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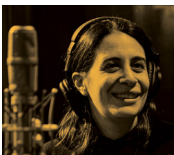
WRT SINGS:

Songs of joy and songs of yearning

Songs of our future and songs of tradition

Songs of our people and songs of our own souls

Songs of hope and songs of aspiration



Our music is one of the most powerful expressions of our identity and of our values. This album captures the soul

and spirit of our community through our music, highlighting what Rabbi Blake calls our unique “musical DNA” - the melodies that enrich our observance of Shabbat and holidays, lift us up in times of celebration, bring us comfort in times of challenge, and offer strength, inspiration, and connection in the sacred work of building our community. The album features many cherished musical voices, from our WRT clergy and interns, to our volunteer choir, to the beloved instrumentalists who lift up our worship every Shabbat.

We offer this music with deep love for and pride in our sacred community, and we pray that this album inspires the song of your own heart.

Vocalists:

Cantor Amanda Kleinman, Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor, Rabbi Jonathan Blake, Rabbi Leah Citrin, Rabbi Alissa Platcow, Cantor Mia Fram Davidson, Phillip Fisherman, Kelly McCormick, Cantor Daniel Mendelson, WRT's Adult Volunteer Choir

Instrumentalists:

Pete Malinverni, *piano*, Gilad Ephrat, *bass*, Jerome Morris, *percussion*, Oren Neiman, *guitar and mandolin*, Idan Santhaus, *flute and recorder*, Caroline Sonett-Assor, *flute*, Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor, *piano*

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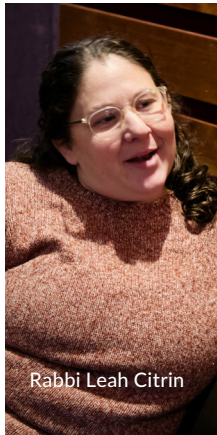
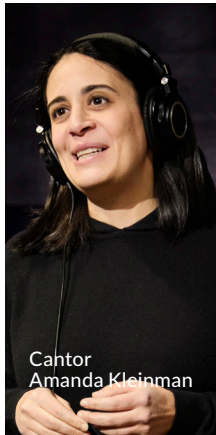
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Rabbi Alissa Platcow

Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor

Rabbi Jonathan E. Blake

Cantor Amanda Kleinman

Rabbi Leah Citrin

1. *T'filat Haderech* Prayer for the Journey – Elana Arian

Vocals: Cantor Amanda Kleinman; **Back-up Vocals:** Rabbi Jonathan Blake, Rabbi Leah Citrin, Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor, Rabbi Alissa Platcow;
Piano: Pete Malinverni; **Bass:** Gilad Ephrat;
Percussion: Jerome Morris; **Flute:** Idan Santhaus;
Guitar: Oren Neiman.

Holy One of blessing, wrap us in perfect peace.

Guide our steps steadily forward as we go on our way.

Bless us with compassion as we walk new paths ahead.

Bless us with strength for the journey.

And we say: amen.

May we be protected, may we feel held and free.

May we have patience and wisdom as we go on our way.

Bless us with the knowing that we are never alone.

Bless us with love for the journey.

And we say: amen.

2. *Hallelujah* Psalm 150 – Pete Malinverni, Composed for WRT

Vocals: Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor, Phillip Fisherman, Cantor Amanda Kleinman, Cantor Mia Fram Davidson; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni; **Bass:** Gilad Ephrat;
Percussion: Jerome Morris; **Flute:** Idan Santhaus;
Guitar: Oren Neiman.

Praise God in God's sanctuary

Praise God for God's mighty acts

Praise God for God's excellent greatness

Praise God with the sound of the shofar

Praise God with the timbrel and dance

Praise God with the loud-crashing cymbals

Praise God with the strings and the organ

Praise God with the psaltery and harp

Praise God with the high-sounding cymbals

3. *Mah Tovu* *(Within These Walls)* Morning Liturgy – Cantor Becky Mann

Vocals: Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor and Cantor Amanda Kleinman; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni;
Bass: Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris;
Flute: Idan Santhaus; **Guitar:** Oren Neiman.

