



## Zamir Chorale of Boston and Solomon Schechter Day School to Present Family Concert

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On Sunday, February 29, at 1 p.m., the Zamir Chorale of Boston, led by Artistic Director Joshua Jacobson, will perform a concert for children and families at the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston (SSDS) in Newton, Mass. The renowned Chorale--which has been called "America's foremost Jewish choral ensemble"--will perform a range of Jewish music, singing for part of the program with four SSDS student choirs led by SSDS Creative Arts Coordinator Trudy Fagen. Open to the public, this entertaining and educational concert offers children and adults alike an opportunity to hear and learn more about the many different styles of Jewish music.

This is the second year that Zamir and the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston have performed in concert together. The school, which has 530 students in grades K-8, is a natural partner for Zamir: arts are integrated into the curriculum at all age levels, and students are given many opportunities to participate in the performing arts. The school has four choirs and a dance troupe; and the eighth grade annually puts on a Hebrew version of a Broadway musical.

"We are delighted to welcome Zamir back to Solomon Schechter," said Arnold Zar-Kessler, Schechter's Head of School. "Both the school and the larger community enjoyed hearing Zamir up close last year, and our students loved the opportunity to sing with the Chorale." The collaboration between Zamir and SSDS will also continue later in the spring when Zamir records a children's CD of Jewish music, featuring the Chorale singing with Schechter student choirs.

Tickets to the Zamir-SSDS family concert are \$10. To purchase advance tickets or for more information, contact Zamir at (866) 926-4720 or Solomon Schechter Day School at (617) 964-7765.

*Founded in 1969, The Zamir Chorale of Boston has been recognized as "America's foremost Jewish choral ensemble." This 50-member adult chorale is committed to the highest quality performance of music spanning thousands of years, four continents, and a variety of styles, both popular and classical. The Chorale's repertoire includes Jewish liturgical pieces, major classical works, music of the Holocaust, newly commissioned compositions by contemporary*

*Jewish composers, and Israeli, Yiddish, and Ladino folksongs. Zamir currently has sixteen recordings on the HaZamir label, ranging from Baroque masterworks to seasonal celebrations. The Chorale's 1999 tour to Eastern Europe is the subject of the PBS documentary Zamir: Jewish Voices Return to Poland.*

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