

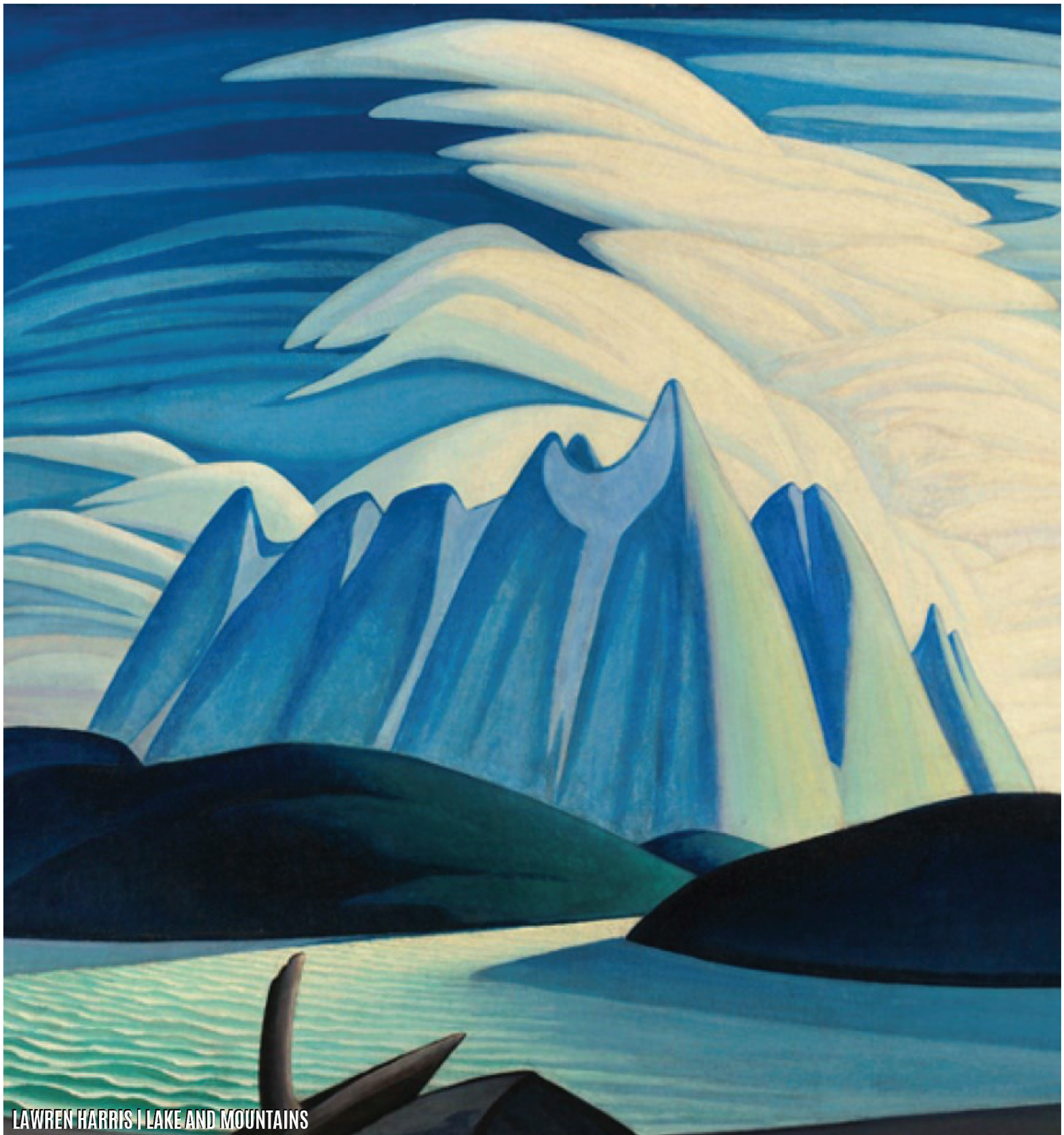


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- FRIDAY EVENING -

Shabbat Service at **6:30pm** in-person and via livestream

- SHABBAT -

TORAH STUDY at **9:00am** via Zoom

MORNING Service at **10:30am** in-person and via livestream

- MORNING MINYAN SERVICE via Zoom -

Sundays at **9:00am**; Tuesdays and Thursdays at **7:15am**

harzion.ca/zoom
for Zoom links and Siddurim

IN-PERSON SHABBAT SERVICES

THZ members wishing to attend in person must **PRE-REGISTER ONLINE**. Registration is available each week for the upcoming Shabbat services from noon Sunday to noon Friday. **CLICK HERE to register.**

Weekly Torah Portions

December 10 - 11

Vayigash
Haftarah

Genesis 44:18-47:27
Ezekiel 37:15-28

December 17 - 18

Va-y'chi
Haftarah

Genesis 47:28-50:26
I Kings 2:1-12

December 24 - 25

Sh'mot
Haftarah

Exodus 1:1-6:1
Isaiah 27:6-28:13;
29:22-23

December 31 - January 1

Va-eria
Haftarah

Exodus 6:2-9:35
Ezekiel 28:25-29:1

THE
Torah
A
Modern
Commentary

Mazal Tov on your Bat Mitzvah



SHELBY GREENWOOD

Daughter of Yael and Steven Greenwood
Bat Mitzvah December 4, 2021

Tzedakah: Whatever your Why, Thank you!

At Temple Har Zion, we have many opportunities to show appreciation for a kindness, to honour the memory of someone dear, or to acknowledge a family simcha.

Many donation opportunities are available, including plaquing any of our prayer books.

For a full list, click [HERE](#)

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A tale of two installations

by Rabbi Cory Weiss



What a joy it is to have the opportunity once again to celebrate with my Har Zion family and the Weiss family in these special simchas!



In my 28 years as a Rabbi, I have been installed in synagogues three times: as the Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel in West Hartford, CT; as the Rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek in Chester, CT; and, of course, as the Rabbi of Temple Har Zion. But I've never had the opportunity to install a clergyperson in their shul. And all of a sudden, I am part of two installations within a month!

On November 21, we all had the privilege and joy of sharing in Cantor Rachael Littman's installation as our Cantor. What an incredible feeling in the room to be together as a community for the first time in such a long time. We had 150 people there in person, and many more joined us online. The *ruach* was amazing to experience, and we were all reminded of the extraordinary talent we have in the THZ family. Our special guest, Cantor Magda Fishman, was a joy to listen to and sing with, and she's quite funny as well! It was wonderful to hear from Hazzanit Tara Abrams, and to have all of us make music together. Our singers and instrumentalists added so much to the evening, as did our speakers. And all topped off with a joyous *L'Chaim*! It was an evening we won't soon forget, and was a welcome return to the shul after so many months of isolation and streaming.

If you didn't see Cantor Littman's Installation, or would like to watch it again, please **click here**. The recording includes our wonderful choir singing *Shehecheyanu*!

I do hope that if you haven't been back for a Shabbat service, you'll consider joining us in person as soon as you feel comfortable. Our precautions are still in

place and we're keeping everyone as safe as we possibly can.

On December 17, the Weiss family will be in Tampa, Florida, to celebrate the installation of Rabbi Michael Weiss as the Assistant Rabbi of Congregation Schaarai Zedek. Michael was ordained in May of 2020 (without an in-person ceremony or celebration), and started his work at Schaarai Zedek that July. He will finally be installed on the 17th, in the joyous presence of his congregation, and especially his parents, his brother Jacob, and his grandparents. We haven't been able to see Michael in person since he left for Florida, and we can't wait! Karen and I have written him a new composition in honour of his Installation that his Cantor will perform during the service. I've owed Michael a piece of music for 30 years now, and I'm so pleased to be able to share it with him.

You are also cordially invited to join us online for Michael's Installation. In addition, Michael and I will be co-leading Torah Study for Har Zion and Schaarai Zedek from Tampa on December 18. There will be no in-person Torah Study at THZ that day, but we hope you will join us and members of Schaarai Zedek Shabbat morning to study the very end of Genesis. Links for both events will appear in Har Zion's online calendar and events page, as well as in our weekly eBlast.

What a joy it is to have the opportunity once again to celebrate with my Har Zion family and the Weiss family in these special simchas! May 2022 bring us all many good reasons to celebrate.

L'Shalom



People making music together is magical

by Eleanor Ackerman Rice
Music Director

THZ choir recently gathered in the sanctuary on a Wednesday night, the same time and day of regular practice. No food could be served. No songs could be sung and no faces could be easily recognized. If I learned anything from this event it was that our choir is not just a music group whose only value is to sing at a service or a concert.

When you take away the singing, the service, and the concert, you're left with the essence of our choir. They are a caring community. Although it was the

music that brought them together, it's not the music that keeps them together. It is the memory of the magic. People making music together is magical.

