



# MUSIC

at Temple Emanuel

2025-2026 / 5786

Cantor Elias Rosenberg

and the Temple Emanuel Music Committee



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## **Concerts**



### **Yasmin Garfunkel**

**Wednesday, October 22, 2025**

**7:30 PM**

Join Yasmin Garfunkel (soprano) and Silvia Gerszkowicz from Buenos Aires, Argentina for a concert celebrating the beauty of Sephardic songs in chamber music style. The evening will also feature a special selection of Yiddish songs. Don't miss this poetic and musical journey!



### **Va'ani Tefilati:**

**Celebrating Cantor Elias Rosenberg's**

**18 Years at Temple Emanuel**

**Sunday, November 30, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

Join us in celebrating Cantor Elias Rosenberg's 18 years of meaningful service and beautiful music at Temple Emanuel, featuring selections from past favorite performances and new songs.



### **Hanukkah Happens XXXV: KleZamir**

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025**

**7:30 PM**

The Zamir Chorale of Boston and Cantor Elias Rosenberg join Cantor Becky Khitrik and her band, Klezwoods, for a program of exhilarating music bringing together choral and Klezmer traditions.

## Purim Concert with Tiny Tutti Live!

Sunday, March 1, 2026

11:00 AM

Our annual children's Purim concert, *Tiny Tutti Live*, is a joyful, interactive musical adventure for toddlers, preschoolers, and their families. The performance features beloved children's songs and original tunes, brought to life with movement and instruments designed to nurture curiosity and kindness.



## Project Manna 36!

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

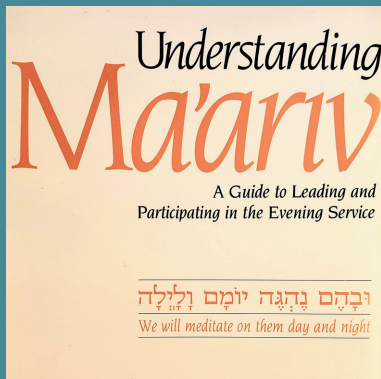
Join us for our 36th Annual Project Manna Concert featuring an array of choirs and singers. Proceeds benefit the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church Soup Kitchen. Don't miss out on this fantastic evening of music, while doing an important mitzvah!

## Learn to Lead Weekday Services with Cantor Elias Rosenberg

Tuesdays 6:30 PM- 7:30 PM

1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10

Learn to lead weekday services and understand the order of the service in this Adult Education class with Cantor Rosenberg!



## Adult Choirs & Instrumental Groups



**Kol Emanuel:** Kol Emanuel sings at services and concerts throughout the year. Add your voice as we prepare for the High Holidays, Hanukkah concerts, Shabbat Shira, and more. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:45 PM. Contact Cantor Rosenberg, [erosemberg@templemanuel.com](mailto:erosemberg@templemanuel.com) or Eugenia Gerstein, Choral Director, [egerstein@templemanuel.com](mailto:egerstein@templemanuel.com).



**Zamira:** TE's all-women singing group, directed by Eugenia Gerstein, performs throughout the year around the Jewish community of Greater Boston. Join us on Mondays at 7:45 PM. Contact Lisa Golden, [lhgolden418@gmail.com](mailto:lhgolden418@gmail.com).



**Misparachim:** Our brand-new Brotherhood Chamber Choir, Misparachim, is a small men's chorus focused on the art of male vocal harmony, featuring barbershop music and other genres composed specifically for men's voices. Contact Dan Nesson [dnesson@templemanuel.com](mailto:dnesson@templemanuel.com).



**Klezmer Band:** If you like Klezmer music and play any instrument, come join us! All levels and instruments are welcome! We meet twice a month on Tuesdays. Enjoy playing and learning about Klezmer music. Contact Eugenia Gerstein, [egerstein@templemanuel.com](mailto:egerstein@templemanuel.com).

## Youth Choirs & Instrumental Groups

### **Two separate Children's Choirs:**

Grades 1-5 and 6-8 perform at Temple Emanuel and in the Greater Boston Jewish community, bringing their joyful spirit to TE and area events. Contact Ilana Snapstailer, [isnapstailer@templemanuel.com](mailto:isnapstailer@templemanuel.com).



**Tizmoret Emanuel Teen Band:** Under the direction of Cantor Rosemberg, this fabulous teen ensemble is always a highpoint of TE holiday celebrations. Contact Cantor Rosemberg [erosemberg@templemanuel.com](mailto:erosemberg@templemanuel.com).



