

CANTOR HEATHER BATCHELOR

CANTORIAL & CLERGY WORK

Ruelle Shul

Montréal, QC

Spiritual leader

2020-present

- Clergy-lead, grassroots start-up community
- Monthly Shabbat and Holiday services
- Creative social and education enrichment
- Active cultivation of lay leadership and synagogue skills
- Egalitarian and socially progressive, but embracing of traditional ritual
- Pastoral care
- Jewish Community Foundation of Montreal 2023-24 Nova Grant recipient
- *“Come as you are, grow as you go.”*

Montreal Open Shul

Montréal, QC

Co-founding clergy

2018—2020

- Trans-denominational clergy collective
- Produced “pop-up” events such as bibliodrama, ShabbaZoom, Purim laughter yoga, Sabbath Retreat, New Moon chant circle, etc.
- Developed and co-led a range of participatory Shabbat services targeting unaffiliated and marginalized groups.
- Recruited and trained Torah readers.
- Developed and led online Meditation and Middot series.

Dorshei Emet Reconstructionist Synagogue

Hampstead, QC

Cantor-Educator

2010-2013

- Directed and supervised family, youth and children’s programming.
- Developed innovative, participatory alternative High Holiday service
- Created family-friendly Friday night service, led congregant band
- Coordinated Holiday festivities, recruited and supervised volunteers
- Monitored budgets and resources for family and Holiday programming
- Chanted Torah and Megillah, mentored congregant Torah readers
- Co-led pre-b’nei mitzvah class, tutored and prepared b’nei mitzvah
- Conducted High Holiday choir

Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel

Port Chester, NY

Cantor

2006 – 2010

- Led Shabbat, High Holiday and Festival services
- Tutored and prepared b’nei mitzvah
- Developed and led Friday night service with professional band
- Taught religious school and pre-school music and dance enrichment
- Trained and coordinated Torah readers
- Taught adult classes on Torah reading and Polish-Jewish History
- Prepared and delivered eulogies, counseled bereaved, pastoral duties

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TEACHING,
SHABBATON
ETC.

Congregation Mishkan Tefila	Brookline, MA
Zoom Megillah Reader Purim	2021 & 2022
Hinenu: Embodied Judaism (Aleph Canada)	Zoom
Guided meditation	February 16, 2021
Conservative Movement Selichot Night Live	Zoom
Service and Guided Meditation	September 12, 2020
FJMC/Mercaz International Kiddush Club	Zoom
Live Zoom Friday Evening Service	August 28, 2020
Omer Counting & Meditation, Meditation & Middot	Zoom
Weekly online lessons and meditation sits	April-May, July-Aug 2020
Institute for Jewish Spirituality	Zoom
Monthly weekday meditation instruction	2020 – 2023
Shaare Zion Congregation	Montréal, QC
Jewish Approaches to Meditation and Mindfulness	2018 – 2020
Learn to Leyn in 10 Easy Lessons	Montréal, QC
Torah cantillation for Adults	spring 2016, 2019 & 2023
Concordia Multi-Faith Chaplaincy Centre	Montréal, QC
Jewish Middot, Meditation and Mindfulness	winter & fall 2017
Congregation Beth-El	Town of Mont Royal, QC
Director of Informal Family Education	2017 – 2018
KlezKanada	Lantier, QC
Co-Teacher, religious services coordinator	Augusts 2011 – 2022
Shaare Zedek Congregation:	Montréal, QC
Director of Informal Family Education	2016 – 2017
Shaare Zion Congregation	Montréal, QC
“Cool Shul” cantor/ coordinator	2014 – 2017
Beit Polska	Warsaw, Poland
Online instructor	2014 – 2015
LeMood: Festival of Jewish Learning and Culture	Montréal, QC
Presenter	2011, 2012, 2013
Mouvement Juif Libéral de France	Paris, France
Visiting cantor, darshan	July 2013

