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Service of Investiture and Ordination

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Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York

Class of 5768

To be Invested Cantor

Joanna Mass Alexander	חנה בת דניאל ולאה
Rebecca Lee Goren	רבקה לאה בת לסטר וחנה מיכל
Daniel Isaac Mutlu	דניאל בן משה ודבורה
Rebecca Ann Robins	פינקל ריבה בת וועלוול ופאייגע
Darcie Naomi Sharlein	דבורה מרגלית בת ראובן יהודה ואסתר
Emily Joan Wigod	חווה יעקבה בת ראובן ודבורה

To be Ordained Rabbi

Nicholas Holtz Anderson	אמנון יוסף בן צבי ושיינה
Leah Rachel Berkowitz	לאה רחל בת דוד חיים ועמי ברכה
Jesse Marvin Gallop	זאב יונתן בן יעקב ופנינה
Thomas Adam Gardner	טביה בן משה ויעקבה
Andrew Abraham Goodman	אברהם בן דניאל ושירה
Andrew Jacob Gordon	יוסף יעקב בן מיכאל ורות
Rachel Gillian Greengrass	רחל גיטל בת משה יוסף ויוכבד
Nicole Michelle Greninger	מרים צביה בת הרשל וחנה
Delphine Horvilleur	פנינה בת מרדכי ועדית
Esther Louise Lederman	אסתר בת חיים רחמיאל ושושנה
Jessica Kessler Marshall	ישעיה בת ראובן ושירה
Heather Ellen Miller	איטה בת טשארנע
Jaimee Brooke Shalhevet	יצחקה בת ציון בת בנימין וצביה
Michael Joseph Shields	מיכאל משה בן דוד וקרן
Yael Shmilovitz	יעל בת בנימין וכרמלה
Daniel Aaron Sklar	דניאל אהרן בן ישראל פנחס ושרה רחל
Joshua Hillel Strom	יהושע הלל בן הרב אליהו ושושנה
Sarah Lynne Wolf	שרה בת אהרון ושרון

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Please also remember to turn off all cell phones and pagers.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of Adonai

ברוך הבא בשם יי
ברכנוכם מבית יי

Processional

Baruch Haba

ברוך הבא

ברוך הָבָא בְּשֵׁם יי, בְּרַכְנוּכֶם מִבֵּית יי. אֵל
יי וְנִאָּר לָנוּ אֶסְרוּ-חַג בְּעֵבְתֵינוּ עַד-קֶרְנוֹת
הַמִּזְבֵּחַ. אֵלֵינוּ אֲתָהּ וְאוֹדֶךָ אֱלֹהֵי אֲרוֹמָמְךָ.
הוֹדוּ לַיי כִּי-טוֹב, כִּי לְעוֹלָם חֶסֶדֶוּ.

Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of ADONAI, from Whose house
blessing flows and Who lights our way.
We sing thanks to God Who is good
and Whose love is everlasting.

Cantor Israel Goldstein

Welcome

Rabbi Shirley Idelson
Dean

Mah Tov

מה טובו

מֵה-טֹבוֹ אֹהֲלֶיךָ, יַעֲקֹב, מִשְׁכְּנֹתֶיךָ, יִשְׂרָאֵל!

How lovely are your tents, O Jacob,
your dwelling places, O Israel!

וְאֲנִי, בְּרַב חֶסֶדֶךָ אָבוֹא בֵּיתֶךָ, אֲשַׁתְּחֹנֶה
אֶל-הַיִּכָּל קֹדֶשְׁךָ בִּירְאָתֶךָ.

And I, by Your great love, shall enter
Your inner sanctum, and bow down
reverently in Your holy temple.

יי, אֲהַבְתִּי מְעוֹן בֵּיתֶךָ, וּמְקוֹם מְשֻׁכָּן כְּבוֹדֶךָ.

ADONAI, I love Your house, the place
where Your glory dwells.

וְאֲנִי תַפְלֵתִי לָךְ יי, עַתָּה רְצוֹן.
אֱלֹהִים בְּרַב-חֶסֶדֶךָ, עֲנֵנִי בְּאַמֶּת יִשְׁעֶךָ.

To You, ADONAI, does my prayer go
forth. May this be a time of joy and
favor. In Your great love, O God,
answer me with Your saving truth.

Rabbinical Class of 2008
School of Sacred Music Class of 2008

Greetings

Barbara Friedman

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The Crown of Torah

על שלשה דברים העולם קיים
על האמת ועל הדין ועל השלום.
מורה תורה מורה חיים מורה ישיבה
מורה חכמה מורה עצה מורה תבונה
מורה צדקה מורה שלום.
שנים שושבים ויש ביניהם דברי
תורה שכינה שרויה ביניהם.
עשה לך רב וקנה לך חבר.
עשה תורתך קבע אומר
מעט ועשה הרבה.

The world stands on three things: on truth, on judgment, and on peace.
The more Torah, the more life; the more schooling, the more wisdom; the more counsel, the more understanding; the more righteous charity, the more peace.
When two sit together and exchange words of Torah, then, the *Shechinah* dwells with them.
Get yourself a teacher, find yourself a friend.
Make your Torah study a habit; say little, but do much.

*Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller
Cantor Faith Steinsnyder*

Presentation of the 2008 Roger E. Joseph Prize

Father Patrick Desbois

The 2008 ROGER E. JOSEPH PRIZE is awarded to Father Patrick Desbois, who has devoted his life to confronting anti-Semitism, furthering Catholic-Jewish understanding, and preserving Holocaust memory. Since 2001, Father Desbois, advisor to the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews and President of *Yahad-In Unum: Catholics and Jews Together*, has led a truly historic undertaking. In cooperation with scholars from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, he and his team have traversed the countryside in Ukraine in an attempt to locate every mass grave of Jews from the time of the Holocaust. It is estimated that 1.5 million Jewish men, women, and children were brutally murdered in Ukraine. Their killers — Germans, Axis collaborators, and local Ukrainians — carried this out not in the gas chambers of Poland, but by bullets in tiny villages across the countryside. Using the Museum's archives to inform the search, to date Father Desbois and his team have visited about a third of the country and identified 700 mass graves and execution sites. Father Desbois estimates more than 2,000 sites exist, most never before acknowledged. Father Desbois is marking the sites, collecting the artifacts and, most significantly, recording video testimonies from people who as young teens witnessed the murders and in some cases were recruited to perform tasks at the killing sites. Now, for the first time, they are sharing their experiences, and their historic testimonies will become part of the documentation of the *Shoah*.

History of the Roger E. Joseph Prize

Roger E. Joseph was born in Minneapolis in 1917. A Phi Beta Kappa, *Magna Cum Laude* graduate of the University of Minnesota, he studied law at Harvard and Columbia Universities. He served in Europe during World War II, earned a field promotion to captain, and was cited for bravery. After the war, Joseph returned to Minneapolis to resume his legal career. In 1951, at thirty-four, he was severely stricken with polio, which left him almost completely paralyzed. After years spent learning to care for himself, he was ultimately able to resume his law practice. Joseph was a man of deep ethical convictions and abiding idealism. Despite his own affliction, he readily shared his valiant spirit, compassionate nature, and remarkable inner strength with others. Until his death in 1966, he was active in many causes, including Temple Israel in Minneapolis, MN, the Jewish Family and Children's Services, and National Jewish Hospital in Denver, CO.

To honor their brother's memory, Mr. Burton M. Joseph and Mrs. Betty Greenberg have established the Roger E. Joseph Prize through a grant from the Joseph Foundation to Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion. The prize is an international award, and since 1978, it has been presented to exceptional individuals or organizations that have made lasting contributions to the causes of human rights and Jewish survival, and whose conduct or work enhances or encourages the values and ideals of Judaism.

The first recipient was **Victor Kugler, who gave refuge to Anne Frank and her family**, and other Joseph Prize honorees have included:

- **The people of Le Chambon**, a Huguenot village in France, who rescued thousands of Jewish children during the Holocaust;
- **Helen Suzman**, a leader of the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa;
- **Rosa Parks**, the “mother” of the American civil rights movement;
- **Johan Jorgen Holst**, *in memoriam*, the Norwegian leader of the negotiating team that guided the secret talks culminating in the Israel-Palestinian Peace Accord of Sept. 13, 1993;
- **The Humanitarian Law Center and Natasa Kandic** in recognition of their commitment to the preservation of human rights, and their courageous research and dissemination of the documentation of genocide in Kosovo;
- **The Institute of Contemporary History and Wiener Library in London and the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw** for their preservation and dissemination of historical information about the destruction of European Jewry during the Holocaust;
- **Daniel Pearl**, *in memoriam*, and The Daniel Pearl Foundation, to honor the memory and mission of Daniel Pearl, an inspiring and courageous journalist, whose integrity was grounded in a commitment to justice and a love for humanity;
- **Chaplain Mychal Judge**, *in memoriam*, who died ministering to New York fire fighters on September 11th, 2001, and **The City of New York Fire Department**, for their heroism and sacrifice;
- **Whitwell Middle School Holocaust Memorial and Paper Clip Project**, for teaching tolerance and commemorating the ultimate consequences of racism and discrimination.

Who Among You

מי האיש

מִי־הָאִישׁ הַחֲפֵץ חַיִּים אֲהַב יָמִים
לְרֵאוֹת טוֹב.

Who among you loves life, and longs to
enjoy good for many days?

נֹצֵר לְשׁוֹנֵה מֵרַע וּשְׂפָתַיִךְ מִדְּבַר מְרָמָה.
סוּר מֵרַע וַעֲשֵׂה־טוֹב בִּקְשׁ שְׁלוֹם
וְרִדְפֶהוּ.

Then guard your tongue from evil, and
your lips from deceitful speech; turn
away from evil and do good; seek peace
and pursue it.

Ceremony of Investiture and Ordination

Charge to Graduates

Rabbi David Ellenson
President

Presentation of Candidates

Cantor Bruce Ruben
Director, School of Sacred Music

Rabbi Renni Altman
Associate Dean and Director, Rabbinical School

To be Invested Cantor

Joanna Mass Alexander was raised in Chicago, IL, where her Jewish journey began at KAM Isaiah Israel Congregation, home of composer Max Janowski and Rabbi Arnold Jacob Wolf, and Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute, the URJ camp in Wisconsin where she spent her summers. The education she received at these institutions and the active leadership and daily Jewish choices of her parents Dan and Lenore Mass helped shape Joanna into the Jewish leader she is today. Joanna discovered the cantorate at age 16, when Cantor Deborah Bard put her on the *bimah* to sing. In this experience, she found a career that combined her top two interests of Judaism and music. Joanna hopes to use her cantorate and a relational model of leadership to help connect people with community, God, and Judaism, past, present, and future.

