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### **First *Generation to Generation* Award goes to Jeremiah Klarman of Chestnut Hill, MA**



Schaumburg, IL. The ***Guild of Temple Musicians (GTM) and the American Conference of Cantors (ACC) and The Joint Commission on Worship, Music and Religious Living of the Union for Reform Judaism*** are proud to announce the results of the first ***Generation to Generation*** program. The honor goes to Jeremiah Klarman, a 17-year old high school student and a member of Temple Emanuel in Newton, MA. Mr. Klarman wrote two pieces, "R'tzei" and "Rom'mu," that demonstrated the required creation of beautiful melody combined with sensitivity to the setting of Jewish liturgical text.

As part of the program, the winner is paired with an experienced composer of Jewish music who will help the young composer refine and expand his/her understanding of melody, text-setting, and compositional techniques. This year's mentor is award-winning composer, Cantor Stephen Richards. Cantor Richards, who began his music career in musical theatre, has written and arranged a wide array of Jewish music with over 100 pieces published by Transcontinental Music Publishing. He has served on the Board for the American Conference of Cantors and the National Commission on Synagogue Music. He has worked as a cantor for synagogues in Rochester, NY, Indianapolis, Phoenix, and Walnut Creek, CA and has also worked as editor of Transcontinental Music Publishing and a professor at the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music in New York. This year, Cantor Richards is the keynote speaker at the ACC/GTM 2010 Convention in Memphis.

Mr. Klarman has been an active musician since the age of 4 when he began playing the piano. At 6 he took up the violin and began composing his own pieces. He has continued with the piano, adding in work with percussion, and will soon begin applying to colleges that specialize in music education. His goal is to work professionally as a musician/composer, with an emphasis on composition.

Mr. Klarman, who wins a trip to the 2010 ACC/GTM Convention in Memphis, June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 1, will be working with Cantor Richards from now until the end of the convention. The ACC, the GTM and the URJ will introduce a program update on their progress during the event.

For further information regarding the ACC or this project, please visit the ACC website at [www.accantors.org](http://www.accantors.org). The ACC, representing over 450 Reform Cantors across North America, is an affiliate of the URJ ([www.urj.org](http://www.urj.org)), representing over 900 Reform Jewish congregations across North America.

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