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Cantor Elias Rosemberg



Born into a musical family in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Elias Rosemberg began studies in 1991 at Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano and obtained the degree of Hazzan and Singing Professor in 1994. In addition to his vocal training, he studied music theory and harmony and completed a five-year program in Pathology, Audiology and Speech Therapy at the University of Buenos Aires.

A concert and wedding performer in the Buenos Aires area, Cantor Rosemberg won the vocal contest: "Argentina Sings for Israel," organized by the Israeli Embassy of Argentina in 1998. He served as cantor in Buenos Aires and, after he moved to the US, was cantor at Temple Emeth in

Chestnut Hill. He is currently the cantor of Temple Emanuel in Newton, the largest Conservative synagogue in New England.

In addition to his cantorial duties at Temple Emanuel, Cantor Rosemberg performs regularly with the Bostonian Opera and Concert Ensemble and the Zamir Chorale of Boston. He serves as the New England Region Chair for the Cantors Assembly, is the immediate past president of the New England Board of Cantors and has served on the faculty of the Cantor-Educator program at Hebrew College as a cantorial coach.

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Prelude

The Zamir Chorale of Boston

Yah Ribon Alam (God, Master of the Universe) Music: Jeremiah Klarman/Lyrics: Israel Najara Premiere performance Cantor Elias Rosemberg, Devin Lawrence, and Cantor Louise Treitman, soloists

Tucan Trio

Program to be announced from the stage

Tucan Trio with The Zamir Chorale of Boston

Santo (from Misa Criolla) (Holy)

Music: Ariel Ramirez (Argentina)/Lyrics from Isaiah Kevin Martin and Elijah Botkin, soloists

Ha-gitarist (The Guitarist)

Music trad. Brazilian/Lyrics by Ehud Manor

Intermission

Cantor Elias Rosemberg

Los Pajaros Perdidos (The Lost Birds)

Music: Astor Piazzolla (Argentina)/Lyrics: Mario Trejo

The Zamir Chorale of Boston

Salmo 150 (Psalm 150)

Music: Ernani Aguiar (Brazil)/Lyrics from the Psalms Andrew Mattfeld, Assistant Conductor

Mata del Anima Sola (Tree of the Lonely Soul)

Music: Antonio Estevez (Venezuela)/Lyrics: Alberto Torrealba

Cantor Elias Rosemberg, soloist

Muié Rendêra (Lacemaker Woman)

Music: Pinto Fonseca (Brazil)/Lyrics are traditional

Venezuela

Music: Moshe Wilenski (Israel)/Lyrics: Dan Almagor

Richard Lustig, soloist

Adon Olam (Lord of the Universe)

Carlos Slivskin (Argentina)/Lyrics: Solomon Ibn Gabirol

Cantor Elias Rosemberg, soloist

The Zamir Chorale of Boston with Tucan Trio

Alfonsina

Music: Ariel Ramirez (Argentina)/Lyrics: Felix Luna (Hebrew: Ehud Manor)

Kashe La'avod (Work is Hard)

Music: Antônio Pecci Filho (a.k.a. Toquinho) (Brazil) Lyrics: Vincius de Moraes (Hebrew: Ehud Manor)

Cancion con todos (Song with All)

Music: Cesar Isella (Argentina) Arranged: Ruben Fernandez Otero

Lyrics: Armando Tejada Gómez/Ehud Manor

Notes from the Artistic Director

Cantor Elias Rosemberg enchants us with his beautiful voice, his megawatt smile, his devotion to Judaism, his passion for prayer. Elias has done so much to enrich Jewish cultural life in Newton and beyond with a wide variety of concerts, but most especially exposing us to the beautiful music of Argentina.

Zamir has been fortunate to have Elias as a musical partner. He has soloed with us in many venues, from Temple Emanuel to Emmanuel Church and beyond. He has kept alive the wonderful tradition of "Hanukah Happens" concerts.

Preparing tonight's tribute program has been a labor of love, and has opened us up to a new and diverse and interesting repertoire. We have commissioned a new work in Elias's honor from Jeremiah Klarman, a young composer, a member of Temple Emanuel, who is a noteworthy musical collaborator with Cantor Rosemberg.

But our main focus in the concert is on the music of South America, and specifically the music of Elias's native Argentina. Amir Milstein and the Tucan Trio have introduced us to a fascinating blend of South American and Israeli styles. Many of these songs mesh popular Latin rhythms and melodies with Hebrew lyrics. There are three settings of sacred texts by Argentinian composers. We reprise a satirical Hebrew cabaret song about young Israelis seeking adventure in Venezuela. And we have included as a bonus two classic choral works by Argentinian composers—they're not specifically Jewish, but they're great fun! Olé!

