

NOTES FROM THE CANTOR

Music has incredible power. It can unleash our emotions – making us laugh or cry, or both all at once. Music can be calming or exciting, jarring or peaceful. It can trigger memory and nostalgia – taking us back in time and allowing us to feel as if we are right back in that moment. Music can be complex, confusing and thought-provoking, or it can be simple, straightforward and meditative. But I believe one of music's most incredible powers is that it can transport us to another place. A certain melody, a particular chord progression, or a type of scale and we're in another country altogether. It's truly amazing how a few simple notes strung together can send us thousands of miles away, on an amazing journey, without even leaving our seats.

Thus the theme for this year's Cantor's Concert – Take Me To The World – on Sunday, December 9. This concert of Broadway music will feature songs about places around the globe, songs that express wanderlust, and songs from musicals set in different world venues. You'll hear selections from shows like The Band's Visit, set in Israel, The Lion King, set in Africa, Come From Away, set in Newfoundland, and Oklahoma!, set right here in the USA, just to name a few. You'll hear songs from old time musicals you know and love, plus many from shows that are still in the theaters now. As always, I'll be accompanied by Alex Ruvinstein on the piano, David Kane on the drums, and I'll be joined by talented singers from our own Temple Sinai community.

This annual benefit concert supports Temple Sinai's music programs and sponsorship opportunities are available. Sponsors receive recognition in the program and priority seating. I hope you can join us for this wonderful evening of music and give as generously as you can. There will be a festive cocktail hour beginning at 4:30pm, a Chanukah candle lighting at 5:15pm, and the concert will begin promptly at 5:30pm. Please contact me or the Temple office for more information about sponsoring and to RSVP.

Save the date and check your email and snail mail in the coming weeks for more information about this exciting concert. You won't want to miss this family-friendly evening of music that is sure to uplift and transport your heart and soul.

B'Shira, in song,
Cantor Micah Morgovsky