

**If you love  
Jewish music...**

**10<sup>th</sup>**

**ANNUAL  
NORTH AMERICAN  
JEWISH CHORAL  
FESTIVAL**

**MATTHEW LAZAR  
FOUNDER & DIRECTOR**

**HUDSON VALLEY RESORT AND SPA, KERHONKSON, NY  
July 8-12, 2007**

**Sponsored by  
THE ZAMIR CHORAL FOUNDATION  
in association with  
The Union for Reform Judaism and Gratz College**

# *you've got to be there!*



For 18 years the North American Jewish Choral festival has been a landmark event, the place to be each summer where hundreds gather to sing, hear and share Jewish choral music at its best. For our “chai” — 18th — year, we have some extraordinary events, activities and concerts in store to celebrate this special anniversary. Don't miss this year!!

Of course, along with our anniversary celebration, our renowned teaching staff will offer the full spectrum of experiences that have been the hallmark of past festivals, including:

- Daily Community Sings conducted by some of the greatest talents on the Jewish musical scene
- “Instant Ensembles” for all singing participants led by acclaimed conductors: four days of rehearsals culminating in a grand performance
- Evening Concerts featuring outstanding vocal ensembles, choruses and soloists

Once again, we'll have an enticing array of seminars and workshops offering everything from performance practice and new choral repertoire to Jewish musical traditions and classes in musicianship, sight singing and vocal technique.

This summer's Festival returns once more to the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa in the Catskill Mountains of Kerhonkson, NY. By taking over the entire hotel, the Festival builds an intimate community with multiple opportunities for wonderful music-making, stimulating Jewish learning, inspiring performances and building lasting friendships. Together with in-house Glatt Kosher catering, the combination of the Festival and the Hudson Valley Resort offers an ideal vacation setting for the entire family.

The 18th North American Jewish Choral Festival has something for everyone: amateur singers, professional soloists, cantors, conductors and lovers of Jewish music.

*Join us July 8–12, 2007*

*as we celebrate 18 amazing years of Jewish music making  
with the most remarkable and memorable Festival yet!*



## MATTHEW LAZAR

### FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR

**M**atthew Lazar is the leading force of the Jewish choral movement in North America. His superior talents as a conductor and interpreter of Jewish music have elevated the standards of Jewish musical performance and educated and expanded audiences across North America. His visionary leadership led to the creation of the Zamir Choral Foundation, which continues to nurture the growth of Jewish choral singing. He has inspired the creation of adult choral ensembles throughout the United States and through the Zamir Choral Foundation's Jeanne R. Mandell Endowment for New Music, has contributed to the expansion of the choral repertoire through commissions of new music by the finest composers in North America and Israel.

Matthew Lazar's establishment of the North American Jewish Choral Festival has provided a forum for hundreds of Jewish choral singers to come together for an annual, week long, immersion in Jewish choral music. The Choral Festival has created a harmonious community that bridges all denominational and generational divides to promote the highest standards of Jewish choral performance and education.



**T**he Zamir Choral Foundation, created by Matthew Lazar, promotes Jewish choral music as a vehicle to inspire Jewish life, culture and continuity. Building on the success of the Zamir Chorale, the first modern Hebrew-singing chorus in North America, Mr. Lazar sought an expansive vision that went beyond the activities of any single choir — one that fostered Jewish identity across generational and denominational lines. Today, through extensive programming, education, sponsorships and special events, the Zamir Choral Foundation is at the core of an ever-growing network of Jewish choirs, singers and music which has helped create the only Foundation of its kind devoted to Jewish choral music. The Zamir Choral Foundation is creating a new world of Jewish music, musicians and culture for today and the future.

