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Strategic Development Process Kicks Off in Chicago!

Some of you may remember the visioning exercise we engaged in at the Plenary session I led in Kerhonkson last summer. During that session, we broke into small groups in order to think “outside the box” in three areas: Identity/ Naming of the ACC; Lay Education around Jewish Music; and Maintaining High Professional Standards for Cantors. Those of you who were there came back with some terrific ideas for positioning the ACC more prominently in the greater Jewish community, for imparting a greater sense of love for Jewish music to our Movement’s lay leaders, and for using technology more effectively in the area of continuing education for cantors. Your enthusiasm and your ideas were noted, and they inspired action.

It is my great pleasure to report to you that immediately following the Executive Board meeting in Chicago last month, our Strategic Development process got underway. Facilitated by our immediate past Interim Managing Director, Dee Danner, the Strategic Development Task Force, chaired by Tracey Scher, held its first meeting. Task Force members include Claire Franco and Jen Roher, as well as our Managing Director Rachel Turry, our Manager of Member Services, Dana Stahl, along with Rosalie Boxt, Susan Caro and myself as ex officio members.

The Task Force spent the first part of our meeting together envisioning an “Ideal State” for the ACC vis-à-vis Continuing Education for Cantors, Jewish music, and our organizational partnerships and the greater Jewish community. Then, we came down to earth and tried to assess our current status in each of these areas. Finally, we began to “blue sky” steps that we, as an organization, might take to bring us toward our collective vision.

Visioning is exhilarating work, and the excitement in the room was wonderful. The Task Force discussed several possible steps for achieving our goals – some that seemed easy and straightforward and some that will be a reach for us as an organization. Precedence for programming was set, and research into feasibility, cost and details of this programming is now underway. As feasibility, costs and details become clearer, so will our program priorities. In addition, we will have a set of plans to offer to our Development Consultant whenever he or she joins our ACC team.

A full report by the Strategic Development Task Force will be forthcoming at our San Francisco Convention. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Kay Greenwald
President

A Helping Hand!

By Rosalie Boxt

The Membership Committee is collecting materials for our colleagues for whom resources for purchasing music through Transcon or other vendors may be difficult. If you have multiple copies of recent Transcontinental publications, either books, CDs or octavos, or CDs or songbooks of contemporary works that you would like to donate to a “library” for the ACC, please send them to:

Cantor Rosalie Boxt
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10101 Connecticut Ave.
Kensington, MD 20895

With the help of Barbara Ostfeld, materials will be sent anonymously, via Barbara, to our colleagues who may need extra support and resources! This is a great, free way to support each other! Let's make our Postal Service work for us!

2007-2008 Placement List (as of June 4, 2008)

TIER I – Up to 599 Member Units (*open to all members*)

TIER II – Up to 999 Member Units (*applicants must have been invested/certified in 2005 or earlier*)

Syosset, NY – North Shore Synagogue (F/T (will consider P/T candidate)) (760) 5/27/08

TIER III – Over 1,000 Member Units (*applicants must have been invested/certified in 2001 or earlier*)

HIGH HOLIDAY POSITIONS

Bay Shore, NY – Sinai Reform Temple (100) HHD 5/19/08

Gambier, Ohio – Kenyon College Hillel (200 individuals) HHD 6/4/08

NON PULPIT POSITIONS

New York Area – ACC, Director of Advocacy 2/21/08 (p/t)

WITHDRAWN

Cherry Hill, NJ – Temple Emanuel (953) (Full or Limited Service) 1/8/08

Miami, FL – Temple Israel of Greater Miami (485) (Limited Service) 5/28/07

(no applicants-opting for student cantor)

Harrisburg, PA – Temple Ohev Sholom (376) (Limited Service) 11/29/07

(opting to stay with interim for one more year and to add a student cantor)

Newton Centre, MA – Temple Beth Avodah (470) 1/31/08 (hiring soloist in-house)

Austin, TX – Congregation Beth Israel (615) (Now open to Tier I) 12/18/07

Westwood, MA – Temple Beth David (300) (Full-Time or Limited Service) 1/8/08

Morristown, NJ – Temple B'nai Or (595) 3/21/08 (current cantor not leaving)

Berkeley, CA – Cong. Beth El (550) (Limited Service) 12/18/07 (hiring interim soloist)

Grass Valley, CA – Congregation B'nai Harim (90) HHD 4/18/08 (hiring soloist)

East Brunswick, NJ – Temple B'nai Shalom (410) 1/15/08

Los Angeles, CA – Wilshire Blvd. Temple (2450) (Assoc. Cantor) 3/12/08 (will reapply next season)

