



Rabbi Joshua Cahan

Rabbi Joshua Cahan is a writer and Tefilah Coach from Riverdale, NY, and author of The Yedid Nefesh Bencher and The Yedid Nefesh Haggadah. He spent 11 years teaching Rabbinics and Prayer at The Leffell School in Westchester, NY. He received his rabbinic ordination and a Ph.D. in Rabbinic Literature from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, where he also served as director of the JTS Beit Midrash, and spent eight years directing the Northwoods Kollel and Beit Midrash Program at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin. Rabbi Cahan's expertise in liturgy and prayer spans the academic and the practical – he is an accomplished baal tefilla (prayer leader) and song leader, and has, in addition to the Yedid Nefesh series, published several academic articles on liturgy.

Daniel Cainer

Daniel Cainer is a UK-based songwriter, storyteller, and performer whose work explores themes of Jewish identity, history, and family. He is best known for Jewish Chronicles, a solo musical storytelling show that has toured internationally, including runs at the Edinburgh Fringe, off-Broadway, and in Australia. Formerly a composer for television, Cainer has received multiple awards for his writing and performance. His topical songs have featured regularly on BBC and Independent stations and he has contributed to national press and radio as a commentator on cultural and religious topics. His songs are covered by singers, actors, rabbis and cantors and his commercial compositions have launched at least one car as well as several washing machines.

Andy Dennen

Andy Dennen has been playing, performing, composing and recording music for over 30 years, the past 20 focusing on the world of Jewish music. He has produced 8 albums of original Jewish music and his pieces can be found in many of the Jewish music world's publications including Transcontinental's Ruach 5779, Shabbat Anthology VI, Shabbat Anthology VII, Shabbat Anthology X, Nigun Anthology III and The Complete Jewish Songbook for Children Volume III. Other publications include the Shalshet compendium and the Craig Taubman Celebrate Series. Andy makes his home in the northern suburbs of Chicago, where he regularly helps lead services at several congregations and is also where his studio, SoulForge Studios is located.



Yaniv Gatigno

Yaniv is a Jewish song leader and ritual host who leads musical Shabbat gatherings and devotional singing circles in his community. He teaches Jewish music to children at his shul's Sunday school and draws inspiration from years of living in a singing-centered community in the Galilee, where he encountered Jewish music from many traditions. He is the creator of *Shabbat Bond* (<https://shabbat.bond>), a musical Shabbat ritual that helps make Shabbat gatherings a socially bonding experience for friends and families, without relying on prior Jewish knowledge or Hebrew. Through this work, Yaniv guides song leaders and community builders in bringing the spirit of *Shabbat Bond* to their own communities.

Rabbi Ilan Glazer

Rabbi Ilan Glazer is dedicated to helping others embrace recovery from addiction, heal the grief they carry, and find music, blessings, and spiritual growth even in the difficulties of life. Ilan is the founder of Our Jewish Recovery, author of *And God Created Recovery*, rabbi of Adat Chaim, and a storyteller, educator, and prayer leader in Baltimore and beyond. Ilan composes melodies for Psalms and prayers. *Gam Ki Elech: Turning Our Sorrows Into Song*, his first album of original music launched in January 2023. Ilan lives in Baltimore with his wife Sherri, their son Rami, and two musical furballs.

Cantor Zoe Jacobs

Cantor Zöe Jacobs has the honour of being the first ordained Cantor in the UK's Movement for Reform Judaism, having received her ordination from HUC-JIR's DFSSM in 2009. Since then, she has worked at Finchley Reform Synagogue in London where she now leads a team of extraordinary rabbis and professionals. Having been inspired by outstanding songleaders, cantors, and rabbis - in particular at the URJ Kutz camp - Zoe is passionate about how music acts as liturgical midrash. She created 'Shirei Chagigah', a biennial music and prayer conference in the UK, with the aim of developing and inspiring Jewish musicians and future clergy. Zoe devotes enormous time to supporting the voice of her community in prayer, and, along with her extraordinary rabbinic partners, loves to welcome guests from around the world to their vibrant community!



Jack Leopold

Jack Leopold is a Jewish musician, educator, and meditation teacher living in Denver, Colorado. His current projects include writing and recording a Sefer Yetzilah-inspired album of original Jewish music, directing a Jewish meditation retreat center in Boulder, Colorado, and preparing for enrollment to work towards rabbinic ordination. Jack leads music, prayer, and meditation for Jewish communities, including Temple Emanuel Denver, Congregation Nevei Kodesh, BBYO, and various communities around Colorado. He has been teaching Jewish meditation and Kabbalah for 9 years, most inspired by the teachings of R. Aryeh Kaplan and R. Zalman Schachter-Shalomi. Jack's passion lies in weaving mystical teachings with the transformative power of communal song for the sake of engaging with the paradox of inherent wholeness and brokenness in the human experience.

Leah Miller

Leah Miller is an enthusiastic community builder with a passion for learning and inter-spiritual life and prayer. Through holding many officer roles in USY and going on Nativ gap year program in Israel, she developed a deep love for Jewish learning and a devotion to spirituality. She is currently a Religious Studies undergraduate student at Naropa University in Boulder, CO and is an aspiring Jewish vocational leader. In her community, she is engaged in organizing meaningful grassroots Shabbat gatherings and other Jewish experiences open to all, like her annual Addiction Recovery Seder, and creating opportunities for informal study with people from different religions and spiritual backgrounds.

Robin Schnitzler and Michael Hopwood

Robin and Michael are a Dances of Universal Peace leader/musician duo from Madison, Wisconsin. Robin is a certified DUP leader and is in her 30th year of dancing in the circle. Michael is an accomplished guitarist and DUP musician. Together, Robin and Michael lead dances in community circles, events, and dance camps across the country and in Mexico. Learn more here: DUPwithRobin.com



Leah Shoshanah

Leah Shoshanah is a Chicago-based singer, songwriter and Spiritual musician whose deeply felt, soulful music grows from folk, pop, funk, rock and jazz. Over the past decade, Shoshanah has sung on historic stages in Chicago and across the world. Leah also works with congregations across the country, uplifting the stories of the matriarchs and amplifying themes of justice through song. She blends her original compositions with adaptations of cantorial works and Jewish music from Eastern Europe, Andalusia and the Maghreb. In addition to performances, Leah teaches others to create their own adaptations of prayers, encouraging a deeper connection with Jewish liturgy.

Zach Singer

Zach Singer is a unique songwriter who blends serious topics and complex rhymes to create whimsical and inviting lyrics. While his voice is often raw, he deploys hummable melodies with beautiful harmonies. He goes from a traditional, folky acoustic bounce to instrumental jams with virtuosic electric guitar solos and bass lines. Throughout the North American community of Jewish professionals, Zach is a known and accomplished guitar and bass teacher. He has instructed over 200 students in person and online.