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HIGH HOLIDAY, INTERIM & STUDENT PULPITS	Congregation Beth Shalom	Oak Park, MI 2016 – present	
	Ohavi Zedek Synagogue	Burlington, VT 2016 – 2017	
	Northern Hills Synagogue	Cincinnati, OH 2015	
	Temple of Aaron	St. Paul, MN 2014	
	Emanuel Synagogue	Oklahoma City, OK 2013	
	Temple Beth Ahm	Aberdeen, NJ 2005 – 2006	
	Rodef Shalom Temple	Hampton, VA 2003 – 2005	
OTHER SELECTED EMPLOYMENT	Fondation Jeanne-Mance/Teresa Dellar Palliative Care Residence	Montreal, QC	
	<i>Multi-faith hospice chaplain</i>	March 2023 – present	
	B’nai Mitzvah Tutor	Montreal, QC	
	“The Temple,” Mile End Chavurah, Dorshei Emet, etc.	2013 – present	
	Copyediting and fact checking	Montreal, QC	
	<i>The Posen Library of Jewish Culture and Civilization, Volume 6</i>	Nov-Dec 2017	
	United States Holocaust Memorial Museum	Washington, DC	
<i>Research Assistant: Authenticated oral history transcripts, supervised volunteers.</i>	1997-1998		
PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & ENRICHMENT	Temple Sinai Nursery School	Washington, DC	
	<i>Teacher</i>	1995 – 1997	
	Université de Montreal/ CHUM Stage Clinique en Soins Spirituels (CPE)	Nov 2021-June 2022	
	Naada Yoga 200 Hour Teacher Training and Certification	Completed Jan 2024	
	Cantors’ Assembly Rising Song Facilitator Training	Oct-Dec 2020	
	Institute for Jewish Spirituality Hevraya Retreats	2018, 2021 & 2024	
	Institute for Jewish Spirituality Meditation Teachers’ Training	2016 – 2017	
	Institute for Jewish Spirituality Clergy Leadership Program	2014-2015	
	Pardes Spirituality Retreat and Jewish Educators’ Training Workshop	2015	
	KlezKanada Yiddish Dance Leader Intensive	Aug 2015	
	Song Leader Boot Camp with Rick Recht	St. Louis, MO 2012	
	Cantors’ Assembly Conventions	2007 – 2011, 2015	
	Israeli Folk Dance in Jewish Education	Albany, NY 2007 and 2008	
	BOARD SERVICE	KlezKanada Board of Directors	2015 – present
		Committees: Mangement, Summer Retreat, co-chaired Exec & Artistic Director Searches	

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EDUCATION

Concordia University

Master's of Jewish Studies

Julius and Ilka Ekler Book Prize in Judaic Studies

Thesis topic: *Hasidic Dance as Embodied Spiritual Practice*

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2022

Jewish Theological Seminary

H. L. Miller Cantorial School, Diploma of Hazzan

College of Jewish Music, Master's of Sacred Music

New York, NY

2006

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University of Minnesota

Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude

Combined Major: Jewish Studies & East European Area Studies

Minneapolis, MN

1997

Minnesota Conservatory of Performing Arts.

Intensive curriculum of theater arts and academics,

St. Paul, MN

1985–1989

STUDY ABROAD

Israel: Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies

- Course of study in Judaics and Music, Ulpan Beit Ha-Am, 1999 – 2000

Poland: Study and Independent Research

- Oral history research in Jewish community, *Sept. 1994 – March 1995*
- Internship at Lauder Morasha Jewish Day School, *January – March 1995*
- Intensive Polish language study Jagiellonsky University, *Fall 1994*

India: Friends World College & Nrityagram Dance Village

- Hindi, Indian Culture, Classical Dance, Yoga, *September 1990 - April 1991*

LANGUAGES

Hebrew, Yiddish, French, Polish, Russian, Hindi

OTHER SKILLS

Theater, Yiddish/Klezmer Music, Jazz Vocals, Yoga, Bass Guitar, Autoharp
Dance: Ballet, Jazz, Indian classical dance, Bellydance, Israeli, Tap, Folk

Please visit my website for audio and video clips and testimonials:

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