PENDING

Jerusalem – Director of the Jerusalem Program of the SSM 9/24/07

IN NEGOTIATIONS

POSITIONS FILLED

Oklahoma City, OK – Temple B'nai Israel (340) (Limited Service) 9/25/07-Adelle Nicholson

Phoenix, AZ – Temple Chai (1106) (Now open to Tier II) 1/31/08-Peter Halpern

San Antonio, TX – Temple Beth-El (1120) (Now open to Tier II) 10/31/07-Julie Berlin

Roslyn Hts., NY – Temple Sinai of Roslyn (975) 6/11/07-Gabi Arad

Olympia Fields, IL – Temple Anshe Sholom (358) 1/18/08-David Reinwald

Las Vegas, NV – Temple Sinai (250) (F/T or Limited Service) 1/9/08-Marla Goldberg

Pennington, NJ – Har Sinai Hebrew Cong. (370) (F/T or Limited Service) 9/25/07-Emily Wigod

Chevy Chase, MD – Temple Shalom (573) 12/18/07-Lisa Levine

Akron, OH – Temple Israel (494) 1/7/08-Jason Rosenman

Aberdeen, NJ – Temple Shalom (371) (Limited Service) 10/27/07- Marnie Camhi

Chappaqua, NY – Beth El of No. Westchester (661) (Limited Service Asst.) 2/1/08-Ellen Dreskin

Rye, NY – Community Synagogue of Rye (492) 2/1/08-Dan Mutlu

Stamford, CT – Temple Sinai (365) (Almost Full-Time) 1/7/08-Micah Morgovksy

Milwaukee, WI – Congregation Sinai (425) 1/25/08-Rebecca Robins

Oak Park, MI – Temple Emanu-El (490+) 10/23/07-Darcie Sharlein

Lexington, MA – Temple Isaiah (801) 1/25/08-Lisa Doob

Falls Church, VA – Temple Rodef Shalom (1385) (Limited Service Hazzan Sheini) 1/16/08-Tracey Scher

Chicago, IL – K.A.M. Isaiah Israel (472) 11/2/07-Miriam Eskenasy

Corpus Christi, TX – Congregation Beth Israel (225) HHD 4/18/08-Jacqueline Shuchat-Marx

Marlboro, NJ – Temple Rodeph Torah of W. Monmouth (380) (Limited Service) 3/5/08-Joanna Alexander

Scarsdale, NY – Westchester Reform Temple (2nd F/T Asst. Cantor) 2/18/08-Dan Sklar

Hamden, CT – Cong. Mishkan Israel (585) (Full or Limited Service) 2/12/0-Arthur Giglio

San Bernardino, CA – Congregation Emanu El (250) HHD 5/14/08-Marina Belenky

Fort Worth, TX – Beth El Congregation (450) HHD 4/28/08-Samantha Natov

Manchester, NH – Temple Adath Yeshurun (292) HHD 3/4/08-Josee Wolff

Austin, TX – Congregation Beth Israel (615) HHD 4/22/08-Deborah Bard

Morrison, CO – B'nai Chaim (125) HHD 5/16/08-Karen Neff Kumin

Baltimore, MD – Balt. Hebrew Cong. (1326) (Now open to Tier II) 10/16/07-Robbie Solomon

West Lafayette, IN – Temple Israel (124) HHD 12/18/07-Jenny Izenstark

Springfield, MA – Sinai Temple (535) 1/18/08-Martin Levson

Glen Cove, NY – No. Country Ref. Temple (250) (Lim. Svc. or F/T Cantor-Educator) 1/15/08-Rebecca Elliston-Goren

Please note: Dates are those of original entry into placement.

Chai Donations (as of June 4, 2008)

