



# המכללה העברית

## Hebrew College

Ordination of the  
Cantorial Graduate Leadership Program  
at Temple Reyim of Newton, Massachusetts

Sunday, May 29, 2022  
28 Iyar 5782  
1:30 p.m.

*via YouTube* [hebrewcollege.edu/canordination](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hebrewcollege.edu/canordination)

# PROGRAM

## Opening *Niggun* and Processional

### Welcome

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

### President's Message

Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld

### Blessing for the Certificate Recipient in Jewish Sacred Music

Cantor Louise Treitman, MM, Senior Advisor and Faculty

Shmuel Dorr

### *Ana Dodi* (Cantor Charles Osborne)

DJ Fortine and Marc Guttman

## *Berakhot* and Presentation of *Tallitot*

### Introduction

Cantor Louise Treitman

DJ Fortine, presented by Amy Lieberman

Marc Guttman, presented by Cantor Brian Mayer, PhD

### Blessing of the Class of 2022

Cantor Lynn Torgove

### Priestly Blessing

Cantor Lynn Torgove

Cantor Louise Treitman

### Reading of *Semikha* Document

Cantor Lynn Torgove

### Hal'luyah - Psalm 150 (Debbie Friedman)

DJ Fortine and Marc Guttman

### Concluding Blessing

Rabbi Dan Judson, PhD, Dean and Chief Academic Officer

## Closing *Niggun* and Recessional

## DJ Fortine



בן זומא אומר, איזהו חכם, הלומד מכל אדם . . . איזהו עשיר, השמח בחלקו :

*Ben Zoma asks: who is wise? The one who learns from every person... Who is rich? The one who rejoices in their portion.*

Pirkei Avot 4:1

My journey to the cantorate was born, in part, out of a desire to pursue the wisdom that Ben Zoma expounds upon in *Pirkei Avot*. The greatest joy of my time at Hebrew College has been the opportunity to engage in fellowship with such a rich pluralistic cross section of *b'nei adam* – to learn with and from.

I'm immensely thankful for the chance to continually encounter Jewish ideas and ritual experiences that I had not been able to earlier in my Jewish journey. Exposure to this breadth of perspectives and a resultant depth of new knowledge help to increase the portion in which I rejoice today.

שירו לה' שיר חדש

*Sing unto God a new song.*

Psalms 96:1

I came to Hebrew College in 2017 having already developed an enthusiasm for contemporary Jewish music, and for making that music accessible to the Jewish communities that I served. Now, having delved into immersive study of liturgy, *nusach hat'filah*, and cantillation of sacred text at Hebrew College, I seek to ensure that the *shirim chadashim* — the new songs that I sing — pay testament to those ancient melodies *MiSinai*, and reflect the bountiful musical traditions of the Jewish People.

I'm grateful for all the teachers who have helped me reach this milestone. Thank you to Lynn Torgove for your thoughtful guidance over the years. Thank you to Amy Lieberman for your expert musicianship and conducting prowess. Thank you to Joshua Jacobson for your diligent scholarship in the realms of cantillation and Jewish music history. Thank you to Brian Mayer for your fastidious stewardship of *nusach hat'filah*. Thank you to Allan Lehmann and Shayna Rhodes for making *Mishnah* and *Gemara* feel so pertinent and accessible. Thank you to Rachel Adelman and Harvey Bock for helping me more ably unravel and make sense of ancient literature.

Thank you to all of my cantorial coaches and advisors: Erik Contzius, Jeff Klepper, Robbie Solomon, Brian Mayer, Matt Austerklein, Michael McClosky, and Kevin Margolius. You are all exemplars of dedication to our vocation, and I treasure your mentorship.

I owe tremendous, tremendous thanks to Rabbi Todd Markley, Rabbi Jay Perlman, and the entire extraordinary *kehillah* at Temple Beth Shalom of Needham for bringing me to Boston in 2016 and enabling me to thrive in both my professional and educational ventures as I've pursued cantorial ordination. I take such great pride in serving our holy community!

Thank you to the Joseph Eisner Camp Institute for Living Judaism for providing me with strong Jewish role models, fostering my love of Jewish music, and for cultivating my aptitude as a song-leader during my youth and adolescence.

I am, of course, indebted to my entire family for their unwavering support, and to my partner in life, Alli. Without her dedication, encouragement, and loving nudging I would not be here!

## Marc Guttman

וַיִּקַּח ה' אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאָדָם וַיְנַחֲהוּ בְּגַרְעֵדן לְעִבְדָהּ וּלְשָׁמְרָהּ:



*God settled the Human in the garden of Eden, to till it and tend it.*

Genesis 2:15

The word עִבְדָהּ, *Avodah* comes from the Hebrew verb “La’Avod” meaning “to serve” and is the same word used for prayer. It informs us of God’s desire that our work and our worship should be our way of life.

Reflecting on my life, I realize I’ve tried to serve others as far back as I can remember. As a child, I would check on classmates if I had seen them upset. I have always been there to listen, encourage, and provide support to others when they are facing tough times. Sometimes it is as simple as holding a hand or offering a hug. My service continued to my position as a desktop technical support specialist – making sure someone’s laptop is working when they are freaking out about the “blue screen of death” is truly a service!

As I started telling friends that I was pursuing cantorial ordination, one of my oldest friends said that he wasn’t surprised considering how involved I’d been in our synagogue youth group. It seems I felt a calling even as a teenager. Even though I embarked on my journey to receive ordination at Hebrew College eighteen years ago, I thought the opportunity was lost after I received my master’s degree in 2014. As is often the case, life happened, and circumstances required me to step away. I thought I was done. However, a calling being a calling, the need to return and finish what I started came back strongly at the end of 2016 as my father was dying.

עִבְדָהּ – Avodah

I sang to my father during that time. It was my way of offering him comfort and peace. And after he died, I stood four days later at his funeral and sang, and in that moment, I knew I had to figure out how to finish what I’d started so many years earlier.

And here we are. The calling to serve has only gotten stronger over these last four years. I feel the need to serve as teacher, mentor, friend, husband, father, brother, son, and hazzan. It is my great hope that I will be privileged to serve in a community where my life experience and the knowledge I have obtained will help to nurture and encourage the next generation of potential teachers, mentors, parents, children, siblings, partners, hazzans, and rabbis.

# CANTORIAL PROGRAM

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Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld

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## **Director of Cantorial Program**

Cantor Lynn Torgove, MAJS`11, Can`12

## **Senior Advisor and Faculty**

Cantor Louise Treitman, MM

## **Director of Vocal Arts**

Amy Lieberman

## **Visiting Professor and Senior Consultant**

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Cantor Brian Mayer, PhD

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Samantha Zerlin, PhD

## **Staff**

Laurena Rosenberg, Program Administrator

## **2022 Cantorial Program of Hebrew College Class Gift**

Dear Beloved Family, Friends. and Community,

We are privileged and thrilled to be officially called “Cantor.” We have been supported by the Hebrew College community, our families, friends, and colleagues. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to learn from and with amazing faculty and students and within the communities where we have interacted and worked. In celebration of this milestone, we have created a scholarship fund to support the Hebrew College Cantorial Program. Thank you for honoring us by supporting this program which is so close to our hearts and the future of the cantorate.

If you would like to make a gift in honor of the Class of 2022 or one of the ordainees please give at <https://hebrewcollege.edu/hebrew-college-class-of-2022-scholarship/>.

If you would prefer to make a gift by check, please mail it to Office of Advancement, Hebrew College, 160 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, MA 02459 and note “HCCP Class of 2022 Gift” in the memo field.

Thank you,  
Class of 2022