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Guest Ba'al Tefillah **Cantor Chaim David Berson**

Chazzan, The Jewish Center, New York City

for a Shabbat of tuneful and joyous Tefillot

Parshat Beshalach / January 18-19, 2019

🎵 **Gala musical Seudah Shlishit** with music led by Cantor Berson, and a conversation with Cantor Berson: *What a Chazzan Does and Why It's Important*

🎵 **Musical Havdalah at the conclusion of Shabbat**



Cantor Chaim David Berson, born and raised in Jerusalem, is the Chief Cantor of the prestigious Manhattan Jewish Center. Cantor Berson received his education at the Mir Yeshiva in Jerusalem. Subsequently, he graduated from the Tel Aviv Cantorial Institute, receiving an unparalleled quality of training in Chazzanut, voice skills, and the Mesorah of our Tefilah, under the personal tutelage of the world-renowned Cantor Naftali Hershtik and composer Raymond Goldstein. His mellifluous, lyrical tenor voice, his deep knowledge in music and Tefilah as well his personal charisma, make Cantor Berson unique in his craft and much sought after as a Chazzan and singer. Cantor Berson is currently spearheading the OU Nussach Ha'Tefilah Initiative whose goal is to work with communities and Ba'alei Tefilah to disseminate knowledge and awareness of the guidelines of our Mesorah in Nussach HaTefilah. An internationally acclaimed Chazzan and Hassidic

music singer, Cantor Berson has performed at music festivals throughout North America, Israel, and Europe. Cantor Berson has led several missions to Poland, teaching and inspiring visitors of all ages to connect to their Jewish roots and learn about the life and destruction of European Jewry. He was invited to the United Nations General Assembly, where he recited a memorial prayer for the victims of the Holocaust, has performed on Central Park's Summer Stage in a concert celebrating Israel, as well as at the Krakow Jewish Festival, and was a featured singer with the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra.

Cantor Berson has served as Associate Cantor at the Shaar HaShamayim Synagogue in Montreal and the Ohel Leah Synagogue in Hong Kong, and is constantly in demand to lead services in prestigious synagogues worldwide, including the Great Synagogue in Jerusalem. Often accompanied by his own guitar playing and demonstrating a broad repertoire of music, he is a favorite artist at popular Jewish music concerts, weddings, and events. As a versatile singer of contemporary Jewish music, Chaim David recently released his debut album, *Ten Lanu Chaim*. He lives in New York with his wife Batya and daughter, Anaelle.

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