

Shearith Israel Sisterhood to honor Torah Fund Honorees

Shearith Israel Sisterhood will honor Cantor Itzhak and Dr. Leah Zhrebker at its annual Torah Fund event at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 22, at Congregation Shearith Israel, 9401 Douglas Ave. Cantor Zhrebker 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 Zhrebker 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 Hamlish, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and the

Good Sports: Levine Academy 7th/8th grade girls basketball takes TAPPS championship

Levine Academy 7th/8th grade girls basketball reigned supreme by finishing off Alcuin in the TAPPS championship game on Levine’s Haymann Family Court by a score of 25-13. The Stallions proved tough from the start, taking a commanding lead in the first half and applying pressure defense that stymied their opponents. The girls finished the season with a perfect record.



Photo: Levine Academy

TAPPS champs, from left, Natalie Emmett, Olivia Wayne, Danielle Levkovich, Claire Cohen, Coach K.B. Gammon, Levine Athletic Director Kevin Steinberg, Coach Donyo Frisco, Eden Behr, Andrea Achar, Lainey Wren, Brenna Norton, Sara Lipszyc, Sierra Menachemson and Stella Bruce.

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 Zhrebker is married to Dr. Leah Zhrebker, and their family includes three lovely daughters, Liora, Hannah, and Devora, and son-in-law Ariel Kagedon.

Dr. Leah Zhrebker received

her medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas. She completed her internship and residency in internal medicine, as well as a fellowship in hematology and medical oncology at Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas. Dr. Zhrebker has authored and co-authored many articles in peer-reviewed journals. She is board certified in internal

medicine, medical oncology and hematology. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, participating in community events, cooking and traveling.

The Torah Fund is a project of Women’s League for Conservative Judaism in support of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, Schechter

Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem, Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Zacharias Frankel College in Potsdam, Germany.

Cost is \$36 for lunch plus \$18 minimum donation to Torah Fund Campaign. Please reply by March 8. Individual donors to Torah Fund at the Benefactor level or higher receive the

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