Within these walls filled with memories are the ones who came before.

Within these walls, there's a light on, guiding us no matter where we go.

Within these walls, words from the heart and the prayers that reach our souls.

Within these walls, holy music, and the songs that make us whole.

Within these walls are generations and their stories we've been told.

Within these walls there lives a promise and a hope that we all hold.

Within these walls there comes a healing, for we never rise alone.

Within these walls are the blessings of all who make this home.

Mah tovu ohalecha Ya'akov mishk'notecha Yisrael.

4. *L'chu N'ran'nah* Psalm 95 – Rabbi Ken Chasen and Rabbi Yoshi Zweiback

Vocals: Cantor Amanda Kleinman and Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni; **Flute:** Idan Santhaus; **Bass:** Gilad Ephrat; **Guitar:** Oren Neiman;
Percussion: Jerome Morris.

L'chu n'ran'nah l'Adonai, naria l'tzur yisheinu.

Let us sing out to God, the Maker of all, sure and strong.

Let all of creation from mountain to sea hear our song.

For all of the wonder in all of God's light, we rejoice.

So now let us listen with all of our hearts to hear God's voice.

5.

Lecha Dodi

Ƙabbaƙat Shabbat Liturgy

– Rabbi Josh Warshawsky

Vocals: Rabbi Jonathan Blake, Rabbi Leah Citrin, Cantor Amanda Kleinman, Rabbi Alissa Platcow, Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni; **Bass:** Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris; **Flute:** Idan Santhaus; **Guitar:** Oren Neiman.

L'cha dodi likrat kalah

P'nei Shabbat n'kab'lah

Beloved, come to meet the bride,

Beloved, come to greet Shabbat.

6.

Hinei Tov M'od

Based on Genesis 1:4 and 1:31

– Gordon Lustig

Vocals: Rabbi Jonathan Blake, Cantor Amanda Kleinman, Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni; **Bass:** Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris; **Recorder:** Idan Santhaus; **Mandolin:** Oren Neiman.

There was evening, there was morning.

And God saw all that God had made, and it was very good.

7.

Sh'ma and V'ahavta

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and

Numbers 15:40-41

– Debbie Friedman

Vocals: Cantor Amanda Kleinman; **Back-up vocals:** Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni; **Bass:** Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris; **Recorder:** Idan Santhaus; **Mandolin:** Oren Neiman.

Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai echad

Baruch shem k'vod mal'chuto l'olam va-ed

And you shall love Adonai your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, and with all your might.

And all these words which I command you on this day shall be in your heart.

And you shall teach them diligently unto your children,

and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house,

when you walk by the way, and when you rise up, and when you lie down.

And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes, and you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and upon your gates,

that you may remember and do all of my commandments

and be holy unto your God.

8.

Hashkiveinu

Evening Liturgy

– Cantor Danny Maseng

Vocals: Rabbi Jonathan Blake, Rabbi Leah Citrin, Cantor Amanda Kleinman, Rabbi Alissa Platcow, Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni; **Bass:** Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris; **Recorder:** Idan Santhaus; **Guitar:** Oren Neiman.

Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu l'shalom v'ha'amideinu shomreinu l'chaim

Grant, O God, that we lie down in peace,

and raise us up, our Guardian, to life renewed.

Guard our going and coming, to life and to peace evermore.

9. *V'shamru*

Exodus 31:16-17

- Debbie Friedman,
arr. Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor

Vocals: Cantor Amanda Kleinman, Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni;
Bass: Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris;
Flute: Idan Santhaus; **Guitar:** Oren Neiman.

