



**43rd Annual Zwerin-Alexander Memorial Retreat**

# ***Meaning of Music–Music of Meaning***

**Rabbi Jeffrey Summit, Ph.D.**

**How music impacts our Jewish lives | How it works | Why we care**

**Friday, June 25 through Sunday, June 27, 2021**

Co-sponsored by Congregations B'nai Emunah and Beth Israel Judea



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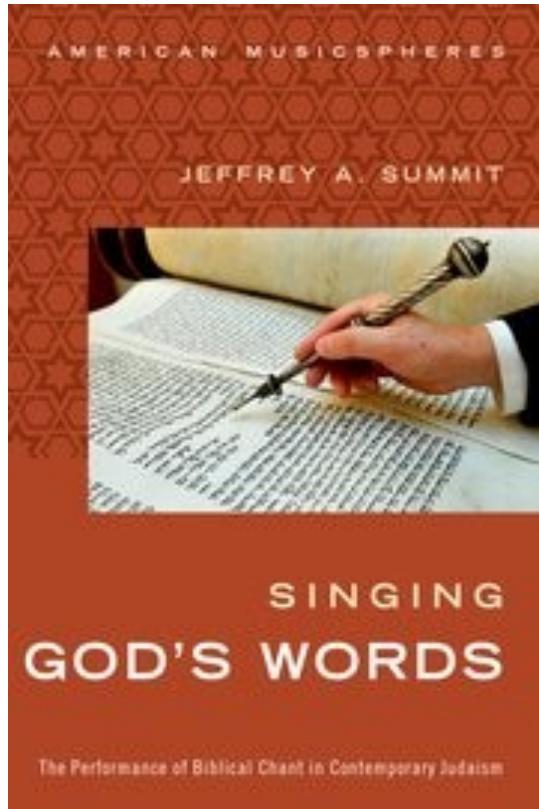
# Welcoming Rabbi Summit

Rabbi Jeffrey A. Summit holds rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College and a Ph.D. in ethnomusicology from Tufts University, where he serves as Research Professor.

He is the author of *Singing God's Words: The Performance of Biblical Chant in Contemporary Judaism* (Oxford University Press, 2016) and *The Lord's Song in a Strange Land: Music and Identity in Contemporary Jewish Worship* (Oxford University Press, 2000). He teaches widely about music and Jewish identity, and was the Director of Tufts Hillel for over 20 years.

Rabbi Summit has also recorded, compiled, and annotated the CD *Abayudaya: Music from the Jewish People of Uganda* for Smithsonian Folkways Recordings. This CD was nominated for a GRAMMY Award for best album in the category of Traditional World Music. His CD with video, *Delicious Peace: Coffee, Music and Interfaith Harmony in Uganda* (Smithsonian Folkways Recordings), examined the role of music in peace building in a Muslim, Jewish and Christian Fair Trade coffee cooperative and was awarded Best World Music CD by the Independent Music Awards.

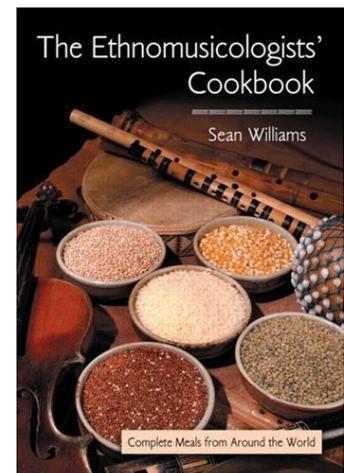
His current research focuses on music and identity, music and spiritual experience, music and advocacy, and the impact of technology on the transmission of tradition. In addition to work and family, he is passionate about hiking, singing and playing instruments with strings.



# Weekend Schedule

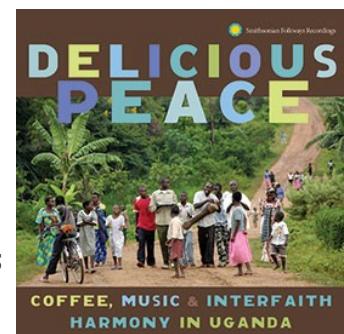
## Friday Evening

- 6:30** Joint Zoom Service Kabbalat Shabbat
- 7:15** Kiddush, Introductions and Memories of Retreats Past
- 7:30-8:30** *The Meaning of our Music* with Rabbi Summit, followed by a question-and-answer session
- 8:45** Schmoozing available until 10 pm



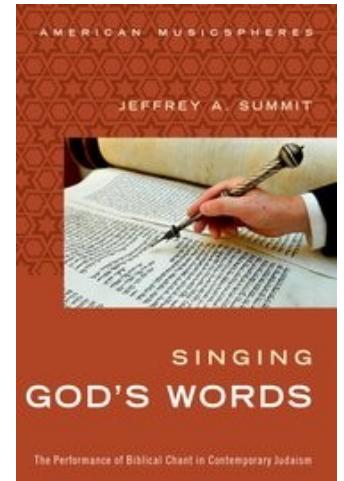
## Saturday

- 8:45 - 10:00** Torah Study:  
*Singing God's Words: A further approach to 'meaning of song/chant'* -- an in-depth exploration of the musical experience of Seder K'riat haTorah with Rabbi Summit. Begins with morning blessings and ends with Kaddish, according to custom, and includes interactive discussion
- 10:15** Joint Shabbat Service (d'var Torah by Rabbi Summit)
- 12:00** Kiddush and Memories of Retreats Past
- 12:30** Schmoozing available until 1pm
- 2:00** In-person walk along Ocean Beach or your local neighborhood (this is not an organized event, but rather an opportunity to stretch your legs and get some fresh air)
- 7:00** Seudah Shlishit/Havdalah  
*A Curated Journey through Jewish Music* with Rabbi Summit. Eat or snack in the comfort of your home as we listen and learn together.



## Sunday

- 10:30** *Musical Change and Growth: Why Do We Fight and Why Does It Hurt?* with Rabbi Summit
- 11:45** Thank-yous and closing circle



# Registration

**For security, you must be registered to participate.**

First and Last Name of each adult who will attend one or more sessions:

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First and Last Name and AGE of each teen and child who will attend one or more sessions:

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Address (required): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (required) \_\_\_\_\_ May we text you? \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

## Cost

**ADULTS: \$10 - TEENS: \$6 - CHILDREN: Free**

**Due to these extraordinary times**, if anyone wishes us to waive the fee(s), please let us know and **we will waive it, no questions asked**. Please direct your request for fee waivers to B'nai Emunah Board Member **Ken Mitchell** at [ken@bnaiemunahsf.org](mailto:ken@bnaiemunahsf.org) or 415-664-7373, or **Rabbi Sami Barth** at [rebsami@gmail.com](mailto:rebsami@gmail.com).

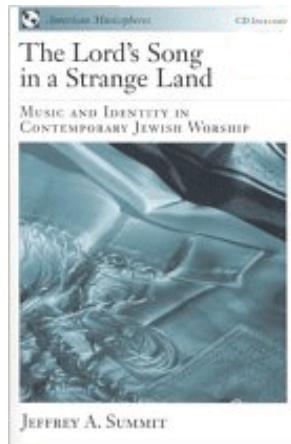
No. of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Amount due (@\$10 ea) \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Teens \_\_\_\_\_ Amount due (@\$6 ea) \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Amount due (@\$0 ea) \_\_\_\_\_ \$0

Freewill offering (*to help defray retreat costs*) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE** \_\_\_\_\_



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