



Zamir Chorale to Hold Auditions for 2005-2006 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 **Sunday, September 25 and Monday, September 26, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.** Held at Hebrew College, 160 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, the auditions are by appointment only and must be scheduled in advance by calling the Zamir office at (617) 244-6333. Candidates must have excellent vocal quality, the ability to sight-read music, and previous choral experience. In addition to the audition, candidates are required to attend open rehearsals at Hebrew College on September 13 and September 20 from 7:15 to 10:00 p.m. Rehearsals are held weekly from September through early June on Tuesdays at Hebrew College, from 7:15 to 10:00 p.m.

The Zamir Chorale of Boston, under the direction of founder and Artistic Director Joshua Jacobson, will be performing concerts in the Greater-Boston area and throughout the Northeast. A typical season comprises 10–15 performances. The repertoire includes masterworks by Robert Starer and Ernest Bloch, choral gems by Jewish composers from Salamone Rossi to Yehezkel Braun, as well as liturgical, folkloric and popular pieces. This year the Chorale will focus on settings of the Hebrew Psalms.

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 Zamir Chorale, recently 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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