

**Shearith Israel Sisterhood to honor Torah Fund Honorees**

Shearith Israel Sisterhood will honor Cantor Itzhak and Dr. Leah Zhabek at its annual Torah Fund event at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 22, at Congregation Shearith Israel, 9401 Douglas Ave. Cantor Zhabek began studying music and singing professionally at the age of 6, and his parents encouraged him to pursue a musical career. He earned a master's degree in voice coaching, choir conducting and solo performance from Odessa City Academy of Music and then spent six years in Israel, where he studied cantorial music and performed with the Jewish Musical Drama Theater and the New Israeli Opera.

In 1996 Cantor Zhabek came to Dallas to become cantor at Congregation Shearith Israel. In the United States, he has performed with the Walden Piano Quartet, Russian Ensemble Kalinka, String Trio Les Amis, Marvin Hamlisch, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and the

Dallas Opera. He continues to work as a conductor, an arranger and a composer. Every Shabbat he brings his spirituality to prayers at Shearith Israel. Cantor Zhabek is married to Dr. Leah Zhabek, and their family includes three lovely daughters, Liora, Hannah, and Devora, and son-in-law Ariel Kagedon.

Dr. Leah Zhabek received

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