**Klezmer for Children:** Introduce your child to an old tradition for a new generation. Klezmer music is fun for all ages! Any child under Bar/Bat Mitzvah age is welcome. Contact Eugenia Gerstein, [egerstein@templemanuel.com](mailto:egerstein@templemanuel.com)





## **Chamber Music Concert Series Schedule**

Sundays at 3:00 PM

2/22: Jan Muller Szeraws, Cello and Piano Duo

3/29: Constantine Finehouse, Piano Solo

4/26: Opera Selections by finalists in the Metropolitan Opera Laffont Competition for the New England Region

5/31: String Trio, Violin- Thomas Cooper, Viola- Abigail Elder, Cello-TBA

## **Ongoing**

**Shabbat Alive!**: Friday Evenings 6:30pm-7:30pm

**Taste of Shabbat Alive (0-5yrs)**: 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12, 1/9, 2/13, 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 6/12

**Passover Community Seder**: 4/2

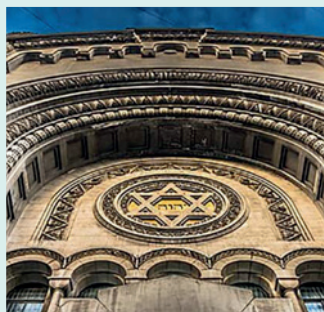
**Musical Shabbat Mornings**: 9/13, 10/18, 11/15, 1/17, 1/31, 2/21, 5/9, 6/6 with more to be announced!



## **Shabbat Alive! 18<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration** **Friday, March 13, 2026**

Celebrate 18 years of Shabbat Alive!

Join us for this special milestone! The celebration will include your favorite Shabbat Alive! tunes sung by returning guest leaders along with Cantor Elias Rosenberg, Rabbi Michelle Robinson, and Rav Hazzan Aliza Berger.



## **Travel to Argentina with Cantor Elias Rosenberg! November 3-11, 2026**

Immerse yourself in the rich culture, tradition, and beauty of Argentina. Led by Cantor Elias Rosenberg, explore Buenos Aires and its vibrant Jewish heritage, visiting the Jewish Federation building damaged in the 1994 bombing, the AMIA community center, and the historic Templo Libertad synagogue. Experience the charm of the Colonias Judías, Jewish agricultural settlements that offer a glimpse into Argentina's Jewish immigrant history. Enjoy cultural highlights including a tango show, a visit to the Teatro Colón opera house, an interactive drum circle, and a hands-on empanada-making class. Stroll through the elegant streets of Recoleta, known for its architecture and famous cemetery. Celebrate Shabbat with a meaningful service and festive dinner, connecting with community and tradition. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to travel, share meaningful experiences with friends, and enjoy a blend of education and fun — all with our beloved Cantor Elias Rosenberg.



**Hazzan Elias Rosenberg** is a graduate of the Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires, Argentina where he obtained the degree of Hazzan and Singing Professor. Since 2007, Elias has served as the Cantor of Temple Emanuel in Newton, the largest Conservative Synagogue in New England, where he has created many meaningful and exciting new programs including the successful Shabbat Alive! service, annual Passover Seder, musical services for the High Holidays and Shabbat morning, an annual Thanksgiving concert series, the Tzimoret teen band, and the monthly Religious School Shabbat Shira. He has produced shows for the congregation and has recorded and produced several CDs for the synagogue. In addition, he has led congregational trips to Argentina, Spain, Italy, and Poland and Israel with March of the Living. Hazzan Rosenberg has served on the National Executive Council and as the New England Region Chair for the Cantors Assembly. He is a past president of the New England Board of Cantors and serves on the faculty of the Cantor-Educator program at Hebrew College as a Cantorial Coach. Elias is currently the president of the Asamblea de Jazanim Lationamericanos (AJL) and Alumni of the Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano. In 2016 he was the recipient of the the Hiddur Mitzvah Award by Masorti Olami, the first cantor from Latin America to receive such distinction.



**Eugenia Gerstein** (Choir Director) has been at Temple Emanuel for 25 years. She conducts the Kol Emanuel, Zamira, and Youth choirs, and is the beloved music teacher in our Religious School. Eugenia received her Bachelor's degree in Music Education and Teaching Music Theory from Moscow Music Teachers' College, and graduated with a Master's degree in Choral Conducting magna cum laude from Ural Conservatory. She holds a diploma in Piano Playing from Moscow Music School.



**Jeremiah Klarman** (Artist-in-Residence) is a graduate of the New England Conservatory (NEC), where he studied composition and improvisation. He has a lifelong passion for Jewish music and has collaborated with several ensembles including the NEC Jewish Music Ensemble, the Zamir Chorale of Boston and the Klezmer Conservatory Band. His compositions have been performed by a wide range of ensembles including the Boston Pops and the Boston Landmarks Orchestra. Jeremiah is a regular musician at Temple Emanuel, participating in services, concerts and other special events. He frequently collaborates with, and has written pieces for, Cantor Elias Rosenberg.