

The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County Celebrates with Song

Please join The Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County in celebrating Chanukah with a special LIVE musical celebration by the acclaimed Kol Rinah Chorale, The Jewish Chorale of Westchester. Jewish music originates from places all over the world, so the Chorale finds that audiences of every faith and tradition can appreciate the uplifting spirituality and entertainment of the Chorale's performance.

The entire community is invited to this free concert on December 18th at 2:00pm. Doors open at Temple Beth El, 350 Roxbury Road, Stamford at 1:30pm. The concert will also be livestreamed. Registration information can be found at the end of this article.

Kol Rinah Chorale, comprised of approximately 25 singers, was founded in April 2001 by two professional singers who wanted to share Jewish music with a more diverse and wider community audience. Musical selections are sung in English, Hebrew and Yiddish and are accompanied by piano. Since the Chanukah holiday begins that evening there will be a focus on holiday songs too.

Benjamin Gruder, the Artistic Director and Conductor of Kol Rinah, arranges and composes choral and instrumental pieces. He created and produced *Jonah! A Rock Musical* which has been performed in New York City and the surrounding area. In addition, Mr. Gruder directs Nashir! The Rottenberg Chorale and he is the musical director of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism (SAJ).

The accompanist for the Chorale is Laura Ravotti who has been performing professionally since 1986. In 2000, Ms. Ravotti moved to New York City where she has played on Broadway, Off-Broadway, at Carnegie Hall and Town Hall. She has been the Music Director at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Croton-on-Hudson, NY since 2005.

Peter Lilienthal, President of the Jewish Historical Society of Fairfield County, states that "JHSFC is especially pleased to provide this free musical performance made possible by a grant from the Stamford Arts and Cultural Commission. We know everyone will enjoy this wonderful afternoon of holiday music to usher in the holiday. Receive a special Chanukah goody bag as you leave. We hope you will join us."

To register please send an email with attendee names, email and whether you will be attending the live performance or livestream at home to info@jhsfc-ct.org or RSVP to 203-359-2196. To learn more about this event and the Jewish Historical Society please visit: <https://jhsfc-ct.org> or call 203-359-2196.