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ACC/GTM Convention Registration Online NOW OPEN



Registration is NOW OPEN for the 2009 ACC/GTM Convention at the Westin Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

[The Speakers and Scholars-in-Residence](#) for our week of study have been announced. Follow this link for their biographies. They include: Rabbi Daniel Frelander, Senior Vice President of the Union for Reform Judaism; Amichai Lau-Lavie, Founder, Artistic and Executive Director of Storahtelling; Joyce Rosenzweig, Artist-in-Residence at HUC-JIR, NY; and Margaret M. ("Peggy") Treadwell, LICSW.

Are you able to sponsor or underwrite a portion of the ACC/GTM Convention? Do you have a congregant who may be able to provide an "in-kind" donation that will alleviate the need to purchase materials or equipment for use at the convention? Please see the [ACC/GTM member sponsorship opportunities](#) and the [community sponsorship opportunities](#). We value your continued support!

Quick Links

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ACC Simchas: Mazel tov to...

08/08/08 [how lucky is that!]: 50th wedding anniversary of Cantor Helene Reps & David Reps

09/28/08: Cantor Ross Wolman's engagement to Malka van Prooyen

11/01/08: Rachel Turry's engagement to Jonathan Roth

11/18/08: Welcome to the world Eliana Meira Zemel, daughter of Cantor Sarah and Marc Zemel

11/21/08: Welcome to the world, Daniel Casey Wissot, son of Rabbi Cantor Alison Wissot and Michael Wissot.

12/09/08: Welcome to the world, Brianna Julia Weiss, daughter of Cantor Steven Weiss and Stephanie Gertz Weiss.

Dear Member,

Welcome to the first issue of the ACC's e-Koleinu, the online version of our newsletter. We hope that providing Koleinu in this new format will allow you to receive up-to-date information in a more timely fashion and will help reduce the costs of printing and mailing.

We will be sending hard copies of e-Koleinu to those members who have requested it. Additionally, before Pesach we will be compiling and sending by regular mail a printed edition of Koleinu containing many of the focus articles from ACC members that we have solicited and received.

We welcome your feedback.

B'shalom,

ACC Communication Committee

[Penny Kessler, Chair](#)

President's Note

Times are Tough - What are we doing to help? Each Other? Our Congregations? Our Movement?

As we begin this New Secular Year of 2009, we cannot deny the world situation at the moment: our country - and the world - is in the midst of the worst recession we have seen in decades; the Middle East continues to be a source of instability for most of the planet; environmental issues are of mounting concern.

Given these issues, how do things look for the ACC? And what are we doing proactively to deal with matters at hand - most specifically, the current economic situation?

The ACC is in excellent financial shape at this time. Our pension and our Endowment have not been involved with any questionable investors or investments, and our operating budget is in the black with no expectation of a deficit. We are taking steps to save money on printing and other hard office costs, as well as continuing actively to fundraise (yes - even in this financial climate), in order to keep ourselves as financially healthy as we currently are.

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Notes From the November 2008 Meeting of the Executive Board

- Immediate Past President Richard Cohn delivered a report on the opening of the Jewish Institute of Cantorial Arts at the Geiger School in Berlin
- A discussion was held on ways to publicize our new website and our lay education component
- Reports were delivered by the 2009 Convention Committee and the 2010 Convention Committee
- A workshop for the Executive Board was led by our Development Consultant, Alicia Kuranda
- The new Listserv Guidelines were approved
- Convention Protocols were approved
- Committee Chairs presented reports on committee work to date this fiscal year

Heshbon haKesef: Financial Health in these Difficult Times

The Committee for Continuing Professional Development for the ACC is pleased to host this important call-in event: Heshbon haKesef: Financial Health in these Difficult Times Tuesday, February 3 at 12 noon Eastern Standard Time. The call will last 1 hour. The call in number is 1-888 537-7715 The passcode is: 19716566#

This presentation will focus on Balancing Present Debt and Financial Needs with Future Savings. Financial questions can be posed to our presenters. This call will feature Sandra Block. Our main speaker, Sandra Block is personal finance columnist.

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Chai Fund Donations

ACC Condolences: Our conference mourns...