There is no way to explain how a group of people of different backgrounds, different musical expertise and different ages come together to produce something beautiful and of value. (Did you know that congregants have asked if they could pay to have the choir sing at their children's Bar/Bat Mitzvah services?)

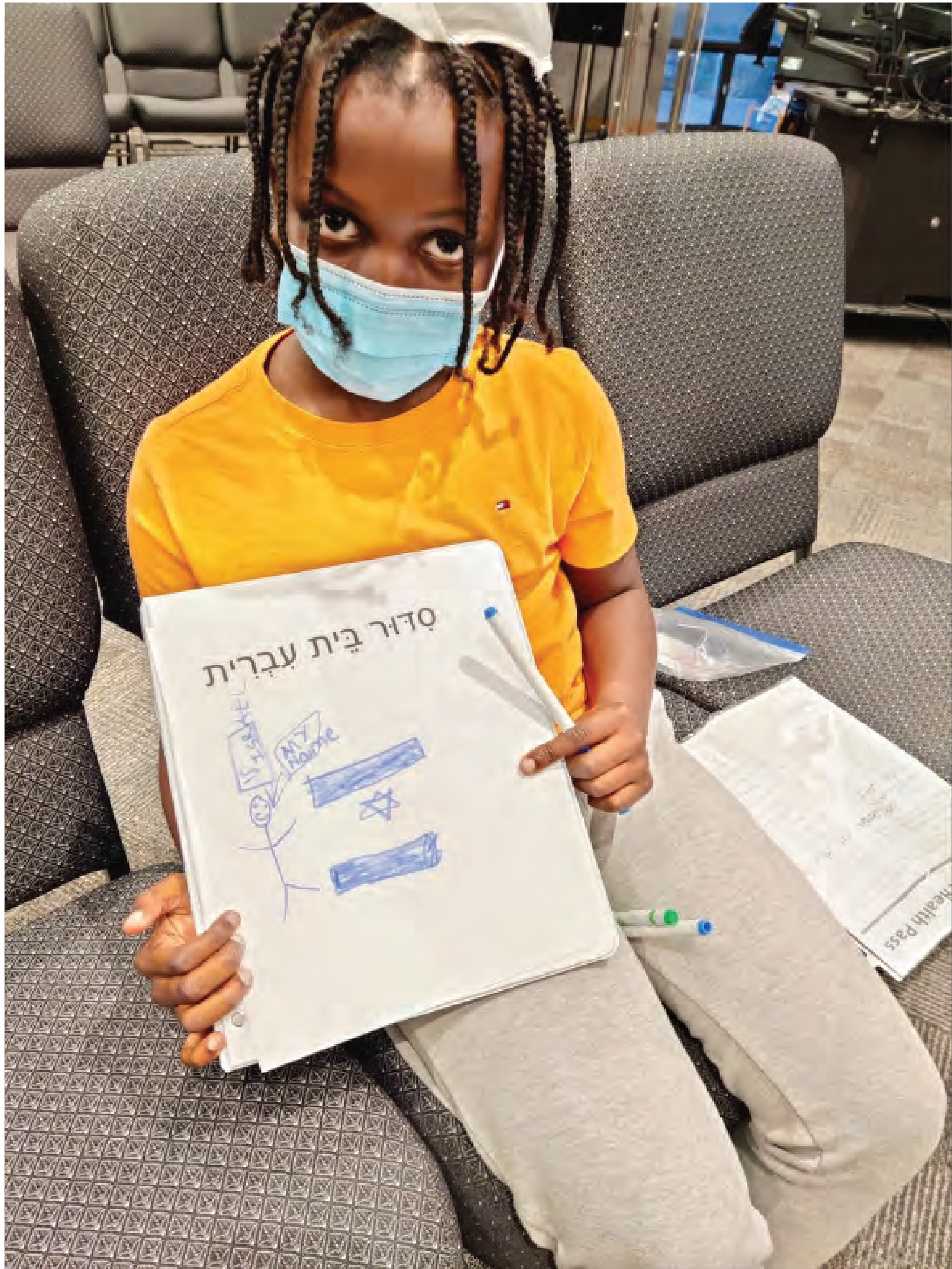
Jessie Saunders-Drutz produced the video of our choir singing *Shehecheyanu* as part of Cantor Littman's installation ceremony. **CLICK HERE** to watch it.

Although it was a sad reminder of how much we have lost, it was also a hopeful glimpse of what awaits us when we conclude this challenging episode in our lives.

We're going to come out singing!



The Masked Choir! Even with masks and no food, we still have a great time!



TWO HOURS A WEEK?

What can be done in
two hours a week?

PLENTY!





What's happening at Beit Ivrit? Here's what!

by Judy Silver
Director of Education

Two hours a week? What can be done in two hours a week? Plenty!

Our Beit Ivrit (Hebrew School) introduces our students to Hebrew as both a modern language and the language of prayer and Torah.

Hebrew School (or as I like to say, Hebrew's cool), starts on Sunday morning in Kindergarten to Grade 2, long before the students enter our weekday program. Our youngest students start to learn Hebrew through "Hebrew Through Movement" (HTM). HTM is a language acquisition strategy in which students learn Hebrew by hearing and responding to Hebrew commands. It introduces Hebrew in a playful and meaningful way, creating a positive first link between children and Hebrew. Sunday morning T'filah with our clergy and music leaders exposes our

students to the language, music and sounds of prayer. By the time they enter our building on Tuesday

afternoons in Grade 3, they have a solid foundation of Hebrew upon which to build.



We start Beit Ivrit with an all-school "mini-lesson" in which they learn and practice basic Hebrew reading rules. This is coupled with a Hebrew 'Pun of the Week' which introduces a

variety of vocabulary in a fun and memorable way.

The afternoon continues with an individualized reading program by grade. Their teacher works with the students one-on-one as they make their way through their reading materials and books.

The school gathers once again for "Halvrit Sheli" – (My Hebrew). In small mixed groups the teachers lead the students through a variety of activities ranging from games, books, web apps to HTM and more. The students rotate each week experiencing the different activities and are offered a new set of activities once they have completed the rotation cycle.

Our afternoon finishes off all together in our Beit T'filah (Sanctuary). Each student has their own Siddur, Kippah and yad. They learn about the prayers, are introduced to prayer vocabulary and phrases, reflect on the prayers individually and in groups, and pray together as a community.