In the beginning there were a few words accompanied by a few tones. As time went on, the words became sentences and the tones formed melodies. The creative spirit saw that it was good. Poetry, He called the one; Music, He called the other. And He decreed that the two should be as one substance. And there was Poetry and there was Music, ONE COMPOSITION. So it was then, and so it is to-day. Music and Poetry must compliment each other if One Composition is to be achieved. Yes, this is an old principle.

— Max Janowski, published with *Hariu Ladonai* composition

Rebecca Lee Goren was born in Southampton, NY, and was raised in Bridgehampton, NY. Rebecca received a Bachelor of Music degree from the Crane School of Music at the State University of New York College at Potsdam; in addition Rebecca completed a French major at SUNY Potsdam. While a student at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion’s School of Sacred Music, Rebecca served at Temple Beth Miriam in Elberon, NJ, for two years and Temple Adas Israel, in Sag Harbor, NY, for two years. Rebecca is looking forward to continuing her journey as a Jewish leader as a newly invested cantor.

Rebecca Lee Goren

אשא עיני אל־ההרים מאין יבא עזרי: עזרי מעם יהוה עשה שמים וארץ:
 I lift my eyes unto the mountains. From where will my help come?
 My help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

— *Psalm 121:1–2*

Daniel Mutlu was raised in Worcester, MA, and graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston with a B.A. in Vocal Performance. He came to Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion after spending two years teaching music in the Worcester Public School system. During his years at the College-Institute, he supplemented his Jewish musical training by singing for various ensembles in the city, including the prestigious Trinity Choir at Trinity Church Wall Street. He is anxious to serve the Jewish people in prayer, Torah, and charity.

Daniel Isaac Mutlu

היום תתמכנו בימין צדקך אמן.
 Sustain us with thy vigorous aid today, amen.
 — *High Holiday Machzor*

Rebecca Robins was raised in Plainview, NY, and graduated with a B.M. in Vocal Performance and Music Education from the Crane School of Music at the State University of New York College at Potsdam. Before beginning her cantorial studies, Rebecca taught public school music in Syracuse, NY. As a student, she had the privilege of learning and working at Temple Emanu-El in Edison, NJ, and Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, VA. Rebecca also had the joy of working at two URJ camps during her time in school, and studying with lay leaders as a cantorial intern in the Sheliach Kehilah program. Rebecca hopes to bring love for Jewish music, learning, worship, and Torah into the meaningful relationships of her professional future. It is an honor for Rebecca to share today with the many people who have been a part of this journey.

Rebecca Ann Robins

דע מאין באת ולאן אתה הולך ולפני מי אתה עתיד לתן דין וחשבון.
 Know where you came from; know where you are going; and [know]
 in whose presence you will have to make an accounting.

— *Pirkei Avot 3:1*

Darcie Naomi Sharlein grew up in Old Bridge, NJ, and has always considered Temple Shalom in Aberdeen, NJ, her second home. Darcie attended Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT, where she received a B.A. in music. She has been privileged to serve as student cantor at Temple Shalom in Fanwood, NJ, for the past three years, and prior to that at Congregation B'nai Yisrael in Armonk, NY. Darcie has been blessed with the love and support of family and friends throughout her path to the cantorate and is truly honored to be attaining the title of cantor.

Darcie Naomi Sharlein

עזי וזמרת יה ויהי-לי לישועה

God is my strength and my song, and has become my deliverance.

— Psalm 118:14

Emily Joan Wigod studied voice at Manhattan School of Music and La Escuela Superior de Canto in Madrid, and received a B.A. in Comparative Literature from Brown University. While studying at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, she served as student cantor for Congregation Beth El in Fort Worth, TX; Brooklyn Heights Synagogue in Brooklyn, NY; and Congregation Beth Israel in North Adams, MA. During her student year in Israel, she participated in a concert for *Yom HaShoah* that featured members of the Israel Philharmonic, and for which she received a favorable review in the Jerusalem Post. A former opera singer, Emily has sung with Tulsa Opera, El Paso Opera, Sarasota Opera, New Jersey Opera Festival, L'Opéra Français de New York, and Metro Lyric Opera, among other companies.

Emily Joan Wigod

ואל תאמר לכשאפנה אשנה שמא לא תפנה

Don't say, "When I have leisure, I will study" — perhaps, you never will have that leisure.

— Pirke Avot 2:4

To be Ordained Rabbi

Nicholas "Spike" Anderson was born and raised in Boston, MA, and graduated from Bucknell University with a B.A. in History in 1991. He came to Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion after working as an Executive Recruiter for five years in New York and San Francisco. Spike augmented his studies at the College-Institute by serving two years as the rabbinical intern at Temple Israel of New Rochelle, NY; one year as the student rabbi at Temple Israel in Uniontown, PA; two summers as an interfaith chaplain at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center; and two years as coordinator of Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion's Clothing Closet for the homeless. Spike and his wife, Marita, are the proud parents of a two-year-old son, Maccabee.

