

## FROM THE CANTOR

Shalom friends,

I am imagining that by the time you receive this we will have just completed a joyful weekend of singing, dancing, learning and schmoozing together, facilitated by our Artist-in-Residence Eliana Light. My wish is that this special weekend of programming will have given you some spiritual nourishment, while helping to make you feel more “at home” in the OZ community. Please don’t hesitate to reach out with any feedback about the weekend, so we can continue to build this community with your needs and aspirations at heart.

Here’s a glimpse into some other exciting musical developments at OZ:

- As was the case pre-Covid, have the pleasure of leading music twice per week again for the OZ Full Circle preschool kids: The Tuesday morning sessions will focus on Jewish values and holidays, while the ever-popular Friday morning “Shabbat party” will continue to spread the joy of Shabbat through song, dance and blessings.
- The beginning of the OZ Hebrew School year has brought the return of in-person “Junior Congregation.” After leading these sessions on Zoom for over a year, it is wonderful to be able to see the students face-to-face in the sanctuary and to sing together in real-time! We are all excited to be preparing two special songs as part of a musical collaboration with Temple Sinai for Chanukah.
- The next time you enter our sanctuary, you will notice a special new edition: A beautiful Boston Steinway baby grand piano that was recently given to our community by a very generous anonymous donor. We are looking forward to using this gorgeous instrument on Friday night services, concerts, cabarets, theatrical performances, and classes in the future. Stay tuned!!!

With the approach of Chanukah, I look forward to finding ways to create more joy and more light with you here at OZ.

*B’shalom*

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