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Cantor Sarene Appelbaum to Present “The Songbird and the Shepherd: Seeking God Through Music and Metaphor”

Temple Beth Torah Melville to Host Cantorial Concert on Apr 3, 2016

Melville, NY – Temple Beth Torah, an active and diverse Reform Temple in Melville, has announced that Cantor Sarene Appelbaum will present a Cantorial Concert at 4:00 PM Sunday Apr 3, 2016 at Temple Beth Torah at 35 Bagatelle Rd in Melville. Cantor Appelbaum, along with an array of distinguished guest vocalists and musicians, will deliver a concert of traditional, contemporary, secular and Chasidic melodies.

“When the heart and soul fully open, it becomes possible to earnestly seek God in song,” said Cantor Appelbaum. “This can lead to a beautiful feeling of vulnerability and a profound sense of connection.”

The concert is being held in Temple Beth Torah’s newly redecorated Rubin Ballroom. Professional sound, lighting and staging will ensure an outstanding experience for all. An eclectic group of musicians and vocalists have been recruited to deliver a wide variety of uplifting music for the soul. This concert celebrates Cantor Appelbaum’s investiture in the first cohort of the new Cantorial Certification Program at the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music of Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion.

"We are very pleased that we can give our support and share this wonderful experience with our very own Cantor Sarene Appelbaum," said Rabbi Susie Heneson Moskowitz, Senior Rabbi at Temple Beth Torah. "Over the past five years, she has shown all of us her extraordinary creativity, passion and dedication in so many ways."

About Cantor Sarene Appelbaum

Sarene Appelbaum joined the clergy of Temple Beth Torah as Cantor in July 2011. Prior to that, she served congregations in Florida, Maryland and South Carolina. Cantor Appelbaum has mentored with several Cantors and is completing investiture in the first cohort of the new Cantorial Certification Program at Hebrew Union College. Cantor Appelbaum is a prolific composer of both Jewish and secular music. She thoroughly enjoys tutoring students in the TBT B’nei Mitzvah program. Cantor Appelbaum was born and raised in Warwick, New York and now lives in Deer Park with her husband Dr. Michael Russo, their dog Koti and Kosmo the cat.

About Temple Beth Torah Melville

Founded in 1969, Temple Beth Torah of Melville and Dix Hills is an active and diverse Reform Jewish Congregation of over 600 families serving the Western Suffolk and Eastern Nassau County areas of Long Island. Its extended temple family shares rich educational, spiritual and social experiences through a full spectrum of programming -- including religious and nursery school, religious services, and teen and adult activities. Members come to Temple Beth Torah to pray, to learn and to celebrate. Its culture is diverse and inclusive, and encourages participation by all age groups. For more information, visit <http://www.tbtny.org>.

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