



Zamir Chorale to Hold Auditions for 36th Season

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The Zamir Chorale of Boston, specializing in music from the Jewish traditions, will hold auditions for all voice parts on **Monday, September 20 and Sunday, September 26, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.** Auditions are held at Hebrew College, 160 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, and must be scheduled in advance by calling the Zamir office (toll free) at 1-866-926-4720. Candidates will have excellent vocal quality, the ability to sight-read music, and previous choral experience. Candidates will also attend open rehearsals at Hebrew College on September 14 and September 21, from 7:15 to 10:00 p.m. Membership is awarded only to singers who commit to weekly rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at Hebrew College, and between 10 and 15 performances each season (September through June).

The Zamir Chorale of Boston has planned an exciting year, its 36th season under the direction of founder and Artistic Director Joshua Jacobson. Concerts are scheduled throughout the Northeast. The repertoire will focus on 350 years of Jewish life in America, including classical, liturgical and popular compositions. On June 5, 2005, the chorus will perform a gala concert at Sanders Theatre, featuring Ernest Bloch's choral-orchestral masterpiece, *Sacred Service*, and the premiere of *Et Hazzamir Higgiya*, newly commissioned from Israeli composer Yehezkel Braun.

The 50-member adult chorale, dubbed a "virtuoso outfit" by the *Boston Globe* and recognized by *American Record Guide* as "America's foremost Jewish choral ensemble," has remained 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.

The Zamir Chorale of Boston, featured in a nationally broadcast PBS documentary, performs throughout the United States, and has also toured Europe and Israel, appearing with the Jerusalem Symphony and Israel Philharmonic Orchestras under Zubin Mehta and Daniel Barenboim. Zamir currently has sixteen recordings on the HaZamir label, ranging from Baroque masterworks to seasonal celebrations.

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