*The people of Israel shall keep Shabbat,
observing Shabbat throughout the ages as a
covenant for all time.
It is a sign for all time between Me and the people
of Israel.
For in six days Adonai made heaven and earth,
and on the seventh day God ceased from work
and was refreshed.*

10. *Tzadik Katamar*

Psalm 92:13-15

- Cantor-Rabbi Shani Ben-Or
and Boaz Dorot

*Composed in honor of Rabbi Blake's 20 years of service
to WRT*

Vocals: Cantor Amanda Kleinman, Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni;
Bass: Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris;
Flute: Idan Santhaus; **Guitar:** Oren Neiman.

*The righteous bloom like a date-palm; they thrive
like a cedar in Lebanon;
planted in the house of Adonai, they flourish in
the courts of our God.
In old age they still produce fruit; they are full of
sap and freshness.*

11. *Bashanah Haba-ah*

- Nurit Hirsch, arr. Oren Neiman

Vocals: Cantor Amanda Kleinman, Cantor Daniel Mendelson; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni;
Bass: Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris;
Flute: Idan Santhaus; **Guitar:** Oren Neiman.

*Next year we will sit on the porch and count
migrating birds.
Children on vacation will play catch between the
house and the fields.*

You will yet see how good it will be next year.

*Red grapes will ripen 'til the evening, and will be
served chilled at the table.*

*Languid winds will carry to the crossroads old
newspapers and a cloud.*

You will yet see how good it will be next year.

*Next year we will spread our own hands toward
the radiant light.*

*A white heron will spread her wings like a light
and within them the sun will rise.*

You will yet see how good it will be next year.

12. *Esa Einai*

Psalm 121

- Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor

Vocals and piano: Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor;
Bass: Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris;
Guitar: Oren Neiman; **Flute:** Caroline Sonett-Assor.

*I lift my eyes to the mountains; from where will
my help come?
My help comes from Adonai, maker of heaven and
earth.
God will not let your foot give way; your guardian
will not slumber.
See, the guardian of Israel neither slumbers nor
sleeps!
Adonai is your guardian, your protection at your
right hand.
By day the sun will not strike you, nor the moon
by night.
God will guard you from all harm, and will guard
your life.
God will guard your going and coming now and
forever.*

13. *V'ha-eir Eineinu*

Morning Liturgy
- Cantor Lisa Sharlin

Vocals: Rabbi Jonathan Blake, Cantor Amanda Kleinman, and Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor;
Piano: Pete Malinverni; **Bass:** Gilad Ephrat;
Percussion: Jerome Morris; **Recorder:** Idan Santhaus;
Mandolin: Oren Neiman.

Enlighten our eyes with Torah
Unite our hearts to love Your name
Then we shall never ever stumble

14. *Ahavat Olam*

Evening Liturgy
- Gabriel Mann, Piper Rutman

Vocals: Cantor Amanda Kleinman, Rabbi Alissa Platcow, Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni;
Bass: Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris;
Guitar: Oren Neiman; **Flute:** Idan Santhaus.

Everlasting love, You offered Your people Israel
by teaching us Torah and mitzvot, laws and
precepts.
Therefore, Adonai our God,
When we lie down and when we rise up,
we will meditate on Your laws and Your
commandments.
We will rejoice in Your Torah forever.

15. *Hineih Mah Tov*

Based on Psalm 133
- Cantor Becky Mann

Vocals: Cantor Amanda Kleinman, Rabbi Alissa Platcow, and Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni; **Bass:** Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris; **Recorder:** Idan Santhaus; **Guitar:** Oren Neiman.

Open the door
Open your eyes
Open your heart
See what's inside

Lay down your walls
Lay down your fears
Lean into love
You are welcome here

Maker of day
Maker of night
Feed me with song
Let me be your light

Hinei mah tov u'mah na'im shevet achim gam
yachad.

16. *Dedication*

Based on Psalm 30:1,6
- Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor

Vocals: Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor; **Back-up vocals:** Cantor Amanda Kleinman and Phil Fisherman, featuring the WRT Volunteer Choir; **Piano:** Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor; **Bass:** Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris; **Flute:** Caroline Sonett-Assor; **Guitar:** Oren Neiman.

