BRACHOT KEHILATEINU
A DAY OF BLESSINGS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

FEATURING
CANTOR AZI SCHWARTZ

DAVID SATTLER Z”L
Mensch, Music Lover, Leader

David Sattler z”l (zichrono livracha = may his memory be for a blessing) was president of Agudas Achim Congregation 2001-2003, in the early years of Hazzan Dienstfrey’s tenure. Friends, family, clients and colleagues treasured David for his integrity, judgment, kindness and dry humor, combined with his practical approach to life and the practice of law.

His leadership in the Jewish community extended beyond Agudas Achim—he cared for all things Jewish and did not hold back in trying to make a difference. He led a balanced life that included striving for what was right, and also what was practical, achievable and necessary. He was a unique soul who had vision and deep roots in Northern Virginia, putting him in a position to really make an impact on the growth and health of our community.

David loved music and was not shy about expressing his great passion for the music of the Hallel service and, of course, the Beatles. Even during the long illness that took his life at the age of 58 in 2017, music brought him peace and great pleasure. It is appropriate to honor David—someone whose character and menschlichkeit all strive to emulate—through music, a medium that touches hearts and souls, and has the power to reach every individual.

Whether or not you knew David, we hope the music we share in his name each year will inspire you to engage, commit and lead our community with the love and care we strive to pass along to the next generation.

- 2020 Music Committee
Cantor Azi Schwartz is the Senior Cantor of Park Avenue Synagogue in New York, and is a world-renowned vocal performer and recording artist whose music reaches Jewish and interfaith audiences internationally. His craft of Jewish liturgical music has been described as emotionally moving, spiritually uplifting and artistically dynamic.

Azi grew up in a traditional community in Israel. His grandfather, also a cantor, inspired Azi to pursue his passion and inclination for singing and music. After graduating from Tel Aviv Cantorial Institute and studying under the top cantors in the world, Azi continued studying music earning a Master’s in Classical Singing and Conducting from Mannes School of Music. This journey brought Azi to New York, where he leads Park Avenue Synagogue (PAS), the largest Conservative community in NYC and the flagship of Jewish liturgical music in North America. As PAS Music Center’s director, Cantor Schwartz creates, records and publishes new liturgical music, and hosts world-class guest artists for concerts and worship.

Passionate about bringing Jewish liturgy to the broader world, Azi has performed at Carnegie Hall, the United Nations, Madison Square Garden, the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, and the Israeli Knesset. In 2018, Azi was featured in a PBS special entitled The New York Cantors, which brought cantorial music to millions of viewers across the United States and in Europe. During Pope Francis’ visit to New York in October 2015, Cantor Schwartz represented the Jewish people at the multi-religious service at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. He plays the cantor’s role in Richard Gere’s movie Norman, and performs in concerts and interfaith missions around the world. Azi has an astounding online following. He has released nine studio albums containing traditional and newly commissioned Jewish liturgical music.

Dedicated to cultivating the next generation of cantors, Azi serves on the faculty of all major cantorial schools and as an officer for the Cantors Assembly, the largest professional organization for cantors. Azi is married to Dr. Noa Schwartz; they have four children.

THE Program

HODU LADONAI by Charles Osborne
Hazzan Elisheva Dienstfrey & Family

HALLELUYA by Leonard Cohen

NARROW BRIDGE by Zina Goldrich

CHASSIDIC KADDISH by Yossele Rosenblatt
Cantor Azi Schwartz

KEHILA KEDOSHA by Dan Nicols

YIHU L’RATZON By Marshall Portnoy
Cantor Arielle Green

HASHKIVEINU by Adolf Katchko

LOMIR ALE ZINGEN A Folk Song
Cantor Matthew Austerklein

HONORING THE MUSICAL PILLARS of Agudas Achim
Cantor Matthew Austerklein completed his cantorial ordination and Master’s of Sacred Music at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS) in 2011. His first cantorial position was at Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County, where he served for six years.

Cantor Austerklein is a frequent volunteer and leader for the Cantors Assembly. He is the editor of two books, including *Ilu Finu: A Cappella for Jewish Prayer* (Cantors Assembly 2019), partly inspired by his time in AACappella at Agudas Achim under Hazzan Dienstfrey’s leadership.

This winter, Cantor Austerklein completed a research fellowship at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew & Jewish Studies, studying the musical specialization of Ashkenazi cantors. He recently became a Ph.D. candidate in Jewish Studies at Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg in Germany.

Cantor Austerklein is the cantor of Beth El Congregation in Akron, Ohio, where he is honored to serve with his wife and clergy partner, Rabbi Elyssa Joy Austerklein. They have two children, George, 5, and Beatrice, 2.

Cantor Arielle Green grew up as an active member of Agudas Achim Congregation, where she found her love of Jewish music, and specifically, Jewish a cappella. She received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Rochester in music and environmental studies and her cantorial investiture and Master’s of Sacred Music from the H.L. Miller Cantorial School at JTS. During her time in school, Cantor Green served as the cantorial intern at Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City. Cantor Green now serves as the cantor at Congregation Hebrew Educational Alliance in Denver, Colorado.

**SUITE HEBRAIQUE** by Ernest Bloch  
Julia Moline, viola  
Jason Solounias, piano

**INTRODUCTION**  
Rabbi Jack Moline, Emeritus

**TRIBUTE TO DAVID SATTLER Z”L**

**LANDSLIDE** by Stevie Nicks  
Hazzan Elisheva Dienstfrey  
Julia Moline, viola  
Richard Albert, guitar

**REMARKS FROM THE SATTLER FAMILY**  
Ethan Sattler

**OD’KHA** by Stephen Glass

**LU YEHI / LET IT BE** by Naomi Shemer / The Beatles

**ADONAI OZ** by Oran Eldor  
Cantor Azi Schwartz

Accompanying Cantor Schwartz is David Enlow, piano

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