Nicholas Holtz Anderson

חזקו ואמצו אל תיראו ואל תערצו מפניהם כי יהוה אלהיך הוא ההלך עמך
לא ירפך ולא יעזבך

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.

— Deuteronomy 31:6

Leah Rachel Berkowitz grew up in Broomall, PA, and earned her B.A. in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies and Journalism from Brandeis University. She has served hospitals and Hillels, camps and congregations, among them Temple Beth Am of Monessen, PA, and Temple Beth Elohim in Brewster, NY. As an intern at the URJ Press, Leah contributed to the creation of *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*. She gives thanks to her family and friends for their continuous love and support, and to the communities who have encouraged and nurtured her growth as a rabbi. Leah looks forward to spending her life empowering the members of her community to lead their best Jewish lives.

והערב נא יי אלהינו את דברי תורתך בפנינו ובפי עמך בית ישראל, ונהיה
 אנחנו וצאצאינו וצאצאי עמך בית ישראל כלנו יודעי שמך ולומדי תורתך
 לשמחה. ברוך אתה יי המלמד תורה לעמו ישראל.

Eternal our God, make the words of Your Torah sweet to us, and to the House of Israel, Your people, that we and our children may be lovers of Your name and students of Your Torah. Blessed are You, O God, Who teaches Torah to Your people Israel.

— *Birchot HaShachar, The Morning Blessings*

Jesse Marvin Gallop was raised in Minnetonka, a suburb of Minneapolis, MN, and he graduated from the University of Denver with a B.A. in Social Sciences. After college, he worked for Young Judea in Florida and Israel. While at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, Jesse served as student rabbi at Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation in Ashburn, VA, for three years. He looks forward to continuing his relationship with BCRC as their rabbi. He hopes his rabbinate will help strengthen Judaism by using our texts and traditions to support and comfort Jewish families, and all members of the Jewish community.

אהב צדקה ומשפט חסד יהוה מלאה הארץ

God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of ADONAI's faithful care.

— *Psalm 33:5*

Thomas Adam Gardner was born and raised in New York City. He received a B.A. in East Asian Studies from Oberlin College and an M.A. in Japanese Studies from the University of Michigan. After living in Japan for several years, Tom worked in New York at the Consulate General of Japan. For the last three years, he has been the rabbinical intern at the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue. He sends love to Mom, Dad, Lawrence, Sarah, Steve, Ezra, Charlotte, and those who love him.

לולי תורתך שעשעי אז אבדתי בעניי

Were not Your Torah my joy, I would have perished in my affliction.

— *Psalm 119:92*

Andrew Abraham Goodman was born and raised in Woodbury, CT, and graduated with a B.A. in Psychology and English from the University of Michigan. He worked as Program Director and Youth Advisor at Temple Beth Emeth in Ann Arbor, MI, during college and full-time before attending Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion. While completing his studies, he served as student rabbi at Temple Israel of New Rochelle, NY, as Pastoral Care Intern at DOROT, and volunteered as head chef of the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion Soup Kitchen for two years. During the summers, he pursued military chaplaincy with the Navy’s Chaplain Corps. Now a Lieutenant Junior Grade in the Navy, Andrew is excited about serving this country as an active duty chaplain.

Andrew Abraham Goodman

There is immense silent agony in the world, and the task of man is to be a voice for the plundered poor, to prevent the desecration of the soul and the violation of our dream of honesty.

— *Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel*

Andrew Jacob Gordon, raised in Toledo, OH, received a B.A. in History and Judaic Studies from the University of Michigan. After college, he worked at Temple Emunah in Lexington, MA, as a full-time educator. While at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, Andy served as student rabbi of Temple Beth Ha-Sholom in Williamsport, PA, student chaplain for palliative care at Mount Sinai Hospital, and a student leader of community organizing with Just Congregations and Jewish Funds for Justice. He hopes to help people build stronger relationships to Judaism and to one another. He wants to thank his teachers, friends and family, parents, and future husband Brian.

Andrew Jacob Gordon

הלל אומר הוי מתלמידי של אהרן אוהב שלום ורודף שלום אוהב את הבריות ומקרבן לתורה:

Hillel taught: Be a disciple of Aaron: loving peace and pursuing peace, loving people and attracting them to the study of Torah.

— *Pirke Avot 1:12*

Rachel Gillian Greengrass was raised in Ft. Wayne, IN, where she was active in the community and the youth group, and eventually taught in the religious school. While attending Washington University in St. Louis, she continued to volunteer her time and work in a religious school, and she soon discovered her calling as a rabbi. Rachel left Washington University with a B.S.B.A. in marketing and John Cray, the man she would eventually marry. While at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, Rachel taught at Congregation Beth Elohim in Brooklyn, NY, and Temple Shaaray Tefila in New York, NY, served as student rabbi for the Hillel of Greater Baltimore, did chaplaincy work at Bellevue Hospital, taught an Introduction to Judaism course at the URJ, and served as the intern at Temple Sinai of Roslyn Heights, NY, for the past two years. Rachel would like to thank her family and teachers for their love and support.

Days are scrolls. Write on them only what you want remembered.