—Joshua R. Jacobson

(Hagai Rehavia – guitar; Amir Milstein – flute; Joca Perpignan – percussion and vocals), founded in Tel Aviv in 1998, brings together three Israeli musicians from different musical backgrounds, who share a common interest and passion for Brazilian music. The trio, consisting of flute, guitar and percussion, present a diverse repertoire of Brazilian music, as well as original compositions, influenced by Mediterranean, Jazz and Latin music. The artistic background of Tucan members, blending Israeli and Brazilian elements with Mediterranean and jazz influences, creates a unique sound, rich in melodic, harmonic and rhythmic textures.

Tucan Trio members have performed in numerous festivals and concert venues around the world and have collaborated with world renown artists, such as legendary Brazilian mandolin virtuoso, Armandinho Macedo, Cuban percussionist Yoel Gonzalez, singers Idan Raichel, Matti Caspi, Shlomo Gronich, and many others.

Brazilian born percussionist Joca Perpignan has become a leading figure in the Latinpercussion scene in Israel and abroad and has collaborated, recorded and performed with many Israeli and world renown artists such as Matti Caspi. Arik Einstein, Yoni Rechter, Paquito de Rivera, and The Mendez Brothers, to name a few. Joca is a graduate of "Berklee College of Music" in Boston, and is currently a music educator as well as a touring artist and a member of the Idan Raichel Project. His original compositions are featured in his solo albums "Entreventos" and "Manso Balanço" Joca is working these days on a new album featuring him and Grammy Award winning pianist and composer Alon Yavnai.

Flutist Amir Milstein studied at the Jerusalem Academy of Music (B.M) and the New England Conservatory (M.M.) where he currently teaches. Amir established his career in the world music scene founding world renown Bustan Abraham ensemble. His flute playing is featured in over fifty albums and his musical collaborations include numerous works with internationally acclaimed musicians such as: Zakir Hussain, Tito Puente, Hariprasad Chaurasia, Matti Caspi, Armandinho Macedo, Omar Farouk Tekbilek, Simon Shaheen, Mikhalis Nikoloudis, and Ross Daly, among others. Amir's compositions include works for ensembles, dance groups and film scores. As an educator Amir Currently teaches at the New England Conservatory and Northeastern University in Boston, and presents clinics and musical workshops in schools and universities around the world.

Guitarist Hagai Rehavia graduated Rimon College of Music and the Rubin Academy in Jerusalem, Israel and continued his studies in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Hagai is one of the leading guitarists in Brazilian style and is often invited to perform with renown artists such as Brazilian singers Jane Duboc, Edu Lobo, Mausha, the Israeli Philarmonic Orchestra, as well as Israeli singers Matti Caspi, Ori Harpaz, and Leah Shabbat, among many others. Hagai's compositions are featured in numerous albums, including his solo album called "Bebe". He also published several books for guitar.

Jeremiah Klarman

Jeremiah Klarman is gaining national recognition as a rising young composer of his generation. In June 2010, The Boston Pops performed his Symphony in C on his second appearance on NPR's radio show, "From The Top." Klarman also won the 2010 First Generation to Generation Award; a program designed for talented high school students who demonstrate promise in creating melodies that show sensitivity to the setting of Jewish liturgical text.

Klarman's works have been performed by The Boston Modern Orchestra Project, The Landmark Symphony, The Longwood Symphony, and New England Conservatory (NEC) Youth Orchestras with conductors Gil Rose, the late Charles Ansbacher, Jonathan McPhee, and Benjamin Zander. Klarman won the 2007 American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) Foundation/Morton Gould Young Composer Award for his orchestral piece Dance Suite, as well as the ASCAP Honorable Mention in 2009 for his orchestral piece Festive Dance. He also won the Senior Division of the Massachusetts State Composition Competition Music Teachers National Association (MTNA).

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Music With a Mission

Founded in 1969, the Zamir Chorale of Boston's mission is to serve as "a musical and educational organization dedicated to raising awareness of the breadth and beauty of Jewish culture through performances, recordings, symposia, publications, and musical commissions." Led by Founder and Artistic Director Joshua Jacobson, the Chorale comprises experienced volunteer singers who perform music spanning thousands of years, four continents, and a variety of styles, both classical and popular. Zamir's repertoire includes Jewish liturgical pieces, major classical works, music of the Holocaust, newly commissioned compositions, and Israeli, Yiddish, and Ladino folksongs. Zamir's music is enjoyed by people of all ages, religions and races. Concerts can be designed to meet special requirements and always provide an educational component.