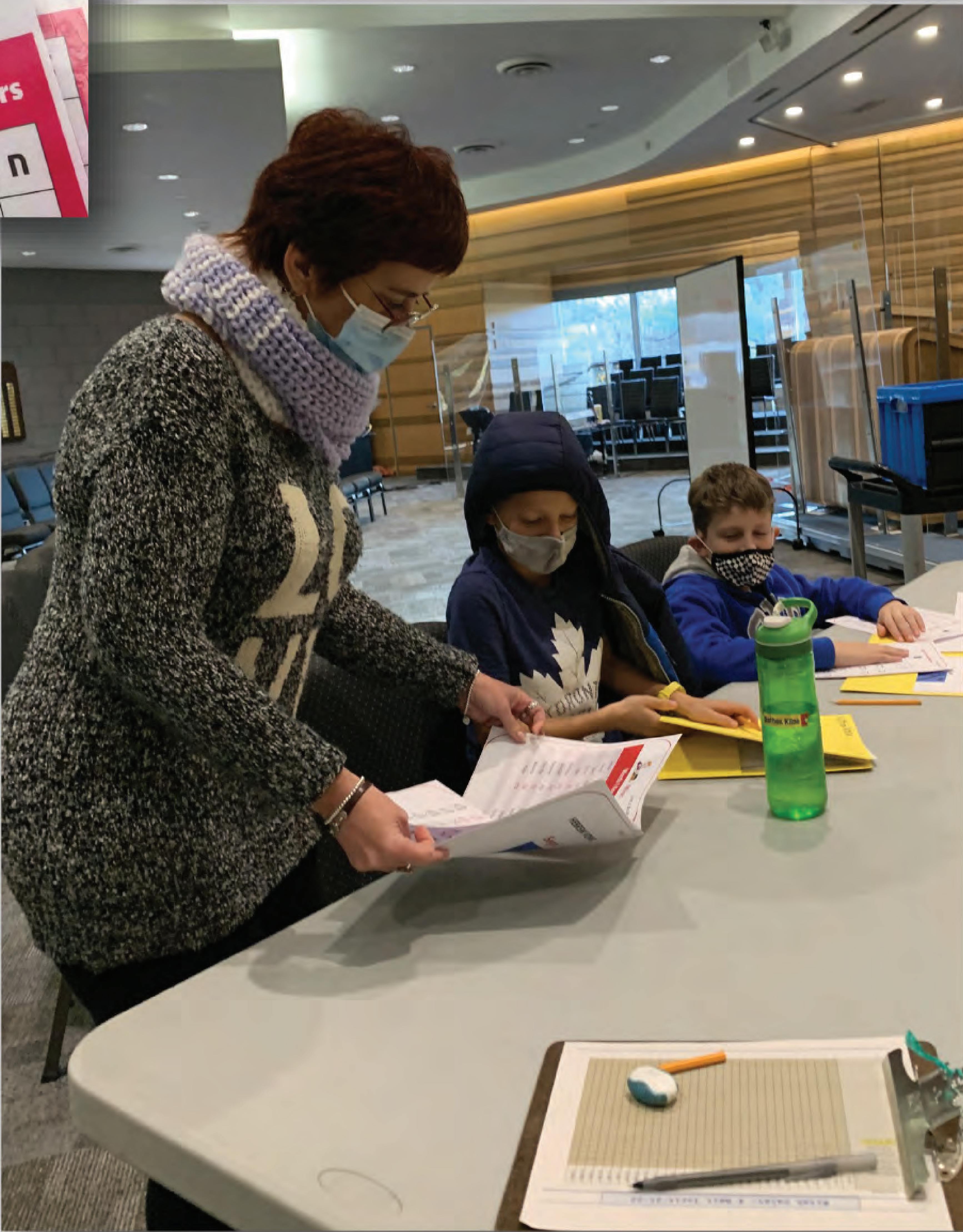
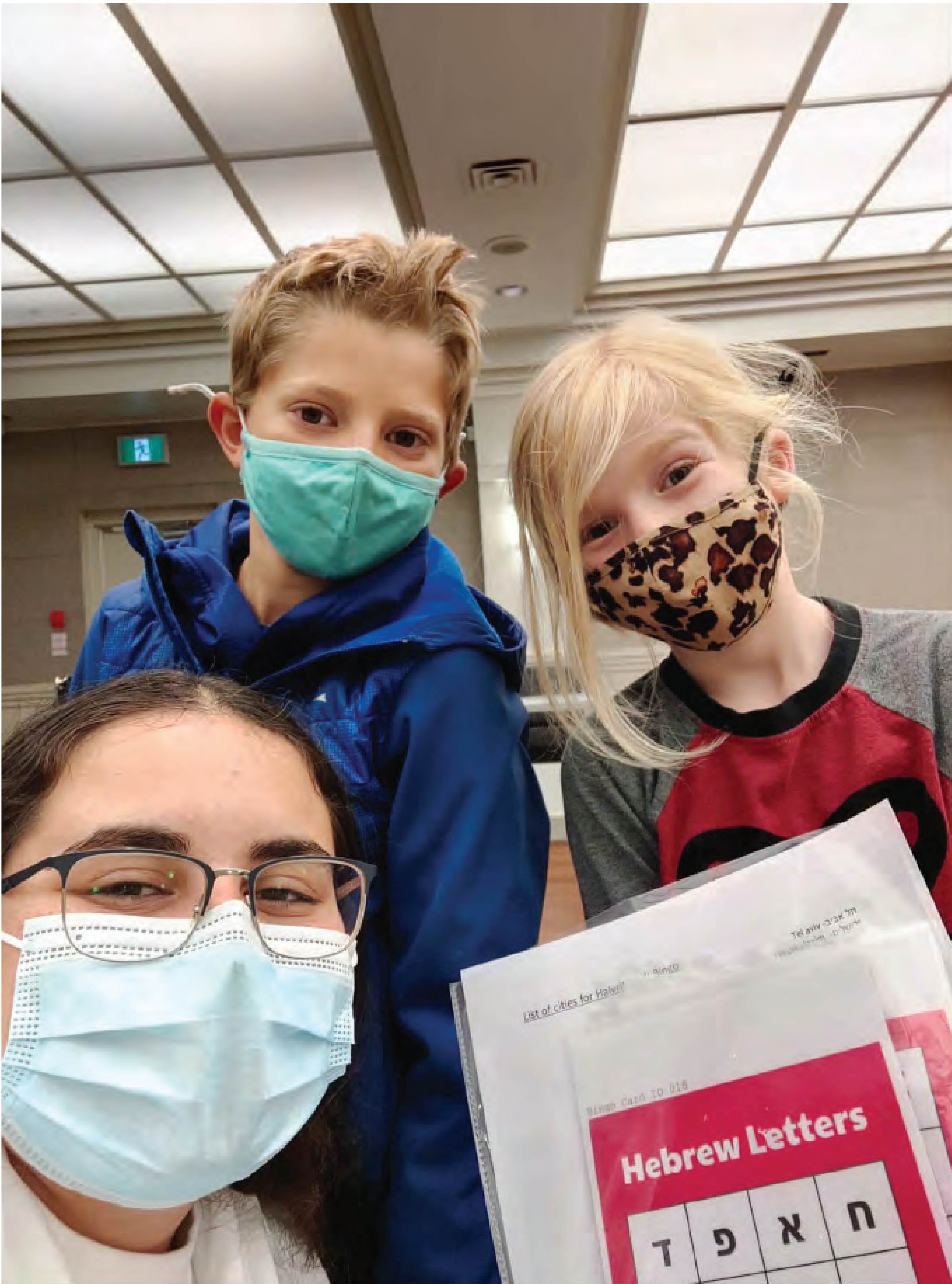
Our two hours of Beit Ivrit is busy and fun and offers many paths to interacting and learning Hebrew.

Just by reading this article, you have taken in seven Hebrew words that our students already understand just by attending Beit Ivrit! Just think what we can do in two hours!

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BECAUSE = כִּי



3 QUESTIONS/3 ANSWERS

with Mika Sela, our ShinShinit

This month, all questions were taken from the “Ask An Israeli” box at THZ.
The students at Beit Midrash, Beit Ivrit and Beit Noar came up with them all by themselves!

How do you feel about going into the army, and what are you going to do there?

I’m so excited to be able to go to the army and serve my country, even if it’s just for a short while. It’s obviously also a bit scary, because the experience isn’t meant to be easy, and there’s always tension in Israel with regard to war and conflict. I’m proud and nervous at the same time, but honestly can’t wait to start my job there — which is a Simulator Instructor for pilots. I will be teaching pilots to handle planes in difficult situations, working with them throughout their own service and learning quite a lot about plane mechanics myself!

What is your favourite and least favourite thing about Canada?

I have always loved the calm in the air here, the people and the multicultural aspect of the country. It’s been very exciting for me to be here: seeing incredible nature and an amazing fall we never get in Israel, getting to know the downtown and the incredible people at the different institutions I’m working at. Also — Halloween! Can’t believe we don’t have that back at home. On the other hand, I am definitely not a big lover of the cold. I know the worst is yet to come, which only makes it so much scarier.

Why did you choose to become a ShinShinit?

To be completely honest, it was a bit of a childhood dream for me. I used to live in Toronto a long time ago, and back when I was here with my family, the first ShinShinit came to Toronto. I always remembered them and how much I loved them; over the years I also took a lot more of an interest in Jewish societies all around the world, and loved the idea of being able to connect them to my country, Israel.

Being a Shin was always a dream for me, and the fact that I’m back in Toronto is a huge bonus!





Welcome home, Cantor Littman

by Sheree Davis
President

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”

At our June annual meeting, I said that when Cantor Littman’s family could travel here easily with few restrictions, we would install Cantor Littman properly, welcoming her to our Temple community with our membership present in our sanctuary. That is what we did on Sunday, November 21 — we gathered together in person and online for the installation of Cantor Rachael Littman and to celebrate a momentous time for our congregation.

According to Jonathan Serna, who teaches Jewish history at Brandeis University, cantors were the only clergy Jews had when they first arrived in the United States. “In the 1840s, there were no rabbis in America.” “With the lack of rabbis, cantors joined couples in marriage, prayed over funeral ceremonies and led the Sabbath service. That role has changed little.” Cantors regularly step in when the Rabbi is absent.” They are musical interpreters of liturgy, educators and a partner in spiritual leadership.

The installation of a Cantor is about the transition of spiritual leadership within a congregation as well as a commitment both on the part of the Cantor but also the members of that congregation. It’s not a secular event nor is it simply an important ritual or minhag. Installation is a sacred occasion for each of us and for all of us. Through our participation as witnesses we recommit ourselves to our Temple, to Judaism and to our people. It is at once about our past, our present and our future.