— *Bachya Ibn Pakuda*

Nicole Michelle Greninger was born and raised in Denver, CO, and graduated *Phi Beta Kappa* from Dartmouth College with a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Education. In addition to her diverse experiences in the field of Jewish education, she has served as the program director of Dartmouth Hillel; coordinator of the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion Soup Kitchen; and student rabbi at Beth Yehuda Synagogue in Lock Haven, PA, Temple B'nai Sholom in Brookhaven, MS, Congregation Beth Emek in Pleasanton, CA, and Temple B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills, NJ. With a passion for liturgy, prayer, worship, and ritual, Nicki wrote her rabbinic/education thesis on the topic of *tefillah* education. She would like to thank her family, friends, mentors, teachers, and especially her husband Dan, for helping her reach this sacred moment.

נודה לך ונספר תהלתך, על חיינו המסורים בידך, ועל נשמותינו הפקודות
לך, ועל נסיד שבכל יום עמנו, ועל נפלאותיך וטובותיך שבכל עת, ערב
ובקר וצהרים.

We thank You and sing Your praises: for our lives, which are in Your hands; for our souls, which are entrusted to You; for Your miracles we encounter every day; and for Your wondrous gifts at all times, morning, noon, and night.

— *Thanksgiving prayer, daily liturgy*

Delphine Horvilleur grew up in Epernay, in the East of France. She graduated with a *Delphine Horvilleur* B.A. in Medical Sciences from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and an M.A. in Journalism from the Sorbonne University of Paris. She came to Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion after a first career as a reporter for the French National TV France 2, and graduated with a Master of Arts in Religious Education in 2005. Delphine served as student rabbi at MJLF-Paris (France), the JCC in Manhattan, and Central Synagogue in New York City. Together with her husband, Ariel, and two-year-old son, Samuel, she intends to go back to Paris, where she will be the third woman rabbi in France.

קרוב יהיה לכל קוראיו לכל אשר יקראוהו באמת

ADONAI is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.

— *Psalm 145:18*

Esther Louise Lederman is originally from Canada, and earned her B.A. in Political *Esther Louise Lederman* Science and Middle Eastern Studies from McGill University. Before entering rabbinical school, Esther worked for the Israel Policy Forum and the Commission on Social Action for Reform Judaism. Esther served as a student rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel in Indiana, PA, and for the US Navy at Pearl Harbor, HI. Esther has a passion for community organizing, working closely with the URJ initiative “Just Congregations” and the Jewish Funds for Justice. She is also proud of her active role in student leadership at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion. She currently serves as the Marshall T. Meyer Fellow at Congregation B’nai Jeshurun. Esther is grateful to her family and friends for their love and support in this five-year journey.

... have patience with everything unresolved in your heart and to try to love the questions themselves as if they were locked rooms or books written in a very foreign language. Don't search for the answers, which could not be given to you now, because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps then, someday far in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer.

— *Rainer Maria Rilke, “Letters to a Young Poet”*

Jessica Kessler Marshall was raised in the Chicago suburb of Wilmette, IL, and graduated from The University of Illinois in 2002 with a B.S. in Psychology. Her student pulpits included Beth Shalom in East Liverpool, OH, and North Fork Reform Synagogue in Cutchogue, NY. This year she launched Adventure Rabbi New York, leading Jewish outdoor trips in the New York area. She looks forward to a rabbinate that builds upon the religious stirrings that many people experience in nature and translating an appreciation of the holiness of the natural world into concerted action to protect our environment. She chose the Hosea quote because she loves the description of God as dew-fleeting, shimmering, easily missed if our thoughts are elsewhere, and subtly offering nourishment.

אהיה כטל לישראל
I will be to Israel like dew.
— Hosea 14:6

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The issue before us is concerned with the entire content of our religion, which we must present and strengthen in its purity in order to rescue it from deadening rigidity on the one hand and from numbing unfaith on the other.

— Ludwig Philippson, January 15, 1844

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בכל המקום אשר אזכיר את שמי אבוא אליך וברכתיך
In every place where I cause My Name to be mentioned, I will come to you and I will bless you.

— Exodus 20:24

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Michael Joseph Shields

We are meaning seeking animals. We want to know who we are, what we know, what we can hope for, why we were born. We seek meaning in the work we pursue, the relationships we forge, the homes we build, and the communities to which we belong. When we form congregations . . . we are really seeking meaning. Whenever and however we seek meaning in life, whether in the religious or secular world, the answers to the questions, "Who am I?" and "Why am I?" define a theology — a special theology that is our own.

— Carol Ochs,
Our Lives as Torah: Finding God in Our Stories (2001)

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Yael Shmilovitz

What do people mean when they say, 'I am not afraid of God because I know [God] is good?' Have they never even been to a dentist?

— C.S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*

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Daniel Aaron Sklar

ויעבד יעקב ברחל שבע שנים ויהיו בעיניו כימים אחדים באהבתו אתה:
Jacob worked seven years for Rachel, but they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her.

— *Genesis 29:20*

Joshua Hillel Strom is originally from Philadelphia, PA, and grew up in the suburbs of Bucks County. He attended Colgate University in Hamilton, NY, where he graduated *Magna Cum Laude* with a B.A. in English in the spring of 2002. He worked for a year at Congregation Beth Chaim in Princeton Junction, NJ, before beginning rabbinical school. During his time at the College-Institute, he worked as rabbinical intern at Temple Beth El of Northern Westchester in Chappaqua, NY, and Temple Shaaray Tefila on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. He is so excited to begin a promising career in a field he loves.

