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# The Zamir Chorale

and
The Jeff Warschauer Ensemble

Sunday, May 3, 1992 3:00 pm

Sanders Theatre Cambridge

# program

#### El Nora Alila

solos: Rena Finkelstein, Michael Sokolow, Susan Carp-Nesson, Jody Weixelbaum, Hal Katzman, Heather Zacker

join us:

"El nora alila, el nora alila, hamtsiy lanu mechilah be-sha-at hane-ilah."

#### Avre Tu Puerta Cerrada

HaMavdil Hamisha Asar Deror Yikra arr: Oeden Partos Flory Jagoda arr: Yehzkel Braun

Tsur Mishelo La Rosa Los Bilbilicos arr. Manuel Vals arr. Paul BenHaim

tenor solo: Hal Katzman flute: Bonnie L. C. Gibson

Adijo Kerida

arr: Joshua Jacobson

Mama Yo No Tengo Visto Cuando El Rei Nimrod

arr: Matthew Lazar

soprano solo: Rebecca Gorlin

#### intermission

Seven Sephardic Romances

arr: Yehezkel Braun & Joshua Jacobson

Don Amadi Esta Rakhel Nani Durme Porque Llorax Dime Rozina

solos: Bonnie Chebot, Susan Carp-Nesson, Rebecca Gorlin readers: Sharon Offenberg and Hal Katzman first performance

Morenica

Shikka Adir Hu Yah Ribon Alam Amen Shem Nora

arr: Yehezkel Braun arr: Joshua Jacobson arr: Matthew Lazar

tenor solo: Lawrence E. Sandberg

# **Zamir Chorale of Boston**

Now in its twenty-third season, the Zamir Chorale is regarded as one of the most significant proponents of Jewish music. Since its formation by Music Director Joshua Jacobson in 1969, the Chorale has remained committed to perpetuating Jewish culture through song and to sharing music of the highest quality with its audiences.

Zamir's credits are numerous. The Chorale has performed throughout the United States, from California to Maine, toured Israel and Great Britain, and appeared with the Jerusalem Symphony and Israel Philharmonic Orchestras under the batons of Zubin Mehta and Daniel Barenboim. Locally, the chorus has appeared with the New England Conservatory Orchestra and has performed for the International Society for Contemporary Music, the American Choral Directors Association Eastern Division Convention and Boston's First Night Celebrations.

Zamir has received consistent praise in both local and national media; writing in the Boston Globe, Richard Dyer dubbed Zamir "a virtuoso outfit." In 1978 Zamir received the Silver Medallion award for performing excellence from Boston's Association for the Performing Arts, in 1988 the Myrtle Wreath Award from the New England Region of Hadassah, and in 1992 the Klal Award from the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts. The Zamir Chorale of Boston is in residence at Hebrew College.

Joshua R. Jacobson, founder and director of the Zamir Chorale of Boston, holds a Bachelors degree in Music from Harvard College, a Masters in Choral Conducting from the New England Conservatory, and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Cincinnati. In addition to his responsibilities with Zamir, Professor Jacobson is Chairman of the Department of Music at Northeastern University and Director of the University's choral program. He also holds the position of Adjunct Professor of Jewish Music at Hebrew College. He has conducted workshops and given lectures on various aspects of music, and has guest conducted a number of ensembles, including the Boston Lyric Opera Company. He has also written articles on various aspects of choral music, and compositions and arrangements which have been published and performed throughout the United States as well as in Canada, Europe and Israel. In 1989 he spent four weeks in Yugoslavia as a "Distinguished Professor" under the auspices of the Fulbright program. Prof. Jacobson currently serves as President-Elect of the Massachusetts chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.

## sopranos

Donna Levy Alon • Barbara Bass • Joanne Camann • Bonnie L. Chebot Gibson • Tamar Gollan • Rebecca Gorlin • Judy Israel • Gail Javitt • Sharon Offenberg • Sharon Salloway • Deborah Shapiro • Esther Shorr • Helen Wanderstock • Jody Weixelbaum • Phyllis Werlin

#### altos

Susan Carp-Nesson • Johanna Ehrmann • Francine Beth Ferraro • Rena Finkelstein • Deborah Foner • Susan Bamel Glickman • Lisa Goldberg • Faye Kalmbach • Cheska Komissar • Marina Livshetz • Francene Reichel • Nancy Sargon-Zarsky • Heather Zacker

#### tenors

Rick Boyar • Joel Davidson • Danny Fath • Hal Katzman • Mark Lebowitz • Daniel Nesson • Leila Joy Rosenthal • Lawrence E. Sandberg • Michael Sokolow

#### basses

Gary Buchwald • Fred Calm • Larry Constantine • Gennady Konnikov • Arthur Rabson • Arthur Shapiro • Scott Sokol • Mark Stepner • Mark Vasa • Michael Victor

Joshua Jacobson, Music Director
Mark Miller, Manager
Karen Harvey, accompanist
Joel Foner, electric bass
Rick Boyar, percussion
Sharon Offenberg, Soprano Section Leader
Johanna Ehrmann, Alto Section Leader
Leila Rosenthal, Tenor Section Leader
Mark Stepner, Bass Section Leader
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#### **GUEST ARTISTS**

Jeff Warschauer (guitar, mandolin, 'oud) has performed and taught throughout the United States, in Western Europe, Poland, the Soviet Union, and for the U.S.O. in Greenland. He has been a featured artist with the Klezmer Conservatory Band, has performed for the Bolshoi Ballet, and has been composer, music director and/or featured instrumentalist for numerous theatrical productions, recordings and film soundtracks. In 1986 he won the Amalgamated Bank Prize for Yiddish Studies at the Oxford University Summer Programme, and he was awarded a 1990 Massachusetts Artist Fellowship for his Klezmer mandolin and solo guitar work. A graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, Jeff is on the faculty of the Longy School of Music, the Powers Music School, the Middlesex School, and the YIVO Yiddish Folk Arts Institute.

Bill Tomczak (clarinet) has developed a reputation as an incredibly diverse dance musician. After playing for international folk dancers, he began to focus more specifically on Klezmer, Greek and Bulgarian music. He has appeared with the Sophia Bilides Greek Folk Music Ensemble and Wholesale Klezmer, and has been playing for weddings and bar mitzvahs for many years with Jeff Warschauer and other members of the Klezmer Conservatory Band. Bill is now playing for New England contra dances and is developing a quartet to play swing music of the 30s and 40s.

Bob Weiner (percussion) is a free-lance drummer who plays folk, fusion and jazz, as well as African, Caribbean, Jewish and Middle Eastern music. Bob worked with Harry Belafonte for five years and has also accompanied Hugh Masekela, Herbie Mann, popular South African singer Letta Mbulu, American Jazz singer Dianne Reeves and Caribbean singer Jon Lucien. He has also performed with Henry Sapoznik, Fishel Bresler, Pete Sokolow, the Andy Statman Klezmer Orchestra, the Klezmer Conservatory Band and the Shirim Klezmer Orchestra. Bob organized the "Third World Rhythms for Drumset" course at Drummers' Collective in New York City, and co-authored Afro-Cuban Rhythms for Drumset and Brazilian Rhythms for Drumset.

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