

Cantorial Message

June 2019

It's June already! How can that be? Almost time for the beach, vacations, and relaxing! It also means lay-led summer services. If you've led summer services before and would like to lead one or two, there are nine opportunities to do it. The dates are June 21 and 28, July 5, 12, and 26, Aug. 2,9,16, and 23. All summer services start at 7:00 P.M. If you are interested in any of these dates, please let me know so I can put you on the schedule. I'm always happy to help you with music and Torah reading. Pat Sher can also help with Torah on Aug. 2 and Aug. 23.

On June 14, the choir will be joining us! So be sure to attend Shabbat services that evening.

On June 16-20, I will be in in Morris Plains, New Jersey, at Adath Shalom for the Women Cantors' Network Conference. It's a great way to "reJEWvinate" the soul after a long year. Besides having amazing voices, this group of women also has many talented songwriters. WCN has taken on the task of compiling the music written by its members, and created a book called "Kol Isha," Voice of a Woman. We will be giving a concert during the conference and will be using several pieces from the new songbook and also a commissioned piece from one of our members. I'm looking forward to performing the new music for Adath Shalom's community, with 70 other voices. It's an amazing experience. There are other workshops dealing with vocal health, building a healthy community, conducting shiva services, and even learning drumming and ukulele! We have services every day, morning and evening. The services vary in nature as we have many different denominations of Judaism represented there. The comradery among these women is extra special and non-judgmental. It's always been one of my favorite conferences.

I hope you enjoy your summer! See you on Shabbat!

B'shir,
Sherry