In addition to enjoying a devoted following in the Greater Boston area, Zamir has achieved a far-reaching reputation through its 19 recordings and frequent tours throughout the United States, as well as in Israel and Europe. The documentary film, *Zamir: Jewish Voices Return to Poland,* has been shown across the country on public television stations. In January 2006, Zamir was invited to perform at the United Nations General Assembly for the first International Day to Commemorate Victims of the Holocaust. Zamir was honored to represent the United States at the first Louis Lewandowski Festival in Berlin, Germany, in 2011 and again in 2014.

An important component of Zamir's mission is to develop future leaders in Jewish choral music. Graduates of the program have gone on to conduct choirs of their own in Boston and beyond. Zamir also mentors other Jewish community choruses through joint rehearsals and performances.

The Zamir Chorale of Boston, Choir-in-residence at Hebrew College, is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and by Combined Jewish Philanthropies. Zamir is a member of the Greater Boston Choral Consortium, a cooperative association of diverse choral groups in Boston and the surrounding areas, and the Newton Cultural Alliance.









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The Klarman family

In honor of the Zamir Chorale of Boston and Cantor Elias Rosemberg for their contributions to sustaining Jewish culture.

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Congratulations to the Zamir
Chorale of Boston for building
community through music.
Particular thanks to you,
Cantor Elias Rosemberg.
Spirituality is in every note you sing.

Myra and Robert Snyder

Keep up the great work, which you have done for so many years.

Best wishes for the future.

Sincerely, the Wolk Family

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Congratulations to Cantor
Elias Rosemberg and to the
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Renee and Steven Finn

Our thanks to Zamir Chorale for enriching our community. And our congratulations to Jeremiah for composing "Yah Ribon."

Linda and Michael Frieze

Elias—Mazel Tov, Felicitaciones and Congratulations! We are so happy you came North to sing songs from South of the Border! Today Rabbah, Muchas Gracias, and Thank You to you and Zamir Chorale for bringing beautiful music to our community!

Ruth and Jonathan Tepper

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SEST WISHES, Tosh and Ronda Tacosson



Elias,

Mazal Tov on receiving this well-deserved recognition from Zamir.

Together with Josh and the Chorale,

You have elevated the quality of Jewish music in our community and enriched our lives.

We are grateful to you and thrilled to honor you.

Affectionately,
Joyce and Michael Bohnen

Todah Rabah and Kol HaKavod to Josh Jacobson and Zamir for another year of stellar music!

James and Loren Rosenzweig

To Josh and the members of the Zamir Chorale of Boston: We thank you for continuing to infuse our community with beautiful music and special commemorations of the highest quality and sound. May you go from strength to strength.

Best wishes, Nancy and Peter Finn

Elias, Thank you for making Shabbat come alive, and for your choosing to bring the gift of your song as a gift to the Jewish people and to G-d. May you continue to inspire us L'Dor VaDor.

Susan Carp-Nesson, Dan Nesson, and Emma Nesson

Congratulations to Cantor Elias Rosemberg and to the Zamir Chorale of Boston for another great season!

Cantor Louise and Richard Treitman

To our dear Cantor
Elias Rosemberg: Mazel Tov
on your honor with Zamir Chorale.
We are so proud!

Stuart Cole and Yael Miller

Mazel Tov to our wonderful cantor! May you go from strength to strength and always with a song in your heart.

Betsy and Martin Solomon

Honoring our extraordinary
Cantor Elias Rosemberg.
Celebrating the beautiful music
of Zamir. You are both treasures
to our community and beyond.

With gratitude, Mady and Bruce Donoff Thank you, Cantor Rosemberg, for enriching our lives with your voice and spirit.

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In recognition of Elias Rosemberg, our peerless Chazzan and a tremendous guy, but still only our fourth favorite person in his family.

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With thanks to Cantor Rosemberg.

May you go from strength to
strength and fill our ears and hearts
with glorious music for many years
to come.

Mazel Tov, Louise Citron

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Mazal Tov Elias!

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Your giving spirit and enthusiasm for music bring light and love to Temple Emanuel. We admire your passion for Jewish life and your dedication as a teacher.

Thank you for all you do for our Jewish community.

MAY YOU GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH



To Hazzan Elias Rosemberg and The Zamir Chorale

Ivdu Et Hashem B'símcha Bo'u Vfanav bírnana Serve G-d with gladness! Come into G-d's presence with singing: Psalm 100:2

Thank you for the gift of music and the joy of song that you bring to this community!