According to what I’ve learned about Cantors, they bring their own special sauce to a congregation’s musical and spiritual identity. Building on the rich liturgic legacy of Temple Har Zion, in the almost 17 months that she has been with us, Cantor Littman has brought to our worship a rich and diverse blend of ancient and traditional chants, culturally diverse as well as modern melodies, and has encouraged

our membership to do the same. Her personal interpretation of liturgy is imbued with passion, creativity and a beautiful, joie de vivre. As an educator, she both engages and inspires her students with some even choosing to regard her as a mentor as they move forward in their Jewish education. Trust me when I tell you, her readiness to reach out to members in need, her compassion and her plans for her pastoral work are as big and beautiful as her voice.

On behalf of the THZ community, I want to say thank you and Yasher Koach to those leaders and volunteers who are responsible for bringing Cantor Littman into our community and for the installation concert. Thank you to Claude Heimann and the entire Cantoral Search Committee as well as our past president Brena Taylor who quite literally signed the deal that brought Cantor Littman to us. For this evening’s program, I’d like to thank Co-chairs Cheryl Ackerman, Melissa Klein and the entire Music Committee; Rabbi Weiss, Eleanor Rice, and Serge Adam; Len Bates, our ShulCloud maestro and Webmeister; Seth Cole and the Back to Shul Task Force for ensuring that we could celebrate safely; and Morris Maron, Marie Corvese, Jaye Goldberg, and Sarah Greene in our office who helped to make this all come together. My special thanks to Alyssa Gilman who was vigilant in her efforts to ensure that this evening was true to the Cantor’s vision.

During very uncertain times, Cantor Littman entered the life of our Temple community. With very few exceptions and for a very long time, her interactions with leadership, membership and students were virtual only. And yet, her warmth, commitment, compassion, knowledge and fervor made their way into our hearts and helped to connect, engage and inspire us.

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Welcome home, Cantor Littman.

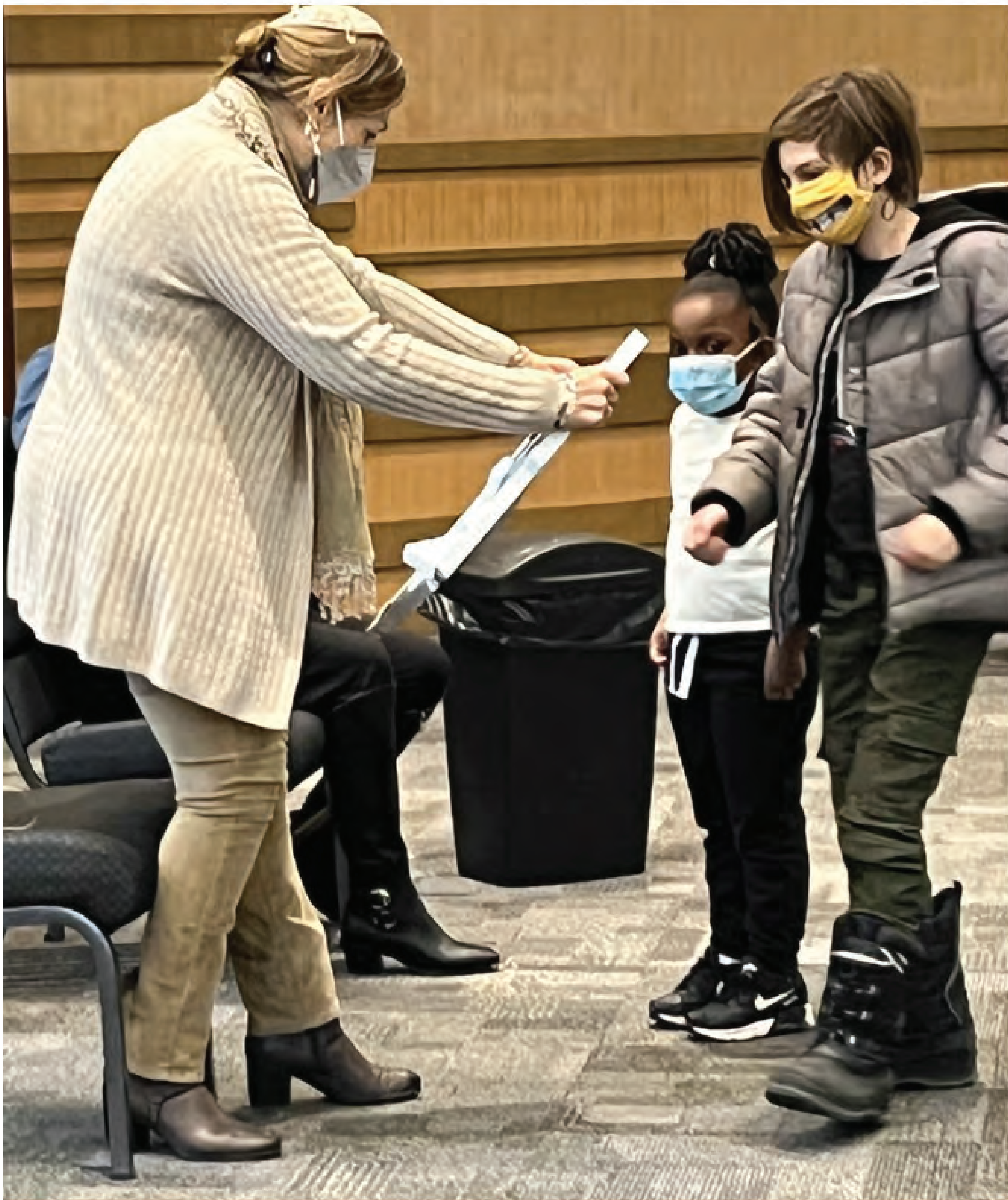
The Installation of

Cantor Rachael Littman

Sunday November 21, 2021 at 7pm



A special morning and presentation at Beit Midrash!



Watch the video



Watch the video



Cantor Magda Fishman
and Cantor Littman



The Rehearsal



The Rehearsal

"We are so pleased to have you as the Cantor at Temple Har Zion and so appreciate your wonderful voice, music and all that you do for the congregation." *Jill and Stanley Segal*

"So happy this is finally happening." *Ilissa and Tony Katz*

"Mazel Tov Cantor Littman! So wonderful that we can celebrate together your arrival as our Cantor." *Clare and Serge Adam*

"Although this is most probably overdue, we are most delighted to officially welcome you to Temple Har Zion where we have already had the pleasure of hearing your beautiful voice which has enhanced and added so much to our services and religious experiences." *Bunny and Ken Saul*

"In honour of Cantor Rachael Littman's installation." *Robyn, Mitchell, Hannah and Jacob Rozen*

"Mazal Tov on your installation." *Karen and Michael Goodis*

"Cantor Littman: Thank you for everything you do!" *Shaun Goodman and Kori Leblanc*

"Mazel tov to our new Cantor. May you enjoy many, many years of harmony and sweetness." *Eric Birnberg and Jennifer Angel*

"Mazel Tov on your installation." *Sharon and Sholem Prasow*

"In honour of Cantor Rachael Littman's installation. I am so elated to be a part of this beautiful occasion, especially as a fairly new member!" *Karen Tabachnick*

"We are so blessed to have you at THZ!" *Susan and Jeff Albaum*

"A most heartfelt welcome and a huge thank you for adding so very much to our Har Zion experience." *Ianne and David Spencer*



"Mazel Tov!"

Pijawka-Keyes family

"Welcome officially to the THZ family." *Paula and Jeffrey Freedman*

"Mazal Tov on your installation. We are so honoured to have you as our Cantor, educator and especially as our friend." *Sarah and Kevin Greene and family*

The program is about to start...



"We are so happy and proud to have you as our Cantor. You are a wonderful inspiration to our synagogue. We look forward to having more opportunities to get to know you. Wishing much happiness and success."

Molly and Bernard Keyes



"Dear Rachael, Mazel Tov! For the special weekend ahead, honouring your 'official' installation. We are so delighted to be celebrating your installation together."

Andrea Rifkin and Jack Furman

"Dear Rachael, I'm so thrilled to be able to attend your celebration. My very best wishes for your continued success at Har Zion. Kol HaKavod."

Shae Eckler

"Dear Cantor Littman, I am looking forward to your installation with anticipation. Hopefully I will be singing in the choir soon."

Donna and Julian Pencharz

"Mazel tov on your installation. We are so happy you are a part of the THZ family. Sorry we won't be there in person but we will watch from Florida."

Debby and Lawrie Kaplan

"Dear Cantor Littman, You have such a beautiful voice in addition to your beautiful and kind personality. Thank you for your care as I navigate my grief and life without Lanny. It means a lot to me."

Marilyn Kartash

"Rachael, Mazal Tov! Thanks so much for all that you've done to assist Shelby. We are thrilled you have joined our Temple Har Zion community."