Joshua Hillel Strom

ועם רוחי גייתי יי לי ולא אירא.
As with my body, so too my spirit;
The Eternal is with me, I will not fear.

— *Adon Olam*

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Sarah Lynne Wolf

חסד ומשפט אשירה לך יהוה אזמרה:
אשכילה בדרך תמים מתי תבוא אלי:
Of faithfulness and justice I will sing,
For You, ADONAI, I will make music.
I will study the way of the blameless;
When shall I attain it?

— *Psalms 101:1-2*

Psalm 150: Halleluyah

תהלים ק"נ: הללויה

הָלְלוּ יְהוָה!	Praise God!
הָלְלוּ־אֵל בְּקֹדֶשׁוֹ.	Praise God in the sanctuary.
הָלְלוּהוּ בְּרָקִיעַ עֲזָא.	Praise God in the mighty heavens.
הָלְלוּהוּ בְּגִבּוֹרֹתָיו.	Praise God's vast power.
הָלְלוּהוּ כְּרֹב גְּדֻלוֹ.	Praise God's abundant greatness.
הָלְלוּהוּ בְּתִקְעַ שׁוֹפָר.	Praise God with the sound of the shofar.
הָלְלוּהוּ בְּנֵבֶל וְכִנּוֹר.	Praise God with lute and lyre.
הָלְלוּהוּ בְּתוֹף וּמְחוֹל	Praise God with drum and dance.
הָלְלוּהוּ בְּמִנִּים וְעוּגָב.	Praise God with strings and flute.
הָלְלוּהוּ בְּצִלְצְלֵי־שָׁמַע.	Praise God with resounding cymbals.
הָלְלוּהוּ בְּצִלְצְלֵי תְרוּעָה.	Praise God with clanging cymbals.
כָּל הַנְּשָׁמָה תְהַלֵּל יְהוָה. הָלְלוּ־יְהוָה.	Praise God, everything that breathes.

Faculty Blessing

ברכת צוות המורים

(FACULTY RISE)

We call on God to bless you,
as our teachers once blessed us,
and their teachers once blessed them;
for you and we and they
are linked in one unbroken chain from Sinai until now.
Know then with what passion we charge you
to go forth into the world,
to sing the song of centuries,
and to tell the endless tale
of a people called to service.
Love the people you meet no less than you love God,
For every single soul reflects the glory of our Maker,
And every person may be someone you can teach.
Go into the world and raise up your disciples
That some day you may know the joy that we do,
as we give you our blessing.

Blessing by Friends and Family

ברכת חברים ובני משפחה

(FAMILY AND FRIENDS RISE)

Family

May you teach with great passion, and lead your people with dignity and strength,
like Moses, our guide.

May you sing and dance glorious music, like Miriam, the prophet.

May you interpret the tradition and ritual, like Aaron, the priest.

And like all three, may you bring our people closer to God and one another.

As we have supported you to this point,
so shall we support your going forth
with our heads, our hands, and our hearts.

Friends

Our sages ask: What is the right path?

Some say: A discerning eye.

Others say: A good friend.

A few say: A good neighbor.

Many say: Foresight.

Still others say: A good heart.

We say: These and more — may you bring them with you on your journey forward.

Adapted from Pirke Avot 2:13

Family and Friends Together

May you live to see your world fulfilled.

May your destiny be for worlds still to come.

And may you trust in generations past and yet to be.

May your heart be filled with insight.

May songs of praise ever be upon your tongue

And your vision be on a straight path before you.

May your eyes shine with the light of holy words

And your face reflect the brightness of the heavens.

May your lips speak wisdom

And your fulfillment be in righteousness

Even as you yearn to hear the words

Of the Holy Ancient One of Old.

Talmud Berachot 17a, translated by Rabbi Lawrence Kushner

Shehecheyanu

שהחינו

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
Baruch atah, Adonai, elohenu,
melech ha'olam, shehecheyanu,
שְׁהַחֵינוּ, וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעְנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.
v'kiy'manu v'higiy'anu laz'man hazeh.

*Blessed are You, ADONAI our God, Ruler of the universe,
Who has given us life, sustained us, and brought us to this joyous day!*

Prayer for the Peace of the State of Israel

תפילה לשלום מדינת ישראל

Rabbi Aaron Panken

אָבִינוּ שְׁבַשְׁמִים. צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ. בְּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל. רְאֵשִׁית צְמִיחַת גְּאֻלָּתֵנוּ. הִגְן עָלֶיהָ בְּאַבְרַת חֶסֶדְךָ וּפְרוּשׁ עָלֶיהָ סִכַּת שְׁלוֹמְךָ וּשְׁלַח אוֹרְךָ וְאִמְתְּךָ לְרֵאשֵׁיָהּ, שְׂרָיָהּ, וְיוֹעֲצֵיהָ. וּתְקַנֵּם בְּעֵצָה טוֹבָה מִלְּפָנֶיךָ. חִזַּק אֶת־יְדֵי מְגִנֵי אֶרֶץ קְדְשֵׁנוּ, וְהִנְחִילֵם אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְשׁוּעָה. וְעֲטֹרַת נְצַחוֹן תַּעֲטֹרֵם. וְנַתַּת שְׁלוֹם בְּאַרְץ וְשִׂמְחַת עוֹלָם לְיוֹשְׁבֵיהָ. וְנֹאמֵר אָמֵן.	Our Heavenly Parent Israel's Rock and Redeemer bless the State of Israel from where our redemption blossoms, Protect her with with Your loving wings, and spread over her Your shelter of peace. Send Your light and truth to her leaders, officers, and counselors, and direct them with Your good counsel. Strengthen the hands of those who defend our holy land, grant them salvation, and crown them with victory. Grant peace to the land, and eternal joy to its inhabitants. And let us say: Amen.
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Psalm 122: Samachti B'Omrim Li

