



# Singing God's Words: Religious Experience, Chant & Sacred Text

With Rabbi Jeffrey A. Summit, PhD  
*Comments by Rabbi Ebn Leader*

**New Date: Thursday, March 2, 2017**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Admission: Free**

**Hebrew College | 160 Herrick Road, Newton Centre**

Advance registration requested: [hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events](http://hebrewcollege.edu/upcoming-events)

This talk celebrates the publication of *Singing God's Words: The Performance of Biblical Chant in Contemporary Judaism*, the first in-depth study of the meaning and experience of chanting Torah among contemporary American Jews (Oxford University Press, 2016)

Author, Rabbi Jeffrey A. Summit, Ph.D. will discuss how and why a growing number of American Jews see the public chanting of Biblical texts as one of the most authentic expressions of their religious identity and how this religious practice has taken on new meaning for contemporary Jews of all denominations. He will share his findings on how this ritual is shaped by such forces as digital technology, feminism and contemporary views of spiritual experience. The talk will be followed by a book signing.

*Rabbi Jeffrey A. Summit, Ph.D. is Research Professor in the Department of Music and in the Judaic Studies Program at Tufts University and Neubauer Executive Director of Tufts Hillel. His research focuses on music and religious experience in the contemporary Jewish community in the United States.*

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