



המכללה העברית

Hebrew College

Ordination of the
Cantorial Graduate Leadership Program
at Hebrew College
1860 Washington Street, Newton, Massachusetts

Sunday, June 4, 2023
15 Sivan 5783
1:30 p.m.

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PROGRAM

Opening *Niggun* and Processional

Welcome

Cantor Lynn Torgove, MAJS`11, Can`12, Director of Cantorial Program

President's Message

Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld

***L'ma'an Achai V'rei-ai* (Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach)**

Matt Goldberg and Kochava Krieger Munro

Berakhot* and Presentation of *Tallitot

Introduction

Cantor Louise Treitman

**Matt Goldberg
Kochava Krieger Munro**

Blessing of the Class of 2023

Cantor Lynn Torgove

Priestly Blessing

Cantor Lynn Torgove

Cantor Louise Treitman

Reading of *Semikha* Document

Cantor Lynn Torgove

Concluding Blessing

Rabbi Dan Judson, PhD, Dean and Chief Academic Officer

Closing *Niggun* and Recessional

Matt Goldberg



כִּי צָרִיךְ כָּל אָדָם לֹמַר: כָּל הָעוֹלָם לֹא נִבְרָא
אֶלָּא בְּשִׁבְלִי (סְנֵהדְרִין לז). נִמְצָא, כְּשֶׁהָעוֹלָם
נִבְרָא בְּשִׁבְלִי, צָרִיךְ אֲנִי לְרֹאוֹת וּלְעֵין בְּכָל עֵת
בְּתַקּוּן הָעוֹלָם, וּלְמַלְאוֹת חֶסֶד הָעוֹלָם,
לְהִתְפַּלֵּל בְּעִבְרָתוֹ.

*Every person must say to themselves:
“the whole world was created for me.”
Once I realize that the whole world
was created for me, I must, at all
times, be searching for ways to do
tikkun olam, to fill the holes in the
world, and to pray on her behalf.*

Likutei Moharan 5:1

I often think about the classic teaching of Rabbi Simcha Bunim of Peschicha: every person must carry two pieces of paper in their pockets, one on each side. On one should be written, “I am but dust and ashes,” and on the other, “the world was created for me,” and life is a balancing act between these two statements.

The journey through rabbinical and cantorial school has been one of learning to live between these two statements; of learning to navigate between ego and humility. In moments of great excitement and (over-)confidence, it is important to remember how much more there is to learn; in moments of thinking I'll never know enough, it is essential to remember how far I have come. Ultimately, there is a need for both.

In this moment, as I stand here about to be ordained I feel like I am on top of the world. I have successfully finished a dual-ordination program, built a loving community here in Boston, and am about to begin a great job. This world was created for me. That does not mean I can sit back and be done. Rebbe Nahman teaches us about what we owe back to the world that has given us so much. What does it mean to use our opportunities and access to lift others up? To use our privilege – our pulpits, our voices – to fill the holes in the world?

These are the questions we are left with as we step out of school and into the real world. Now is our chance to bring together everything we have learned, all our expertise, and share it: not simply to amplify our own voices, but to empower and uplift every person in our communities. This is how we can live between both pieces of paper.

I am humbled and eternally grateful to the people who have gotten me to this point. To my hevruta, Elyse, with whom I have studied so many texts, and from whom I have learned so much about life. To my many cantorial classmates over the years, including, and especially, Kochava, who was along for the ride, particularly in this final year. To Julia (aka the Rav-Hazzan cohort), I appreciate your perspective and constant support, and I am forever grateful for you. And to my rabbinical school classmates: I would do this all over again if I knew I'd get to do it with you.

Mom, Dad, Kayla – we did it! Thank you for making me who I am. And to my partner and soon-to-be wife Elana, thank you for your constant care, support, and love.

You all, and many others not named, created this world for me. I look forward to continuing to learn from and with you all.

Kochava Krieger Munro



לכו נרננה ליהוה נריעה לצור ישענו:
נקדמה פניו בתודה בזמרות נריע לו:

*Come, let us sing joyously to
Adoshem,
Raise a shout for our Rock and
Deliverer.
Let us come into God's presence
with praise,
Let us raise a shout for God in song!*
Psalm 95: 1-2

Singing has been a constant companion throughout my life. As a daughter of a cantor, I was immersed in Jewish secular and liturgical music from a young age. In my neshama- my soul- I knew that one day I would follow in my father's footsteps. When I first experienced Tefillah at Hebrew College, I was astonished by the soulfulness and unity I felt during morning davening. I had never attended a Jewish service where every single person participated in song. Listening to the niggunim and beautiful contemporary melodies interspersed with the mumble of nusach broadened my perspective of the different ways one can engage in prayer.

I am blessed to have been a part of the Hebrew College community for the past four years. I strengthened my voice, not just physically, but also as a contributor to the discussion of Jewish texts, liturgy, and how I can form an intimate relationship with the Divine. Ultimately, I chose to write my Master of Jewish Education thesis on how clergy can integrate Neo-Hasidic niggun culture into synagogue life to create positive relationships and spiritual opportunities for congregants. Music can connect us to ourselves, build community, and be a conduit towards connecting with God. In my cantorate I hope to engage and inspire others through joyous song, kindness, and deep listening.

I want to thank all of the teachers and advisors who have helped me throughout my journey to the cantorate, guiding my professional and spiritual growth. An immense thank you to Cantor Lynn Torgove, my voice teacher, who worked with me over these past four years to broaden my vocal range, properly utilize my breath, and expand my repertoire. Thank you to Cantor Brian Mayer for working with me on nusach and encouraging me to find my inner voice through prayer and chazzanut.

Thank you to Dr. Joshua Jacobson for your masterful teaching of cantillation. You pushed me to bring the text to life through chanting; I will always treasure our class sessions. And thank you to the remaining cantorial faculty and faculty of the education department for improving my teaching and directing skills.

I am grateful for all the cantorial students who have supported and guided me. We are a small but mighty group! A final thank you to my family, especially my father, Cantor Wayne Krieger, my mother, Nancy Beller-Krieger, and my husband, Jacob Munro, for inspiring and supporting me throughout this process.

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Dear Beloved Family, Friends, and Community,

During our time at Hebrew College, we've made an investment in learning together, working alongside each other, and growing as Jewish leaders. We've had the opportunity to learn from extraordinary teachers in a diverse and pluralistic community. We are grateful for our friends, family, and everyone who has supported us throughout our years of learning. In celebration of our ordination, we created a scholarship fund in memory of Lea Andersen z"l who was a classmate and friend. Please consider making a gift in honor of Lea's memory. Your gift will support the [Class of 2023 Lea Andersen Memorial Scholarship Fund](#) which will be awarded to a student or students entering Hebrew College's ordination programs in the fall of 2023.

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