space Shuttle Columbia and in synagogues around North America. Allan was twice the winner of the Guild of Temple Musicians "Young Composers Award".

Cantor Ross Wolman is blessed to serve Temple Chai in Phoenix, Arizona where he brings spirit and experience, knowledge and a passion for teaching, as well as a balance of tradition and innovation. Originally from Lancaster, PA, Cantor Wolman studied music education at Temple University in Philadelphia and was ordained in 2007 by The Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College. A product of the Reform Movement, he has spent summers on faculty and staff at URJ Kutz Camp, Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI), NFTY in Israel, and URJ Camp Newman. Cantor Wolman has performed throughout North America, Israel, France, Russia, and Ukraine. Along with his passion for music, Cantor Wolman has a strong love for film, the outdoors, education, Israel, and the Hebrew language. He lives in Scottsdale with his wife Malka, their three children, and their cat Zev.

The Temple Chai Adult Choir, originally formed in March 1985, is an essential element of Temple Chai's musical and spiritual life. Past directors have included Daniel Feller (15 years) and John Massaro. Dan Kurek has been the choir's current director for eight years. Our Adult Choir is featured annually during the High Holy Days, Shabbat Shirah, Purim, Yom Hashoah, and Chag morning services as The Hallel Singers. Choir members treasure the "choir family" and we hope you will consider joining us.

Kol Chai, The Temple Chai Youth Choir The group's name means "voice of joy" and singers bring joy, fun, and a love of music to rehearsals and performances. The choir is comprised of children in 3rd-7th grade and they have sung at Temple Chai Kabbalat Shabbat and Chanukah services, community Tashlich service, Simchat Torah services, The Desert Gathering Jewish Music Festival, Scottsdale Quarter, Sagewood Senior Living, at Phoenix Suns basketball games, and Yom Hashoah commemorations.

Featured Artists

Cantor Sharona Feller

Lucy Greenbaum

Dan Kurek

Allan Naplan

Cantor/Rabbi Dan Sklar

Cantor Ross Wolman

Cantor Natalie Young

Adult Choir under the direction of Dan Kurek

Suzi Abramson-Johnson, Karen Acker, Sheila Berkowitz, Teri Berman, Nancy Dallett, Marianne Fowler, Jay Guttenberg, Barb Honiberg, Debbie Isard, Carol Janoff, Nicki Kaplan, Ginny Keller, Jeff Kleiman, Bobbi Malin, Jetta Melnick, Sue Prouty, Barry Reifman, Brant Saperstein, Diana Suchoff, Nori Sweet, Jane Thorson, Debbie Waitkus

Kol Chai: Temple Chai's Youth Choir

Brianna Bales, Danielle Baltman, Lily Breyfogle, Halle Garcia, Max Gatti, Aliya Melhado, Angelina Rosacci, Ariella Rosacci, Alexa Schaefer, Lucas Schaefer, Jake Shprecher, Rachel Shprecher, Noah Walder, Sam Walder, Sophia Walder, Evan Yanow

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