<p>6/25/08 Cantor Tibor Moses, z"l</p> <p>7/24/08 Morris Scherr, z"l, father of Cantor Anna Scherr Berman</p> <p>7/29/08 Herbert Poserow, z"l, father of Ben Poserow and father-in-law of Cantor Hayley Kobilinsky Poserow</p> <p>8/7/08 Jessie Ecker, z"l, mother -in-law of Cantor Linda Ecker and mother of Marc Ecker</p> <p>8/6/08 Cantor Samuel Dov Berman, z"l</p> <p>8/27/08 Cantor Harry Sebran, z"l (Temple Israel, OK)</p> <p>8/29/08 Irv Abrams, z"l, stepfather of Cantor Susan Berkson</p> <p>8/30/08 William J. Erlich, z"l, father-in-law of Cantor Laura Croen and father of Mark Erlich</p> <p>9/1/08 Dorothy Warm Stettner, z"l, mother of Cantor Ellen Stettner</p> <p>9/5/08 Jean Colbert, z"l, mother of Cantor Scott Colbert</p> <p>9/6/08 Alexander Toulouse, z"l, nephew of Cantors Faith Steinsnyder and David Perper. Son of Bonnie Steinsnyder & Christopher Toulouse.</p> <p>10/16/08 Dr. Ellen Kendal, z"l, mother of Cantor Lisa Kendal</p> <p>10/27/08 Larissa (Lara) Trubashnik, z"l, mother of Cantor Anna Trubashnik</p> <p>11/12/08 Lillian Friedman, z"l, mother of Cantor Flo Merel</p> <p>1/18/09 Seymour Schwartzman, z"l</p>	<p>In memory of Dorothy Warm Stettner: Bernie Gutcheon In memory of Dorothy Warm Stettner: Rhoda Silverman In memory of Dorothy Warm Stettner: Marshall Portnoy In memory of Dorothy Warm Stettner: Rosalie Boxt In memory of Dorothy Warm Stettner: Nancy Kassel In memory of Dorothy Stettner: Barbara Margulis In memory of Faith Steinsnyder's nephew, Alexander: Sheri Blum In memory of Alexander Toulouse: Steven Weiss In memory of Alexander Toulouse: Gershon Silins in memory of Zander Toulouse, nephew of Faith Steinsnyder & David Perper: Devorah Felder-Levy In memory of Alexander Toulouse: Marshall Portnoy In memory of Alexander Toulouse: Rebecca Garfein and Mike Gellman In memory of Jean Colbert: Steven Weiss In memory of Jean Colbert: Ellen Stettner In memory of Jean Colbert: Nancy Kassel In memory of Roz Barak's mother: Nancy Kassel In memory of William J. Erlich: Gershon Silins In memory of Judy Seplowin's father: Nancy Kassel In memory of Susan Weiss' sister, Diana: Emily Sleeper Merkler In memory of Cantor Susan Weiss' sister Diana: Susan L. Levine In memory of Lara Frubashnik: Sharon Kohn In memory of Rabbi Jerome W. Grollman: Murry W. Hochberg In memory of Ellen Kendal: Marshall Portnoy In memory of Lillian Friedman: Amy Daniels In memory of Lillian Friedman: Carol and Bob Mayeron In memory of Lillian Friedman: Marie Betcher In memory of Lillian Friedman: Josee Wolff In memory of Morton Poshel: Josee Wolff In memory of Carolyn Ruben: Marie Betcher In memory of David Sokol, father of Cantor Scott Sokol: Judy Seplowin In honor of Cantor Sam Brown's 87th birthday: Alan Weiner In honor of Kathy Robbin's friendship: Linda Ecker In honor of Cantor Linda Ecker: Bruce and Roberta Manning In honor of Cantor Linda Ecker: Penny, Jeff, Larry, Marnee and Jean Milner In honor of Cantor Linda Ecker: Congregation B'nai Green Valley In honor of Barbara Ostfeld: Robert Bloch In honor of Martin Levson's installation: Josee Wolff In honor of Sinai Temple, Springfield, MA: Josee Wolff In honor of Ben Steinberg for a refuah shleimah: Louise Treitman In honor of Cantor Barbara Ostfeld, in appreciation for the lovely installation remarks and blessings on the occasion of Rhoda's installation as Spiritual Leader of Temple Emanuel of Baltimore: Rhoda Silverman In gratitude to Barbara Ostfeld for her support and comfort and for the beautiful funeral service she led for our beloved mother: The Stettner Family Mazel Tov to Wendy and Bruce Auteinrieth on the birth of their new granddaughter, Ruby Mae: Sheri Blum</p>
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Please feel free to contact the ACC with your questions or comments.

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