Love from the Greenwoods

"Welcome, mazel tov, in appreciation."

Marlene Smith

SPEAKERS

Sheree Davis, President, Temple Har Zion
 Len Bates, President, Reform Jewish Community of Canada;
 Vice President, Temple Har Zion

CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

Rabbi Cory Weiss and Cantor Magda Fishman

Choir recording: Shehechyanu
 Composer: Ben Steinberg

Hazzanit Tara Abrams

Ruach Elohim text based on Numbers 6:22-24
 Music by: Lisa Levine, arrangement by Stephen Richards

Hazzanit Tara Abrams, Cantor Rachael Littman
 and Eleanor Ackerman Rice, *voice*
 Rabbi Cory Weiss, *piano*

One Voice Music and Lyrics: Ruth Moody
 Robyn Rozen, Julie Sermer and Rabbi Cory Weiss, *voice*
 Ian Silver, *guitar and voice*

The Evening's Program

Click here
to watch

When you Believe from the *Prince of Egypt*
 Music and Lyrics: Stephen Schwartz

Jessie Saunders-Drutz and Cantor Rachael Littman, *voice*
 Eleanor Ackerman Rice, *piano*
 Cheryl Ackerman, *flute*

Abi Gezunt Music: Abraham Ellstein; Lyrics by: Molly Picon
 Cantor Rachael Littman, *voice*
 Eleanor Ackerman Rice, *piano*
 Rabbi Cory Weiss, *accordion*
 Jacob Weiss, *percussion*

CONCERT

Cantor Magda Fishman, Mark Selby, *piano*

CLOSING REMARKS

Cheryl Ackerman, Co-chair, Music Committee

L'CHAIM

Claude Heimann and Brena Taylor





The evening begins...

"I am so pleased that we are finally able to celebrate you as a congregation, in person. We are very fortunate that even in the midst of a pandemic, you chose to join us as our Cantor... and you have a cutie patootie dog – bonus!"

Sheree Davis

"Mazel Tov on your Installation! I'm delighted we can finally recognize you in this way."

Warmest regards, Len and Sara Bates

"Mazel Tov to you and your family."

Mary and Irwin Aisen



"Mazel Tov on your Installation! We are so fortunate to have you at Har Zion. I wish you many, many years of sharing your beautiful voice with us."

Best wishes, Brigitte Waisberg

"Mazel tov and officially welcome to THZ. Hope you're as happy to be here as we are to have you!"

Frances Halperin



"Dear Cantor Littman, Hearty mazel tov on your installation as our "new" Cantor at Temple Har Zion. To my mind, Sunday evening was not just to mark your installation as our new Cantor but also to recognize and celebrate what a wonderful job you have done in the past 17 months at THZ. It must have been heartwarming for your family to see how appreciated and loved you are in our community. Thank you for all you are doing to continue making Temple Har Zion the very special synagogue that we all love."

Ora Harris and Michael Hutchins

"In honour of your installation of Cantor at Temple Har Zion. Mazel Tov! We wish you well."

Janet and Steven Eskind



Rabbi Rick Jacobs
President

November 21, 2021
17 Kislev 5782

Cantor Rachael Littman
Temple Har Zion
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Canada

Dear Rachael,

I am delighted that the Temple Har Zion family is honoring you as you are installed as the synagogue's cantor. Both personally and on behalf of the Union for Reform Judaism, I extend a warm *mazel tov* to you on this *simcha* in your life. Although I cannot be with you in person, I join in spirit with the members of your congregation and your many friends and colleagues to wish you much joy and success as you lead your new congregation into its next exciting chapter.

You are blessed with many outstanding gifts, all of which will help you take the Temple Har Zion community to an even greater level of vitality. Since being appointed in July 2020, you have brought music to all aspects of congregational life, helping to sustain a vibrant, thriving *kehilla kedosha* – a holy community – in which God dwells and Torah is integral to the lives of members and their families. Your devotion and service as a leader within Temple Har Zion – a vital and cherished link in our Union of congregations throughout North America – are critical to the life and vibrancy of the congregation.

As you and your new congregational family go forth together, may the countenance of the Holy One of Blessing shine brightly upon you, your family, and all who Temple Har Zion hold dear, and may you find much meaning and joy in the Jewish living, learning, and celebrating you will do together – now and for many years to come. *Yasher koach*.

L'shalom,

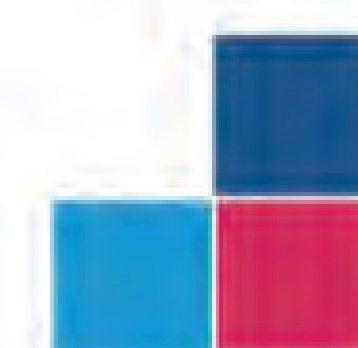
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The Ceremony of Installation

"Overjoyed that Cantor Rachael Littman and Alyssa Gilman have joined the Har Zion family."
Karen, Cory, Michael and Jacob Weiss

"Mazal Tov on your "official" welcome and installation at Temple Har Zion. We're honoured that you've joined the THZ family and look forward to many more years of worship and celebration."
Samantha, Shelly, Ari and Max Bacher

"Congratulations on your Installation as Cantor of our Temple."
Naomi and Saul Joel



"Mazel Tov! I look forward to the wonderful music and much deserved tribute. Yasher Koach everyone!"

Gwen Yacht

"Our best wishes on your new position."

Susie Shillow and Keith Holdsworth

"Mazal Tov on your installation, celebrating everything you do for our Temple. It's wonderful to have you with us!"

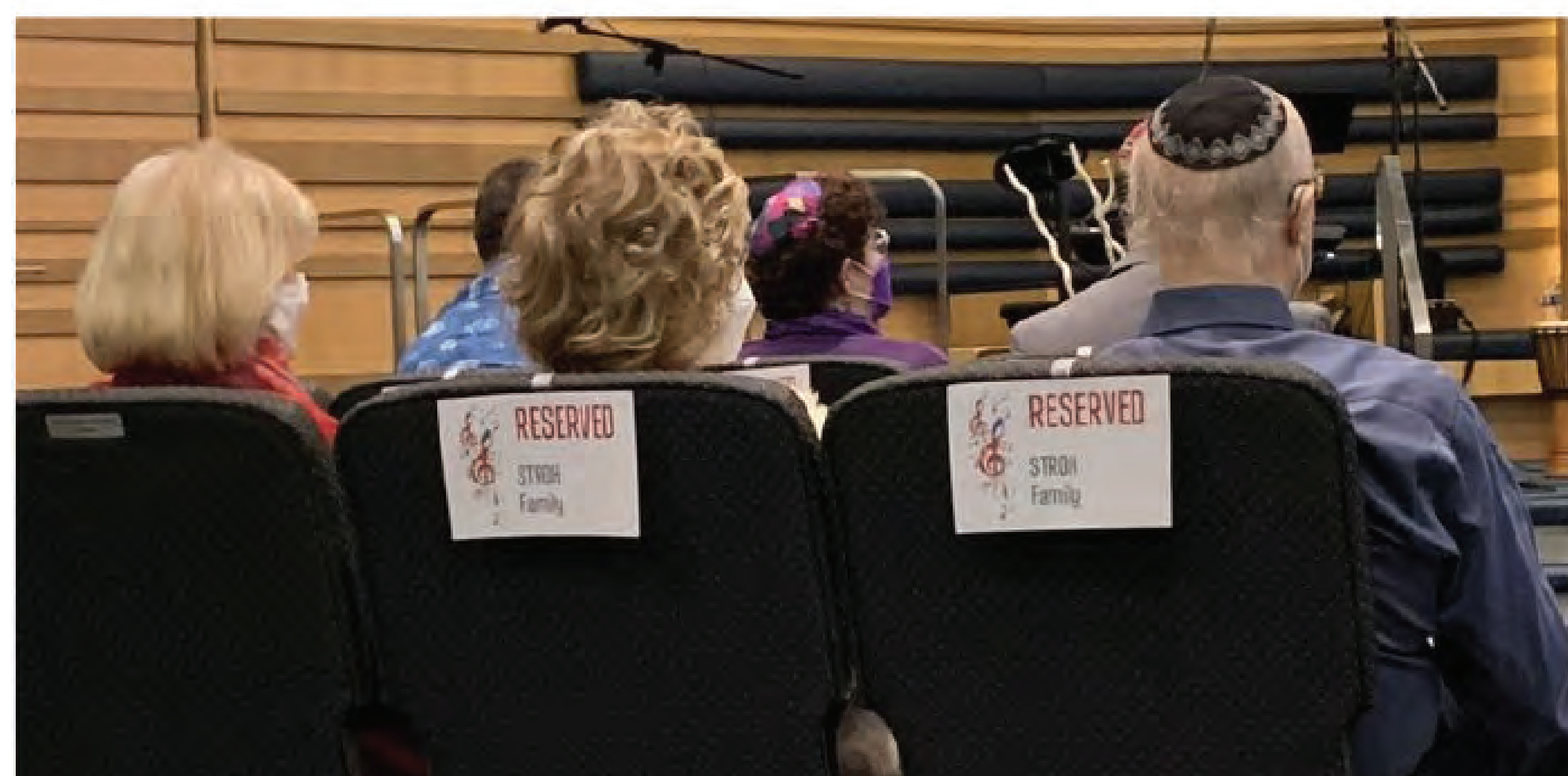
Rabbi Michael and Celia Stroh

"Mazal Tov. Wishing you all the best Cantor Littman. Look forward to seeing you in person."

