

FROM THE CANTOR

Exciting Musical Happenings at OZ in 2021

Hi friends,

We need music more than ever during these winter months, to help warm our souls and nourish our spirits. Rabbi Amy and I have been buoyed by some of the great musical developments of the last months and excited to announce the details of a full musical lineup for the winter and spring months ahead.

It was great to see over 25 people for the last few Friday night services. Many of you told Rabbi Amy and me afterwards how moved you were by the music, especially the special moments led by musicians such as Marty Fogel (clarinet, sax, flute) and Eric Friedman (guitar). If you have not been to a Friday night service in some time, I encourage you to give this one-hour service a try in the new year, as we create space for our souls to dance during the holy day of Shabbat.

Beyond the musical Shabbat services offered every week, Rabbi Amy and I are excited to announce a lineup of music programs for the winter/spring months ahead:

Songs for the Soul

Every Thursday at 11:30 am, via Zoom

I invite you to join me 30 minutes of song (via Zoom).

Whether you close your eyes and listen or choose to sing along, this is a chance to take a pause from the rest of the day (during the lunch-hour) and to nourish your souls through the power of music.

“A Night on Broadway”

Four Tuesdays: Jan 12, 26, Feb 9, 23, 7:30-8:45 pm (via Zoom)

I invite you to join me for this special Adult Ed winter series, where I will have the opportunity to share my passion for the art of musical theater. These sessions will include a discussion of the history and evolution of the Broadway musical as well as the Jewish influences of several leading composers and lyricists. In addition to teaching, I’m looking forward to singing a few special musical examples during every class!

Musical Coffee House & Concert Series (Via Zoom)

During these next six months, please join me and the many talented OZ musicians, as well as some of my talented cantorial colleagues for a series of Coffee Houses and Concerts. Please [contact](#) me if you’re interested in being involved in performing or planning:

Saturday, January 23 @ 7:00 pm - Coffee House

Saturday, February 13 @ 7:00 pm - Coffee House

Saturday, March 20 @ 8:00 pm - Cantorial Concert with Cantor Steve and Friends, featuring OZ musicians

Saturday, April 17 @ 8:00 pm - Concert featuring Israeli music (celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut)

Sunday, May 22 @ 7:30 pm - Coffee House

Saturday, June 26 @ 8:30 pm - Coffee House/Campfire Songs

****All Saturday evening events will include a musical Havdalah ritual for saying goodbye to the Shabbat and welcoming the new week****

I look forward to sharing the precious blessing of music in the weeks and months to come!

~ Cantor Steve
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