

The new version of Trope Trainer is an on-line site that allows access to users using a subscription licensing system. Jeff Sternfeld is the principal user for an organizational subscription for Beth Ami of 4 individual licenses that allow access to 4 users at a time. Readings can be selected by clicking on the appropriate calendar boxes or searching for individual parshas. The default triennial divisions use the new Conservative guidelines.

The new version is being developed by a coalition of about a dozen cantorial and rabbinical groups and is a work in progress. As Leanne mentioned, the music and tutorial sections are not yet operational but are expected to go live in late May or early June. It is a Swiss-army knife of personalizable functions to accommodate a wide range of users. Jeff has explored the text functions so far and it is amazing. Amazingly complex to sort through the cascade of drop down menus to personalize each user's needs. The readings can be displayed as a block for each aliyah, line by line, or by trope phrases. As such, when the music functions are available, you will be able to look at and print out the music on a line by line basis or by individual trope phrases. This is the feature that Leanne wants. Each text display can be "stacked" to add English translations, transliterations, and transliterations with syllable stresses. And soon music. The trope can be printed in black along with the vowels, they can be displayed by unique colors, or highlighted as colored boxes differentiating trope phrases. Jeff had a zoom session with the CEO of Hazzan Solutions and they spent 45 minutes going through all the current options. Every personalization choice can be saved for future use.

If you are interested in using the current or future versions of trope trainer, the process is simple. Go to the web site: troptrainer.com and register. It is free to register. When you are ready, e-mail Jeff with your registered e-mail address and he can give you access to one of our four spots. Use of the licenses are free for CBA members but donations to pay for the subscription are welcome. Jeff can add or subtract users as needed on line. Jeff will work with you, either in person or on-line to get you acquainted with the myriad of functions: how to access, choose, and save your personal preferences. Jeff Sternfeld: jsster@sonic.net ; (707) 292-3507-cell; (707) 527-9503-home