#### The Zamir Choral Foundation's mission is fulfilled by

- Unifying and training the leaders and singers of the Jewish choral movement
- Fostering Jewish commitment through Jewish choral singing
- Strengthening Jewish identity in teens through a network of high school choral ensembles
- Commissioning and premiering new Jewish choral works
- Creating dynamic, cutting-edge Jewish music programming
- Organizing Israel trips and missions for more than three decades
- Appearing in prime concert venues throughout the US and Israel

#### The projects of the Zamir Choral Foundation include:

- The North American Jewish Choral Festival
- HaZamir: The International Jewish High School Choir
- The Zamir Chorale
- The Jeanne R. Mandell Endowment for New Music
- Zamir Choral Foundation Missions to Israel
- Special Programs and Conferences

# Join us for a “chai” time!

## July 8–12, 2007

### Daily Program

- 8:00 am Breakfast  
9:00 am Community Sing  
11:00 am “Instant Ensemble”  
Rehearsals and  
Listeners’  
Workshops  
12:45 pm Lunch and  
free time  
1:45 pm “Fine Tuning”  
presentations  
2:45 pm Workshops or  
“Developing  
Choir”  
performances  
4:15 pm “Instant Ensemble”  
rehearsals or Workshops  
6:30 pm Dinner  
8:00 pm Evening Concert



### Celebrate the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Festival with:

- The fourth annual *Hallel V’Zimrah* award recognizing an outstanding contribution to the world of Jewish music
- A reprise of Festival favorites
- A film series featuring performances of Jewish ethnic cultures from around the world
- Special evening and late-night concerts and more!

### Festival Registration Policies

Registration fees are refundable until June 1, 2007, and are subject to a \$35 administrative charge. All cancellations must be received in writing.

#### For Program and Registration Information, contact:

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#### Hotel and Pricing Information

Space is limited and singers interested in attending the Festival are encouraged to register early.

**Room Rates** (per person, per day, including 3 meals daily;  
gratuities [15%] and New York State taxes [10.25%] will be added)

Double Occupancy: \$104 – \$136      Single Occupancy: \$143 – \$179  
Triple and Quad rates also available

Children (sharing a room with two adults)      Under 5: FREE  
Children 6–12: \$33 per child per night      Children 13–17: \$63 per child per night

## 2007 NORTH AMERICAN JEWISH CHORAL FESTIVAL REGISTRATION FORM

Hotel and workshop registration forms will be sent to you upon receipt of your registration.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Eve Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I would prefer to receive Festival-related correspondence via ☐ E-mail ☐ Snail Mail

Please circle Voice Part:                    S                    A                    T                    B

Please describe your sight-singing ability\*: (Excellent) 1 2 3 4 5 6 (non-reader)

\* Sight reading classifications:

- 1 Reads fluently and accurately; has had vocal training and extensive choral experience
- 2 Can read well, and will catch one's own mistake and correct it in two or three tries
- 3 Reads fairly well but learns better with review of individual voice parts
- 4 Can read music, but relies as much on hearing the part sung by others as on reading
- 5 Uses the score primarily for contour of the music, relies chiefly on hearing the part several times
- 6 Cannot follow a musical score, relies only on hearing the part repeated many times

Please describe your prior vocal training\*: (Extensive) A B C D (None)

## \*\* Vocal training classifications

- A I have had formal voice training for several years
- B I studied voice, but for less than one year
- C I have learned a lot about voice from my conductor
- D I have never studied voice

When I sang in my current/most recent choir, I was

- A Among the strongest singers in this group      B An average singer      C A beginner

I usually sing with ☐ Consistent vibrato ☐ Very little vibrato ☐ Not sure

The choir I sing with currently/most recently is \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Location of Choir

The conductor I sing with currently/most recently is \_\_\_\_\_

Other choirs (Jewish and secular) I sing/have sung with are

Please send me more information about earning academic credit from Gratz College.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please help me to locate a roommate with whom to share a double room at the Festival.

Registration Fees (please circle)	Before March 31, 2007	After March 31, 2007
Full participant	\$260	\$295
Observer	\$195	\$230

One Day Participant (which day?) \_\_\_\_\_ \$120

Registration Deadline: June 1, 2007 — After this date, add a \$35 administrative charge \$

2007 Membership in the Zamir Choral Foundation *(required of all attendees)* \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Family

To support the work of the Zamir Choral Foundation, I enclose my voluntary donation of \$

I would like to order a Choral Festival T-shirt      S      M      L      XL      XXL

x \$15 each = \$

Total Amount Enclosed (US FUNDS ONLY): \$

Make Check payable to Zamir Choral Foundation, or charge to

MC	Visa	Credit Card #
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Exp. Date	Security Code	Signature
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*Mail form and payment to:*

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