Josette Sassoon and Morris Joseph

"An official welcome to the THZ community and pray we can sing together soon. Mazal Tov!"

Judith Ross





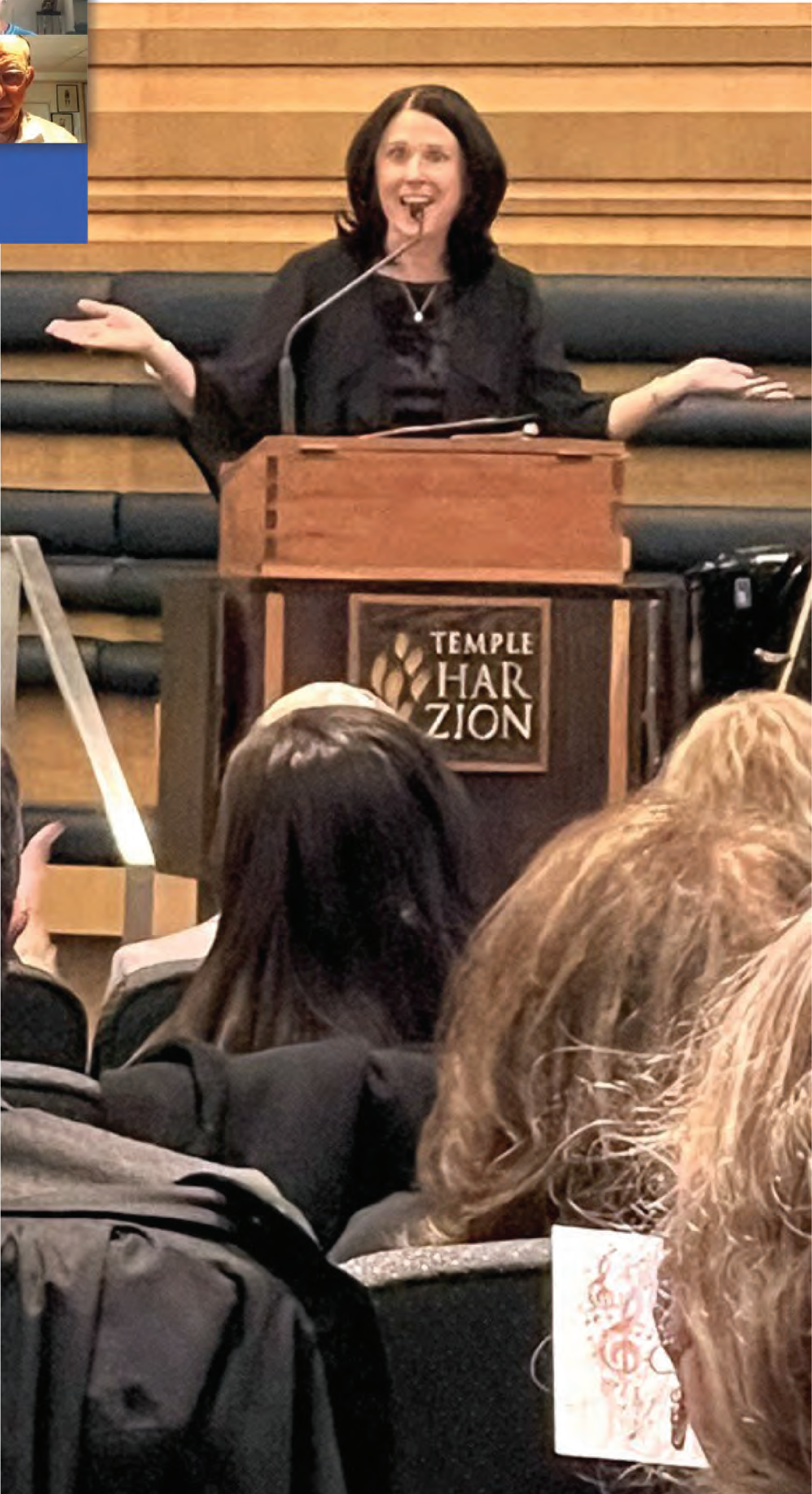


“Mazal Tov! Har Zion is blessed to have you!”
Tara and David Abrams

“Congratulations on your installation as Cantor at Temple Har Zion. “
Marcia Craft

“Congratulations! We appreciate your music, singing and inspiration very much.”
Susan and Ben Aronowitz

“Mazel Tov on your upcoming installation as the Cantor of Temple Har Zion. You bring a wealth of skill, talent and commitment to Har Zion and they are very fortunate to have you. May you have a long and warm relationship together.”
Dina and Bruce Granove

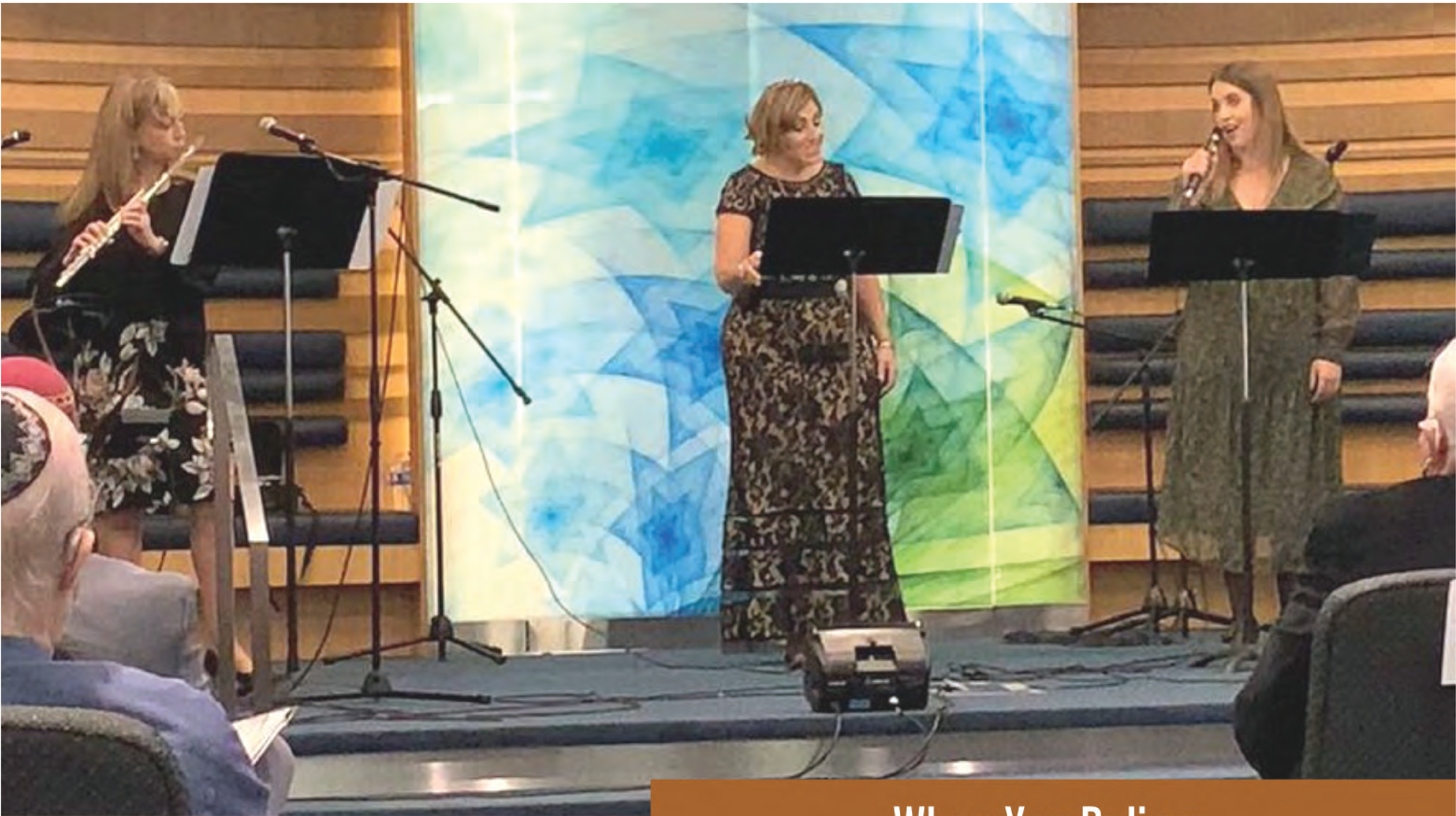


Ruach Elohim: Watch the video



One Voice





When You Believe



Abi Gezunt



The Concert: Cantor Magda Fishman





Closing Remarks

“Sending our very best wishes to Cantor Littman in honour of her installation.”
Cheryl Ackerman and David Saslove and family

