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### Men's Club hosts concert by musical super star Sol Zim Sun., May 22, at Beth Yeshurun



SOL ZIM

On Sunday evening, May 22, at 7 p.m., the Men's Club of Congregation Beth Yeshurun invites the community to welcome again the "Pied Piper of Jewish Music", a.k.a. Cantor Sol Zim, the dynamic and versatile master showman who

will re-create the musical magic he brought to his Beth Yeshurun concert back in 1992.

According to Rabbi Jack Segal, the May 22 concert will again demonstrate Zim's highly diversified talents. "As a cantor and the son of a cantor, he has captured in his own unique way the special Jewish magic of old Yiddish favorites, Israeli folk songs, Chassidic niggunim, Shabbat *zemirot* and the great cantorial classics. And as a professional performer on the concert stage, as well as in nightclubs and the theatre, Sol Zim adds extra zing to Broadway showtunes, operatic arias, and nostalgic melodies recalling the pop music of the past 50 years.

"Whatever Sol sings," says the rabbi,

"you'll end up clapping your hands, stomping your feet and singing along. And when you hear him lead our Beth Yeshurun Youth Choir in Sol Zim songs, you'll know why he's earned the title of "Pied Piper of Jewish Music". Because Sol is really reaching out to the children."

Ruth Shechter, director of the 34-member Youth Choir, agrees with the rabbi as she recalls Cantor Zim's 1992 concert. "Our choir kids from the Day School and Religious School really loved Zim's music. It was lively, catchy . . . they actually enjoyed learning the prayers by singing his songs. I do believe his music will stay with the students for the rest of the lives."

"But then, aren't we *all* kids at heart?," added Rabbi Segal. "Don't we all enjoy lively tunes that are easy to sing and remember? And that's what makes this Sol Zim concert on May 22 a very special evening for both parents and their children. Or as Cantor Zim says:

### Join Me on Sunday, May 22

Two years ago, something *extra* special occurred at Beth Yeshurun. It was a unique religious experience. Sol Zim came to Beth Yeshurun and he presented a musical program consisting of Yiddish, Hebrew, Israeli, Chassidic, and Cantorial music.

There were 1,300 people at that concert and when he concluded his prepared program the audience refused to let him go. He had to do encore after encore. Our congregants and friends truly experienced a "religious high" that evening. Everyone left smiling and joyous, happy and ecstatic.

On Sunday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m., Sol Zim will be back at Beth Yeshurun. He is being brought here by our Men's Club, and the profits from that concert will be directed toward scholarships for our youngsters — and we need many at the present time.

I will be there and my family will be there — and I hope that I will be able to personally greet all our friends and members there at that time.

Those who came to his concert 2 years ago bought out *every* single cassette recording that was put on sale after the concert.

As I said, two years ago, 1,300 came to hear him. We had to open the Pulaski-Rauch Auditorium for those who could not be seated in the sanctuary. This year, I hope that we will bypass that 1,300 number.

Rabbi Jack Segal

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