

Cantorial Message

October 2018

It was so nice to see everyone at High Holy Day Services. I'm always in awe of my past students who have grown into such amazing adults. You see, unless I see you fairly often, for me, you are eternally frozen at age 13! I was thrilled to see baby pictures and hear about what you are doing and where life has taken you. I probably say this every year, but it's like a family reunion. Hope to see you more over the coming year.

Well, now that we are past the holidays, there is so much more going on. For those of you that take Hebrew Classes with me, Rabbi Marc will be having an Introductory Hebrew class on Thursday, Oct. 4, from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M., that I would like you to attend. I will send out an email to remind you.

For those of you who can read Hebrew, I will be teaching a class on how to chant Torah, Haftarah, and Megillat Esther. My goal is to train people to chant during the year, High Holy Days if necessary, and a piece of Megillah for Purim. Even if you already know trope, but would like to refresh what you know or learn more, you are welcome. Classes will begin on Tuesday, November 6, from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M., and run until June if needed.

If you are interested in joining the choir, please let me know. We sing about four times during the year. I'm very interested in alto, tenor, and bass voices. Our choir members are wonderful, welcoming people. You will feel at home in no time.

If you have chanted Torah for Shabbat in the past, and would like to chant during the year, please let me know and we can select a Torah portion or date that works for you.

A look ahead....Cabaret will be the first Saturday evening in February. It's never too early to start looking for music, comedy, dance moves, or other talent that would be suitable for Cabaret!

I am always humbled by the talent in our synagogue. Thank you to all of you who chanted Torah and Haftarah for the High Holy Days or sang in the choir, Leslie Merwin who plays organ for us, Jose' Cordero on the trumpet and shofar, Harvey Snitkin on the flute, Kim Zollar who also blew shofar, and Carly Fleming on cello. All of you help to enhance our worship, and I can't thank you enough for your participation.

Please be sure to join us Oct. 26-28 as we welcome Or Zohar and Feliza Bascara-Zohar to our bimah for the weekend. Their music is beautiful, and their knowledge of Zohar and dance will be enlightening.

If you are interested, or have questions about Choir, Trope Classes, or chanting Torah during the year, or anything else, please call me at 860-443-3005, or send me an e-mail: shirie3860@aol.com.

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