

Cantor Karen Webber



Cantor Karen Webber describes herself this way: “Presently, an itinerant cantor.... I go where God needs me. A dynamic teacher of Torah, on the bimah, in the classroom and at my kitchen table, my specialty is translating Jewish liturgy, concepts and text into visual art, movement and music.”

The creator and founder of the “Wing & Prayer” mentoring program, she helps unique learners prepare for bar/bat mitzvah. As a single mother of two young adults with special needs, this is a passion of hers. She is motivated by finding ways that Judaism can connect, touch, and serve those in our communities who are underserved.

In recent years, she has worked at Congregation Ohev Sholom in Harrisburg, PA as a part-time, High Holy Day and Interim Cantor; Temple Emanuel in Kensington, MD as an expressive arts specialist, curriculum developer, and teacher of Torah; and Olney Kehilla in Olney, MD as an Interim Spiritual Leader. In addition, she served as a cantor in a variety of worship settings in the Midwest, South, Northwest, and Canada.

Webber was invested as a cantor at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, earning both a Masters Degree and Honorary Doctorate of Sacred Music. She is also a graduate of Trinity College (English and Theatre/Dance).