תהילים קכ"ב: שמחתי באמרים לי

שִׂמַחְתִּי בְּאִמְרִים לִי בַיִת יְהוָה נִלְדָּה. עַמְדוֹת הָיוּ רַגְלֵינוּ בְּשַׁעְרֶיךָ יְרוּשָׁלַם, יְרוּשָׁלַם הַבְּנוּיָה כְּעִיר שֶׁחִבְּרָה־לָּהּ יַחְדָּו. שָׁשׂוּ עָלוּ שְׁבֵטִים שְׁבֵטֵיָהּ עֲדוּת לְיִשְׂרָאֵל לְהַדוֹת לְשֵׁם יְהוָה. שְׁאַלוּ שְׁלוֹם יְרוּשָׁלַם. יִשְׁלִי אֶהְבִּיךָ. יְהִי־שְׁלוֹם בְּחִילְךָ, שְׁלֹה בְּאַרְמְנוֹתֶיךָ. לְמַעַן אֲחִי וְרֵעִי אֲדַבְּרָה־נָא שְׁלוֹם בְּךָ. לְמַעַן בֵּית־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֲבַקֶּשׂה טוֹב לְךָ.	I rejoiced when they said to me, let us go to the house of ADONAI. Our feet were standing at your gates, Jerusalem, Jerusalem built as a city that is united together, Where tribes of ADONAI went up, a testimony to Israel, To give thanks to ADONAI's name. Pray for peace in Jerusalem; Let those who love you prosper. Let there be peace within your walls, tranquility within your palaces. For the sake of my fellow citizens let me speak only peace for you. For the sake of the House of ADONAI our God, let me seek only good for you.
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A Moment of Remembrance

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Maker of Peace

עושה שלום

עֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו,
הוא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ, וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל,
וְעַל כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֵל וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

May the One who makes peace on high,
make peace for us, for all Israel, and for
all who dwell on earth. And let us say:
Amen.

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ברכת כהנים

כִּן יְהִי רְצוֹן.

יְבָרְכֶךָ יי וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ.

May ADONAI bless you and keep you.

May this be God's will.

כִּן יְהִי רְצוֹן.

יָאֵר יי פָּנָיו אֱלֹהִים וַיַּחַנְדֵּךְ.

May ADONAI cause Divine light to shine on you
and be gracious to you.

May this be God's will.

כִּן יְהִי רְצוֹן.

יִשָּׂא יי פָּנָיו אֱלֹהִים וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שָׁלוֹם.

May ADONAI lift Divine countenance upon you
and give you peace.

May this be God's will.

Recessional

Ein Keloheinu

אין כֹּלֵהֵינוּ

אין כֹּלֵהֵינוּ, אין כֹּדוֹנֵינוּ, אין כְּמִלְכֵנוּ, אין כְּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.	Ein kelohenu, ein kardonenu, ein k'mal'kenu, ein k'moshi'enu.
מי כֹּלֵהֵינוּ, מי כֹּדוֹנֵינוּ, מי כְּמִלְכֵנוּ, מי כְּמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.	Mi chelohenu, mi chadonenu, mi ch'mal'kenu, mi ch'moshi'enu.
נוֹדֶה לֵאלֹהֵינוּ, נוֹדֶה לְאֲדוֹנֵינוּ, נוֹדֶה לְמִלְכֵנוּ, נוֹדֶה לְמוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.	Nodeh lelohenu, nodeh ladonenu, nodeh l'mal'kenu, nodeh l'moshi'enu.
בְּרוּךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בְּרוּךְ אֲדוֹנֵינוּ, בְּרוּךְ מִלְכֵנוּ, בְּרוּךְ מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.	Baruch elohenu, baruch adonenu, baruch mal'kenu, baruch moshi'enu.
אֲתָה הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אֲתָה הוּא אֲדוֹנֵינוּ, אֲתָה הוּא מִלְכֵנוּ, אֲתָה הוּא מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.	Atah hu elohenu, atah hu adonenu, atah hu mal'kenu, atah hu moshi'enu.

*None is like our God; None is like our Master;
None is like our Sovereign; None is like our Savior.
Who is like our God? Who is like our Master?
Who is like our Sovereign? Who is like our Savior?
We will give thanks to our God; We will give thanks to our Master;
We will give thanks to our Sovereign; We will give thanks to our Savior.
Praised is our God; Praised is our Master;
Praised is our Sovereign; Praised is our Savior.
You are our God; You are our Master;
You are our Sovereign; You are our Savior.*

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Dear Colleagues,

Mazal tov!

