

# Transformative T'fillah \* Meaningful Music

#### **Professional Experience**

#### The Light Lab 2021-present

**Founder and Head T'fillahsopher** Created and co-hosts <u>the Light Lab Podcast</u>, reaching 200+ listeners per episode. Provides professional development and education around *t'fillah* <u>online</u>, at conferences and synagogues, and consults with educators and clergy. Ran the <u>T'fillah Teachers Fellowship</u>, which received a grant from the Covenant Foundation in 2023.

#### Beth El Synagogue Durham, NC August 2021- Present

**Artist in Residence** Creates and leads musical, spiritual programming including musical services, songleading with kids and families, singing circles, and a Rosh Chodesh group.

#### Artist/Educator in Residence 2015- Present

Travels internationally to synagogues, camps, retreats, and conferences to lead ritual, prayer, music, and learning for all ages. Visits approx. 15 communities each year including Reform, Conservative, Reconstructing, Renewal, and Pluralist.

### NewCAJE Jewish Education Conference March 2016-Present

**Fellowship Director** Initiated and currently runs the Leadership for Emerging Educator Fellowship (LEEP), a two year program for educators in their first five years of professional experience.

#### Ramah Darom Retreat Center Clayton, GA. 2016-Present

**Music Specialist** At Passover retreat (8 years) and winter break family camp (3 years) provides music and prayer for all ages. Led multi-generational Light Lab seder.

### The G!D Project September 2017- 2021

**Founder and Director** Created educational materials, and provided professional development, art, and ritual designed to expand ideas of the Divine. Received Seeds of Innovation grant from JTS in 2017.

**Congregation B'nai Jeshurun** New York, NY. July 2017-June 2018 **Music Educator** Conducted all music and t'fillah programs for babies, children, and families.

#### Park Avenue Synagogue New York, NY. May 2014-May 2017

**Director of Music Education** Developed music curriculum and led weekly classes for early childhood, young families, and congregational school. Conducted family services and a new contemplative service.

**Romemu** New York, NY. *September 2014-July 2017* **Service Leader** Led Friday and Saturday morning family services twice per month.

**The Bible Raps Project** Philadelphia, PA. *May 2012-October 2013* **Education Director** Used hip-hop to engage kids and adults in Torah learning.

#### Awards and Honors

The Covenant Foundation's <u>Pomegranate Prize</u> November 2023 The Jewish Week's <u>36 under 36</u> June 2019 Jewish Education Project's Young Pioneers <u>Award</u> March 2017 The Davidson School's Young Jewish Educator Award April 2013, First Place Winner



# Examples of Speaking, Teaching, and Performing Engagements

Masorti | USCJ Convening December 2023

**Presenter** Led musical services and taught session on "Making Services Spiritual" for 80+ clergy, educators, and lay leaders.

The UnYeshiva October 2023-January 2024 Guest Faculty Created and taught 12-session course "Prayer Unbound: A Jewish Liturgy Laboratory."

# Academy for Jewish Religion May 2023

Adjunct Faculty Created and taught an intersession course on t'fillah for kids and families.

# JKids Radio 2020-2014

Show Host of "Way To Grow: Jewish tools for resilient kids and a better world"

Ramah Wisconsin Family Camp August 2018, 2019, 2022, and 2023 Songleader Planned and led family t'fillah and music for kids of all ages and their adults.

**Songleader Boot Camp** *February 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023* **Core Educator** Co-planned and led prayer and learning experiences at the Ramah Shabbaton. Presented workshops on g?d language, prayer education, and spiritual prayer leadership.

# Hava Nashira May 2019, 2021, and 2023 Faculty Led song, prayer, and workshops for 250+ songleaders, clergy, and musicians.

# Union for Reform Judaism Biennial 2015-2019

**Presenter and Performer** Performed on the Jewish Rock Radio stage. Gave two concerts and co-taught a session for prayer leaders at the most recent gathering.

# Limmud UK December 2018

Presenter Facilitated workshops and concerts for families and general Limmud participants.

# Federation of Greater Houston August and November 2018

**Presenter** At two days of professional development, one for supplementary schools and one for early childhood educators, delivered keynote addresses on spirituality and led sessions.

**ELI Talks** June 2016 **Presenter** Delivered filmed lecture on "<u>The God Gap</u>" about theological diversity and G!D language.

### **DELET Masters Program at Brandeis University** *Summers of 2012-2014* **Guest Teacher** Presented a day-long seminar on prayer teaching to education masters students.

# Discography and Publications

ORAH HI August 2023 Sweet, soulful liturgical melodies and *niggunim* for singing together. s\*ngs ab-ut g?d April 2020 A personal, spiritual journey through Jewish text and tradition. Eliana Sings (About Jewish Things!) January 2017 Catchy, content-rich tunes about ritual objects. Hebrew in Harmony 2016-2018 Curriculum published by Behrman House. Used by 100s of students. A New Light April 2013 Original songs that put a new spin on liturgy, holidays, language, and more.

# Education & Fellowships

GLEAN START program, 2022 Certificate in Spiritual Entrepreneurship

Hadar's Rising Song Institute, 2021-2022 Fellowship

Shalom Hartman Institute, 2020 Created Equal Educators Fellowship

The Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, NY. 2016 Masters in Experiential Jewish Education

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA. 2013 Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

BA Sociology with minors in Jewish Studies, Creative Writing, and Theater.