“Mazel Tov on your installation as Cantor at Temple Har Zion. Hatzlacha!”
Morris Maron



Presented to
Cantor Rachael Littman
in honour of your installation
Sunday November 21, 2021

ברוכה הבאה הביתה
from your Temple Har Zion family

*“Our lives are fashioned by our choices. First we make our choices. Then our choices make us.”
– Anne Frank –*





L'Chaim



"I am thrilled to finally be able to celebrate your installation in person! Welcome to the family."

Brena Taylor

Brena Taylor

"Mazel Tov."

Jerry and Marley Greenglass

“A very warm welcome to Temple Har Zion from London Ontario. Unfortunately, we cannot attend in person, but will certainly be watching and listening.”

Sandra and Arthur Benjamin

"Mazel Tov on this special occasion." *Doreen Rotenberg*

Doreen Rotenberg

“Dear Rachael, Wishing you B’hatzlacha in your “new-ish” role as Chazzan of Har Zion. It was lovely meeting you last night at your installation and hearing your beautiful voice! Kol hakavod and may you go from strength to strength.”

Rabbi Audrey Kaufman (Am Shalom Congregation, Barrie) and Barry Ganz





Welcome home, Cantor Littman!



Kol HaKavod to all our photographers: Shelly Bacher, Cantor Magda Fishman, Marty Gelfand, Alyssa Gilman, Jaye Goldberg, Sarah Greene, Morris Maron, Mitch Rozen, and George Volgyesi

Good for your Body and Mind



MONDAYS and
WEDNESDAYS at 11am
**Zoom Yoga
with
David Kendal**

Continue on the path
of mindfulness
and wellness

**CLICK HERE
to connect!**



Good for your Soul

MONDAY DECEMBER 6 at NOON: Zoom with the THZ Knitters
The Temple Knitters continue to stay connected! Have a great time socializing, knitting, and sharing patterns. If you can't knit, they'll teach you! New members are always welcome to join in!

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Good for your Spirit

MONDAY DECEMBER 20 at NOON: Virtual Sip & Schmooze

Schmooze, chat and check in with your Temple Family! Grab a snack and a coffee, or whatever you fancy, and visit your THZ friends virtually. Invite your friends, too!



Have you downloaded your THZ member app?

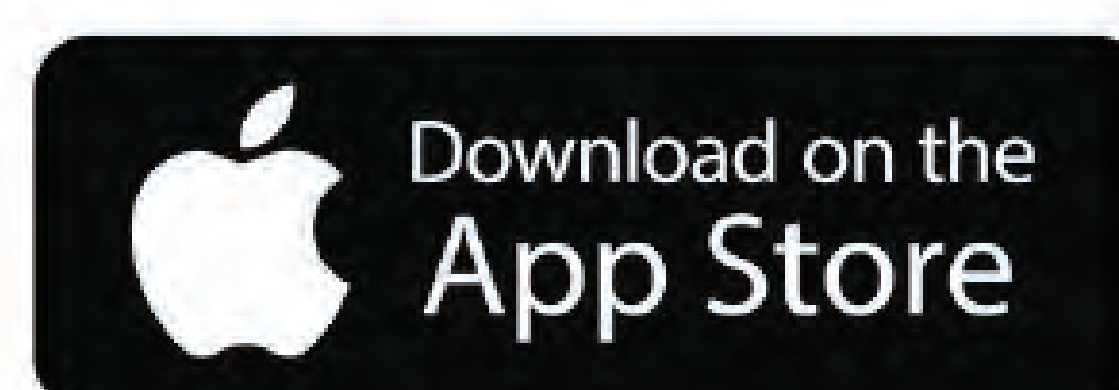


It provides an easy way to:

- Review and update the member information we have on file, including contact information
- Check your account balance
- Make donations
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- Find clergy and office contact information
- Check on upcoming events

... and more!

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 12 at 1pm

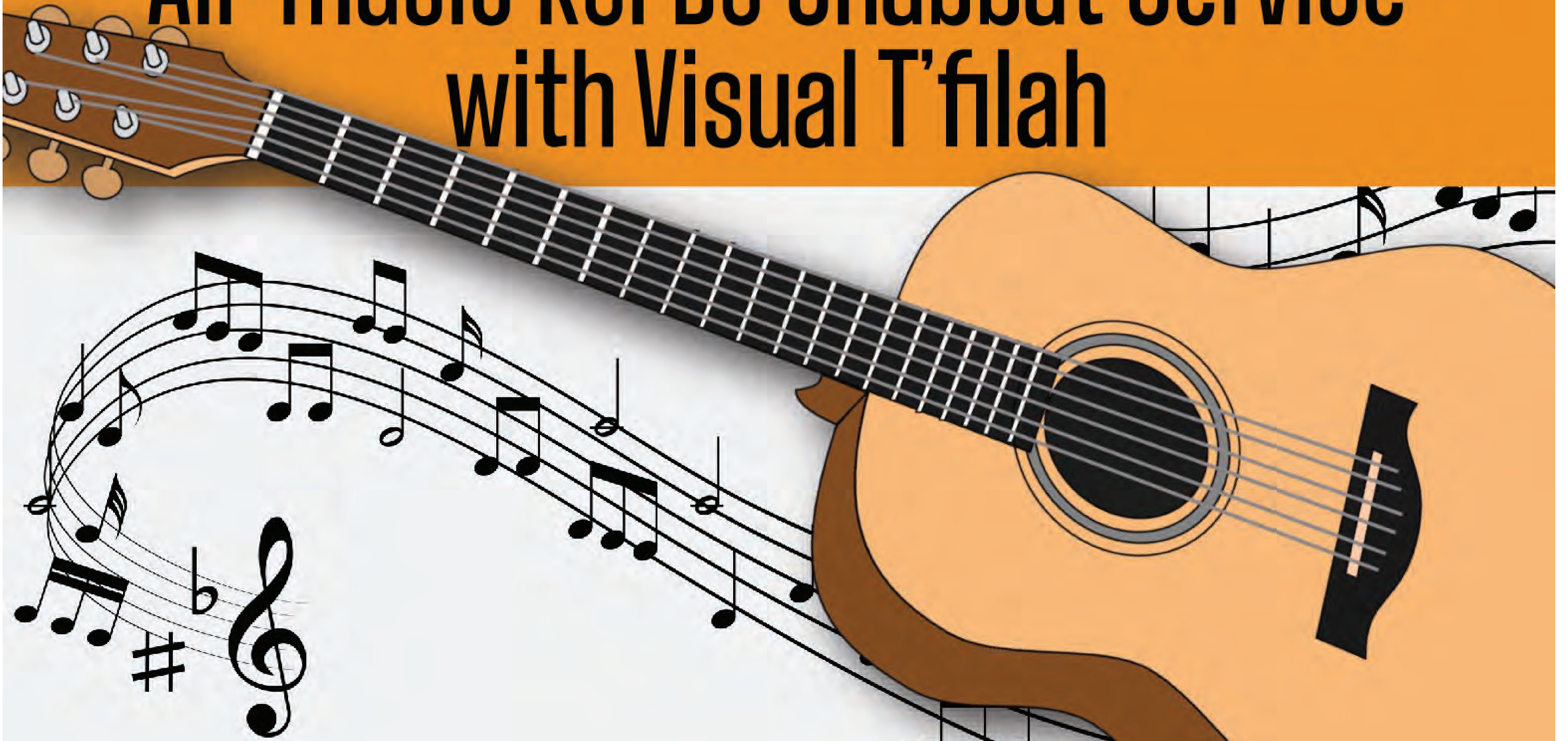
A BROTHERHOOD GATHERING with Rabbi Weiss

This will be a great opportunity to brainstorm and create new programming to invigorate, engage and expand THZ Brotherhood in 2022!