It is with great excitement, enthusiasm and pride that I welcome you as companions in the sacred work of our vocation and our Conference. Your colleagues in the American Conference of Cantors salute your achievements thus far, and look forward to the contributions you will bring to our Movement and to the greater Jewish community.

Ahead of you lies a future full of joy and frustration, happiness and tears, moments of deep meaning, times of great clarity, and passages of uncertainty. As you embark upon this most consequential of careers, your ACC colleagues will be with you — to bring support, encouragement, guidance, good counsel, warmth and friendship.

Your new pulpits await you. As you begin to acclimate yourselves to your new congregations, we hope that you will also participate actively in the life of our Conference.

Bring your whole heart to all that you do, and may you find joy and fulfillment each and every day.

L'shalom,

Cantor Kay Greenwald
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Dear New Colleagues,

“This is the day that God has made, come let us be glad and rejoice in it.” The Psalm verse captures the power of the moment when you are ordained as a rabbi in Israel. We rejoice with you and send you a hearty *mazal tov* on behalf of more than eighteen hundred rabbis all over the world who welcome you today into the Central Conference of American Rabbis and rabbinic life. Your CCAR family will be there for you to provide *chevrutah*, support and guidance throughout the years. We congratulate your families and friends gathered for this wonderful *simcha*.

You bring to the world a spiritual heritage of Torah, *Tzedek*, and *Rachamim* which gives strength and sustenance to the Jewish people and all of humanity. Through you, so many people will be touched by our precious tradition, and their lives will be enriched by your caring, your wisdom and your love.

We pray that you will have a rich and fulfilling life as rabbi and as person, and we hope you will look back on this day as the beginning of many blessings. *Mazal Tov!*

L'shalom,

Rabbi Peter S. Knobel
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Text Study

The Class of 2008 compiled the following texts — both traditional and modern — for you to study during our Service of Investiture and Ordination. We hope you find these texts as meaningful, inspiring, and thought-provoking as we do!

הלל אומר אל תפרוש מן הצבור ואל תאמן בעצמך עד יום מותך ואל תדין את חברך עד שתגיע למקומו ואל תאמר דבר שאי אפשר לשמוע שסופו להשמע ואל תאמר לכשאפנה אשנה שמא לא תפנה:

Hillel said, “Don’t separate yourself from the community. Don’t be overconfident until the day of your death. Don’t judge your fellow human being until you have reached that person’s place. Don’t say anything that is unintelligible with the hope that it will be understood. And don’t say, ‘When I have leisure, I will study’ — perhaps you never will have that leisure!” (*Pirke Avot 2:4*)

בן זומא אומר איזהו חכם הלומד מכל אדם שנאמר (תהלים קי"ט) מכל מלמדי השכלתי איזהו גבור הכובש את יצרו שנאמר (משלי טז) טוב ארך אפים מגבור ומושל ברוחו מלוכד עיר איזהו עשיר השמח בחלקו שנאמר (תהלים קכ"ח) יגיע כפיך כי תאכל אשריך וטוב לך אשריך בעולם הזה וטוב לך לעולם הבא איזהו מכובד המכבד את הבריות

Ben Zoma said, “Who is wise? The one who learns from everyone, as it is said, ‘From all who would teach me, have I gained understanding.’ [*Psalms 119:99*] Who is mighty? One who controls one’s urges, as it is said, ‘One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty and one who rules one’s spirit than one who conquers a city.’ [*Proverbs 16:32*] Who is rich? One who is happy with what one has, as it says, ‘When you eat what your hands have provided, you shall be happy and good will be yours.’ [*Psalms 128:2*] You shall be happy in this world; and good will be yours in the world to come. Who is honored? One who honors others.” (*Pirkei Avot 4:1*)

ויאמר אלי בן אדם את אשר תמצא אכול אכול את המגלה הזאת ולך דבר אל בית ישראל: ואפתח את פי ויאכלני את המגלה הזאת: ויאמר אלי בן אדם בטנך תאכל ומעיק תמלא את המגלה הזאת אשר אני נתן אליך ואכלה ותהי בפי כדבש למתוק

[God] said to me, “Mortal, eat what is offered you; eat this scroll, and go speak to the House of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and the Holy One fed me this scroll, saying to me, “Mortal, feed your stomach and fill your belly with this scroll that I give you.” I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth. (*Ezekiel 3:1–3*)

From *Floating Takes Faith* by Rabbi David Wolpe:

What is the first question in the Bible?

Before humanity was created, there were no questions. The first occurs in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve have just eaten of the forbidden fruit. God calls out to them, “*Ayecha!*” “Where are you?”

How can that be? Does God not know where Adam and Eve are? For centuries, Jews have understood that this question has a deeper meaning. God is not seeking to locate Adam and Eve. That is why they do not answer, “We are over here!” Instead, it is a question of spiritual geography. Adam, understanding the import of God’s question, answers that he was frightened, so he has been hiding.

That question is not only the first question; it is also the eternal question. At each moment in our lives, this question is addressed to us: Where are you? Where are you spiritually? Where are you morally? What have you done with your life, and what are you doing with it now? Are you proud of your conduct in the garden?

The first question is a single word, whose echoes are endless. “*Ayecha!*”
“Where are you?”

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