

Dear Temple Family,

We are excited to announce that the Board of Trustees of Temple Emanu-El approved the search committee's recommendation to extend an offer to Ilana Goldman as our next Assistant Cantor.

The Search Committee was so impressed by Ilana's joy, ability to connect with congregants of different ages and spiritual needs, wisdom, and warmth. Everyone on the committee felt that Ilana would be a perfect fit for our community. Ilana will fill our sanctuary with beautiful music on Shabbat and holidays, will inspire young children to sing in a youth choir, will bring energy and love to our preschool families, and will guide our B'nai mitzvah students and families with compassion and support.

We were so inspired by Ilana's understanding about what it means to be a cantor. In her words, "my mission as a Cantor is to emphasize the sacred human-to-human connection that is singularly possible through music and liturgy. Music creates an imprint on our souls like nothing else."

Ilana will be ordained from Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in May and also holds her Masters in Sacred Music. In addition to her Cantorial coursework, and internships at various Synagogues, Ilana chose to further her studies in pastoral care through work at Bellevue Hospital in New York City.

We thank our outstanding Search Committee which included Darren Schulman, Rebecca Schaeffer, Amanda Wendler, Steve Natko, Kathy Bailey and Arlene Gardner. Many thanks to them for their commitment, thoughtfulness, humor and wisdom. We are currently working on an onboarding plan and expect Ilana to join us on July 1. We will share more details about opportunities to meet Ilana, and her husband, Alex, in order to give her the running start she needs to integrate into our community quickly.

We look forward to your being able to meet Cantor Goldman —hopefully in person as soon as possible. Should you have any questions, please reach out to us. Thank you again to our search committee, without whom, this would not be possible.

All the best and wishing you a Happy Passover,

Terri Klass
Temple President

Pamela Bookbinder Clarke
Assistant Cantor Search Committee Chair

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