Ki rega b'apo chayim birtzono
ba'erev yalin bechi v'laboker rina

So this time, I dedicate myself anew,
and though I may have lost my way,
I will restore this flame again.
And I will guard it even when
my weary heart would give in.
I make this promise to myself, to you.

For this pain is but a moment,
there is life all around,
and though my sleep be troubled,
there is morning breaking through.

17. *Avinu Shebasmayim*

Prayer for the State of Israel

– Cantor Sol Zim

Vocals: Cantor Amanda Kleinman and Cantor Daniel Mendelson; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni; **Bass:** Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris; **Flute:** Idan Santhaus; **Guitar:** Oren Neiman.

O heavenly One, Protector and Redeemer of Israel, bless the state of Israel which marks the dawning of hope for all who seek peace. Shield it beneath the wings of Your love; spread over it the canopy of Your peace; send Your light and truth to all who lead and advise, guiding them with Your counsel. Establish peace in the land and fullness of joy for all who dwell there.

Amen.

18. *Chazak*

– Dan Nichols

Vocals: Cantor Amanda Kleinman; **Back-up vocals:** Rabbi Jonathan Blake, Rabbi Leah Citrin, Rabbi Alissa Platcow, and Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni; **Bass:** Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris; **Flute:** Idan Santhaus; **Guitar:** Oren Neiman.

We have come from near and far to raise our voice in song,

and the more we join in the refrain, the more we feel strong.

Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik.

There is a power in this place and time; it shapes the rest of our lives.

For when we return each year, we find a truth we can't deny.

Be strong, and let us strengthen one another.

Be strong, and let us celebrate our lives.

Be strong, and let us strengthen one another.

Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazeik.

As we sing, we link ourselves to those who came before,

And we're one with all those yet to come; our strength, it will endure.

19. *The Threefold Benediction*

Priestly Blessing,
Numbers 6:24-26

– Cantor Danny Maseng

20. *Forever Young*

– Bob Dylan

Vocals: Rabbi Jonathan Blake, Cantor Mia Fram Davidson, and Kelly McCormick; **Back-up vocals:** Phil Fisherman, Cantor Amanda Kleinman, and Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni; **Bass:** Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris; **Recorder:** Idan Santhaus; **Guitar:** Oren Neiman.

May God bless and keep you always

May your wishes all come true

May you learn to do for others and let others do for you

May you build a ladder to the stars and climb on every rung

And may you stay forever young

Vocals: Rabbi Jonathan Blake, Cantor Amanda Kleinman, and Cantor Isaac Sonett-Assor; **Piano:** Pete Malinverni; **Bass:** Gilad Ephrat; **Percussion:** Jerome Morris; **Recorder:** Idan Santhaus; **Mandolin:** Oren Neiman.

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's light shine upon you, and may God be gracious to you.

May you feel God's presence within you always, and may you find peace.

May you grow up to be righteous

May you grow up to be true

May you always know the truth and see the light surrounding you

May you always be courageous, stand upright and be strong

And may you stay forever young

May your hands always be busy

May your feet always be swift

May you have a strong foundation when the winds of changes shift

May your heart always be joyful

May your song always be sung

And may you stay forever young

Bonus Track

21. *Lift Up Your Eyes*

Based on Psalm 121

- Pete Malinverni

Composed for Warren Haber upon the conclusion of his presidency at WRT

*May you lift up your eyes to the hills
from when cometh your help.
Your help cometh from the Creator
who made heaven and earth.
And who does not suffer thy foot to be moved,
and who keepeth thee and Israel,
will not slumber.*

*The Creator who keepeth thee
is a shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon at night.*

*May God keep you from all harm,
and may your soul be safe,
and may your coming and going be protected
now and forever.*





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