For the speedy recovery of Rachelle Nelson's daughter, Leah: Marshall Portnoy
In memory of Josephine Burman, mother of Wendy Shermet: Susan Caro
In memory of Anne Jhunever, mother of Roz Barak: Ellen Stettner and Rosie Math
In memory of Geraldine Lewis, mother of Chris Lewis, mother-in-law of Tracey Scher: Kerith Spencer-Shapiro and Scott Spencer, Susan Caro
In memory of Rick Simons: Kat Hastings
In memory of Lillian Yomtov: Herb and Judy Cole, Janet Leuchter and Hal Glicksman, Meredith Stone
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In memory of Ted Nelson: Ellen Stettner, Amy E. Levy, Marshall Portnoy, Rebecca Garfein and Mike Gellman, Flo Merel, Annie Bornstein, Linda Ecker, Donn and Ruth Rosensweig, Josee Wolff, Meredith Stone, Barbra Lieberstein, Susan Berkson
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In memory of Cantor Samuel (Shmulik) Kelemer: Susan Caro, Alison Wissot
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In memory of Leonard Lerner, grandfather of Shayna Warner: Linda Ecker, Josee Wolff, Susan Caro
In memory of Shirlie Sniffin: Josee Wolff
In memory of Natalie Corn, widow of Cantor Jay Corn, z"l: Robert Bloch
In memory of Jack Mendelson's sister: Meredith Stone
In memory of Sam Natov: Marshall Portnoy
In honor of Susan Caro for endless Biennial help: Rosalie Boxt
In honor of Lanie Katzew for being a partner and friend this fall: Rosalie Boxt
In honor of Kay Greenwald for support and encouragement: Rosalie Boxt
In honor of the marriage of Jen Roher and Ryan Smith: Kat Hastings
In honor of the engagement of Ellen Stettner and Ron Kane and in honor of Ellen's congregation's acceptance into the URJ: Kat Hastings
In honor of Ellen Stettner's engagement to Ron Kane: Annie Bornstein
In honor of David Bravo for his time, talent and dedication during Biennial: ACC Officers
In honor of the births of Adam and Zackariaya Yakout: Kay Greenwald
In honor of Tal Orr, grandson of Beny and Hope Maissner: Rebecca Garfein and Mike Gellman, Annie Bornstein
In honor of Mark Biddleman's 40th anniversary at Temple Emanu-El: Flo Merel
In honor of David Muchnick: Steven Weiss
In memory of Benjamin Seplowin: Steven Weiss and Stephanie Gertz, Josee Wolff, Donn & Ruth Rosensweig
In honor of the birth of Kovi Elan, grandson of Lynne and the late Cantor Edward Fogel, z"l: Robert Bloch
In honor of the 10th anniversary celebration of Arlene Bernstein: Lori W. Frank
In honor of the adoption of Xiao-Long Shuchat-Marx: Barbra Lieberstein
In honor of Aviva Rosenbloom celebrating 32 years of service to her congregation: Lori Frank

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Notes from the ACC Executive Board Meeting — April 2008

- The ACC Board received a visit from special guest, Joy Wasserman to discuss alumni relations with the College-Institute
- The Board toured the hotel for the 2009 Chicago convention
- The Board broke into small groups to discuss ways to increase volunteerism for the ACC
- Reports on current financials were received – up to date reports will be delivered to the plenary in July
- Reports from our Placement Director, our Director of Member Support and our Managing Director were received
- The Personnel Committee informed the Board that there are several strong candidates for the Director of Advocacy position

The ACC Board accepted the resignation of Mark Lipson due to congregational obligations. We are grateful to Mark for his years of service on the Board and we look forward to his continuing service on ACC Committees.

The ACC welcomes Tracey Scher to the Executive Board.

We welcome Shira Nafshi, Kerith Spencer-Shapiro and Nancy Ginsburg -- our new Executive Board members elected in April. We welcome back to the Board, Penny Kessler, Sharon Kohn and Roz Barak, also elected in April.

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***See you in San
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 June 29 -
 July 3, 2008***

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In honor of Ellen Stettner and Ron Kane's engagement: Susan Berkson
 In honor of the engagement of Ellen Stettner and Ron Kane: Meredith Stone
 In honor of the Honorary Doctorates of Vicki, Roy, Robert, Ellen, Jan, Martha and Jodi: Meredith Stone
 In honor of the birth of Zachary Kahan Tiep, son of Billy and Michelle: Linda Ecker
 In honor of Aviva Rosenbloom and her enduring gifts of love and music: Kathy Robbins
 In honor of Lori Frank's 25th year at Temple Adat Shalom: Kathy Robbins
 In honor of Andrew Edison's retirement: Jonathan Grant
 In honor of Dana Anesi's 25th anniversary in her congregation: Meredith Stone
 In honor of Jon Haddon's retirement: Meredith Stone
 In honor of Vicki Axe: Meredith Stone
 In honor of Arlene Bernstein's 10th anniversary in her congregation: Meredith Stone
 In honor of Cantor Martin Feldman's 50th year in the cantorate and 80th birthday: Annie Bornstein
 In honor of Alane Katzew for her extraordinary sermon at service honoring me for 25 years in the cantorate and for her collegiality and kindness: Ellen Sussman
 In memory of Anne Jhunever, mother of Roslyn Barak: Susan Caro