



Zamir Chorale of Boston Presents Shalom Rav Concert in Cambridge

Honors Renowned Composer and Cantor Jeffrey Klepper

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The Zamir Chorale of Boston and guest artists Kol B'Seder presented Shalom Rav - where classical meets cool, rousing meets reflective - at Zamir's spring concert, held June 3 at Sanders Theatre in Cambridge. The concert featured music celebrating the enduring spirit and dramatic stories of the Jewish people highlighted by "Shalom Rav" (abundant peace), composed by Cantor Jeffrey Klepper, as well as works by Leonard Bernstein, Louis Lewandowski, Daniel Pinkham, Paul Ben-Haim and Randall Thompson. The concert also featured Hankus Netsky as pianist and band leader. A multi-instrumentalist, composer and scholar, Netsky teaches improvisation and Jewish music and is the founder of the Klezmer Conservatory Band, a staple on the Jewish music scene for more than 20 years.

Cantor Klepper of Temple Sinai in Sharon is one of the leading cantors of the American Jewish community. A composer of more than 200 songs including the widely-known melodies for "Shalom Rav" (TMP 991281) and "Oseh Shalom" (TMP 991626), he has been expanding the boundaries of contemporary Jewish music for more than three decades.

Zamir Chorale of Boston Music Director Joshua Jacobson says, "Cantor Klepper is a rare blend of a person who is musical, original, spiritual, intellectually creative and fun. He has created melodies that are so well known and widespread in synagogues across America that many Jews already consider them part of the tradition."

Born in New York City, Cantor Klepper was integrally involved in the North American Federation of Temple Youth as a song leader. In 1974, he formed the musical group Kol B'Seder with Rabbi Daniel Frelander.

In 1980, Klepper was invested as Cantor by the School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College in New York. Since then, he has served congregations in Haifa, Israel and Evanston, Illinois, where he also earned a Masters in Music from Northeastern Illinois University.

The Zamir Chorale of Boston, founded in 1969, has inspired audiences throughout the world with performances of great works of Jewish music and the commissioning of many new works. Musical Director, founder and conductor Joshua Jacobson is one of the world's leading authorities on Jewish choral music. He is Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Northeastern University and a Visiting Professor of Jewish Music at Hebrew College.

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