With much appreciation, Cantor Marcie and Jeffrey Jonas



Zamir*

—for Joshua Jacobson, Artistic Director, Zamir Chorale of Boston

The voices of Nightingales sing
songs of the persecuted
songs of the joyous
songs of the classics
songs of the people

Notes wrapped in love

Congratulations to Zamir for bringing Jewish music to the world

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*Zamir is the Hebrew word for Nightingale Poem by Zvi A. Sesling Mazel Tov, Elias!

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Love, Amy & Brían Mazal tov to Cantor Elias Rosemberg on your well-deserved honor. Yasher koach to the Zamir Chorale of Boston. Our community is blessed to have you both.

Dan and Hillery Bauman

Congratulations to Cantor Elias Rosemberg and to the Zamir Chorale of Boston for another great season! How many ways can we express our gratitude to Cantor Rosemberg and Zamir in a half page?

Mucho gracias, muito obrigado, todah rabbah and thanks a million for enriching our lives and spirits by singing our musical heritage and legacies in every language.

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Mazal tov to
Cantor Elias Rosemberg
and YaSHIR koach once again to
The Zamir Chorale of Boston

Bruce and Susan Creditor

Thank you Elias for enriching our community by sharing your musical enthusiasm!

Joanne Linowes Alinsky
In Memory of my Mother,
Dorothy W. Linowes, Lyricist

Congratulations to Zamir on another great season!

Frumie and David Burns

We are happy to add our names to the tribute to Cantor Elias Rosemberg and his superb voice.

Carole and Barrie Greiff

Congratulations to a GREAT cantor!

Mazel tov, Elias!

Bev and Frank Zweiman

To Elias, Amir, Hagai, Joca,
Jeremiah, and of course, Josh
and the Zamir Chorale of Boston:
Thank you for blessing our
community with your gift of music.

Barbara Gaffin and Doug Cahn

Music...can name the unnameable and communicate the unknowable.

—Leonard Bernstein

Mazal tov, Hazzan Rosemberg, whose music brings us closer to the Unknowable.

Dale and Arnie Zaff

Mazel tov Cantor Rosemberg and the Zamir Chorale of Boston for enriching our lives with music.

Roz Garber Toledano and Allan Toledano

Warmest mazel tov to Cantor Rosemberg! Thank you for your beautiful and inspiring music that enriches our lives. Kol hakavod!

Jinny Sagorin and Jeremy Schmahmann

Mazel Tov, Zamir Chorale, for bringing us together in harmony. Todah rabbah, Elias, for beautifying our prayers with your magnificent voice. Kol Hakavod, Josh, for 46 years of inspired leadership and warm friendship. Yasher Koach, Barbara, Robert and Larry, for making it all happen.

With admiration, Tep & Suzanne

Congratulations Elias and thank you for enhancing our lives with your Beautiful Music!

Sue and David Rosenbaum and family

Honoring Hazzan Elias Rosemberg In appreciation for wonderful music and teaching

Sherry and Ned Holstein

Mazal tov to Hazzan Elias Rosemberg for this well deserved recognition by the Zamir Chorale.

Cantor Stephen Thompson

Thank you, Zamir, for transporting us, once again

Robert and Rena Gray Fein

A nuestro amigo, Elias, gracias para todo lo que haces para nuestra comunidad.

To our friend, Elias, thank you for all that you do in and for our community.

The David Family— Lloyd, Sari, Paulita, Michael and Adrian Best wishes to Cantor Rosemberg

Audrey Mahler and Eliot Sagan

Cheers to Joshua and the Zamír Choir.

Always presenting a wonderful, inspiring program.

We all agree. True perfection!

Lillian Garber, Linda and Menachem Sagiv, Stephen and Suzan Garber Congratulations to Cantor Elias Rosemberg and best wishes to the Zamir Chorale of Boston for its outstanding cultivation of Jewish music.

Cindy and Harvey Creem

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In honor of our outstanding Cantor Elias Rosemberg, who continues to enrich our lives and brings great joy to our hearts with his magnificent cantorial voice and his music.

With many thanks, love, and best wishes, Mimi Rosenblatt and Family

Mazel Tov to our wonderful Chazan.

—Sharlene and Richard Finkel

Zamir is our national treasure.

-Sheila Decter

Elias, estamos muy contentos por ti. To many more! Enhorabuena, Mazal Tov, Esther y Lewis Mazel Tov Cantor Rosemberg!

—Barbara and Bill Poplack

The entire Temple Beth Zion community wishes Zamir many more years of success and look forward to enjoying your marvelous musical offerings.

In appreciation of Zamir's support and understanding.

-Judy Pike

Congratulations to Cantor Rosemberg and Zamir.

-Joel Davidson

Barbaro! Felicidades!

–Marcia & Alan Leifer, Jess, Becca,Ben and Veronica

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