[CLICK HERE to register!](#)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 10 at 6:30pm via livestream

All-music Kol Bo Shabbat Service with Visual T'filah



ROSH CHODESH | MONDAY DECEMBER 13 at NOON

Hanukkah Memories

How did you celebrate Hanukkah as a child?

What sights and smells do you remember?

Was it a big event or a smaller holiday?

Did you experience "tree envy" in December?

Please join us as we explore these and other memories from our childhood. Friends are welcome, as well as eating latkes!

[CLICK HERE for the link](#)

ISRAEL CULTURE CLUB | TUESDAY DECEMBER 14 at 7:30pm



What's so funny about Israel?

Israeli comedy: Tom Ya'ar, Shalom Asayag,

Eretz Nehederet and more!

Join us as for another great evening with our ShinShinit, Mika.

Everyone's welcome to attend!

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BOOK CLUB



TUESDAY JANUARY 4 7:30pm via Zoom

***Last Summer at the Golden Hotel* by Elyssa Friedland**

Business and pleasure clash in this fast-paced, hilarious, nostalgia-filled story. For more than 60 years, the Goldman and Weingold families have presided over this glamorous resort, but the Catskills are not what they used to be – and neither is the relationship between the partners. Can they save their beloved Golden or is it too late? Long-buried secrets emerge, and everyone from the traditional grandparents to the millennial grandchildren wants a say in the hotel's future.

LIVE FROM TAMPA, FLORIDA! | SPECIAL EVENTS WITH THE RABBIS WEISS



DECEMBER 17 at 7pm

The Installation of Rabbi Michael Weiss

[CLICK HERE to watch!](#)

DECEMBER 18 at 9am

Torah Study with Rabbis Cory and Michael Weiss

[CLICK HERE to join in!](#)



CONGREGATION SCHAARAI ZEDEK



SISTERHOOD | TUESDAY JANUARY 11 at 7pm

Movie Night with Rabbi Weiss

"Tiger Within", a film featuring an unlikely friendship between a homeless teen and Holocaust survivor, sparks larger questions of fear, forgiveness, healing and world peace.

We'll be streaming the movie, so have your favourite munchies at hand!



To watch the movie, then
join the discussion with
Rabbi Weiss:

[CLICK HERE](#)

EVERYONE is welcome!

Free to THZ members;
Non-members: \$5

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"We have been attending the High Holiday services as non-members for many years and we are very grateful to the Clergy, Staff, choir, and members of Har Zion for allowing us to continue to be included virtually. A special shout out and thank you to the Scheinberg Family!"

Heidi and Brian Meirovich

Temple Family News

A hearty Mazal Tov to the following families:

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

Helene and Sim Greene in celebration of their grandson Jacob's Bar Mitzvah
Yael and Steven Greenwood in celebration of their daughter Shelby's Bat Mitzvah

ENGAGEMENTS

Elka and Brian Birnbaum on the engagement of their daughter Marnee Birnbaum to Adam Pearl, son of Rhonda and Michael Pearl

CONDOLENCES

Joan Appelby for her son-in-law Jeff Ambrose
Eddie Birnbaum for his wife Elaine Birnbaum

Hope Gaum for her father Saul Kaufman
Sharon Liebesman for her husband Shelly Liebesman
Blair and Jordan Sweigman for their aunt Edith Sweigman Goldenberg

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jacob and Stephanie Gilman
Vilma Soffer

Tributes and Acknowledgements

TEMPLE HAR ZION FUND

Clare and Serge Adam to Lisa Cohen in appreciation
Barbara Barnartt to Sharon Liebesman and family in memory of their husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather Shelly Liebesman

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Marley and Jerry Greenglass to Sharon Liebesman and family in memory of their husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather Shelly Liebesman

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Lyla and Marty Gelfand to Helene and Sim Greene and family in celebration of their grandson Jacob's Bar Mitzvah
Robyn and Alan Packard to James Phillipson in celebration of his special birthday
Bunny and Ken Saul to Arthur Freeman in celebration of his special birthday
Martha and Harry Shulman to Hope and Larry Gaum in memory of Hope's father Saul Kaufman
Gwen Yacht to Sharon Liebesman and family in memory of their husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather Shelly Liebesman

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Erev Hanukkah <i>Kislev 24</i> 9:00am Morning Minyan via Zoom 9:30am Beit Midrash 5:00pm First Candle Lighting I Rabbi Weiss & Cantor Littman via Zoom	29 Hanukkah <i>Kislev 25</i> 11:00am Yoga via Zoom 12:00pm Rosh Chodesh I Israel before it was Israel 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Beit Noar	30 Hanukkah <i>Kislev 26</i> 7:15am Morning Minyan via Zoom 4:45pm Beit Ivrit 7:30pm Book Club I The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah	1 Hanukkah <i>Kislev 27</i> 11:00am Yoga via Zoom	2 Hanukkah <i>Kislev 28</i> 7:15am Morning Minyan via Zoom 12:00pm Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Weiss 7:30pm Sisterhood Annual Hanukkah Get-Together	3 Hanukkah <i>Kislev 29</i> 6:30pm Hanukkah Family Service, Camp George presentation	4 Hanukkah <i>Kislev 30</i> Mikeitz 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Shelby Greenwood Bat Mitzvah
5 Hanukkah <i>Tevet 1</i> 9:00am Morning Minyan via Zoom 9:30am Beit Midrash	6 Hanukkah <i>Tevet 2</i> 11:00am Yoga via Zoom 12:00pm Zoom with the THZ Knitters 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Beit Noar	7 <i>Tevet 3</i> 7:15am Morning Minyan via Zoom 4:45pm Beit Ivrit 7:30pm Brotherhood I Canada's Refugee System	8 <i>Tevet 4</i> 11:00am Yoga via Zoom	9 <i>Tevet 5</i> 7:15am Morning Minyan via Zoom 12:00pm Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Weiss 7:30pm Executive Meeting	10 <i>Tevet 6</i> 6:30pm Kol Bo Shabbat Service	11 Vayigash <i>Tevet 7</i> 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
12 <i>Tevet 8</i> 9:00am Morning Minyan via Zoom 9:30am Beit Midrash 1:00pm Brotherhood Gathering & Brainstorming Session with Rabbi Weiss	13 <i>Tevet 9</i> 11:00am Yoga via Zoom 12:00pm Rosh Chodesh I Hanukkah Memories 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:00pm Beit Noar 7:30pm The Podemski Sisters	14 Fast of Tevet <i>Tevet 10</i> 7:15am Morning Minyan via Zoom 4:45pm Beit Ivrit 7:30pm Israel Culture Club I "What's so funny about Israel?"	15 <i>Tevet 11</i> 11:00am Yoga via Zoom 7:00pm The Jews of Mexico	16 <i>Tevet 12</i> 7:15am Morning Minyan via Zoom	17 <i>Tevet 13</i> 6:30pm Shabbat Service 7:00pm The Installation of Rabbi Michael Weiss	18 Va-y'chi <i>Tevet 14</i> 9:00am Torah Study with Rabbis Cory and Michael Weiss from Florida via Zoom 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
19 <i>Tevet 15</i> 9:00am Morning Minyan via Zoom 4:00pm Professor Gil Troy: "Why I am a Zionist"	20 WINTER BREAK <i>Tevet 16</i> 11:00am Yoga via Zoom 12:00pm Virtual Sip & Schmooze via Zoom	21 WINTER BREAK <i>Tevet 17</i> 7:15am Morning Minyan via Zoom 7:30pm Board Meeting	22 WINTER BREAK <i>Tevet 18</i> 11:00am Yoga via Zoom	23 WINTER BREAK <i>Tevet 19</i> 7:15am Morning Minyan via Zoom	24 OFFICE CLOSED WINTER BREAK <i>Tevet 20</i> 6:30pm Shabbat Service	25 Sh'mot Christmas: OFFICE CLOSED WINTER BREAK <i>Tevet 21</i> 9:00am Torah Study with Rabbi Stroh via Zoom 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
26 Boxing Day <i>Tevet 22</i> OFFICE CLOSED WINTER BREAK 9:00am Morning Minyan via Zoom	27 OFFICE CLOSED WINTER BREAK <i>Tevet 23</i> 11:00am Yoga via Zoom	28 WINTER BREAK <i>Tevet 24</i> 7:15am Morning Minyan via Zoom	29 WINTER BREAK <i>Tevet 25</i> 11:00am Yoga via Zoom	30 WINTER BREAK <i>Tevet 26</i> 7:15am Morning Minyan via Zoom	31 WINTER BREAK <i>Tevet 27</i> 6:30pm Shabbat Service	1 Va-eira New Year's Day <i>Tevet 28</i> 9:00am Torah Study with Ellen Morrow 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service