

# But Don't Take My Word For It!

# **Teaching Style**

*"Eliana's presentation touched me on a personal level and on an educator level. She instructs with beautiful music, delightful humor, and a wisdom beyond her years. Absolutely outstanding."* -Institute for Southern Jewish Life Conference Participant

### **Creative Programs**

"Her spirit of innovation is absolutely unbelievable. The programs that Eliana creates are very meaningful....It's not just about learning music...it's about giving them an experience that they will never forget, and they will always seek to have again."- Cantor Azi Schwartz, Park Avenue Synagogue

# **Professional Development**

"Eliana Light presented at the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston's Early Childhood Teachers Seminar as well as at Yom Moreh, our professional development seminar for Congregational school teachers. Her presentations on G!D were right on target for our educators, helping the teachers to view the world with a sense of wonder and how they can feel comfortable sharing that idea with their students. Eliana also gave sessions on using music to teach, share content, and ease transitions. Our teachers came away with great ideas to implement into their classrooms and ways to engage the learners in their own sense of wonder." -Lisa Klein, Managing Director of Jewish Education of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston

"Eliana Light - k'shma ken he! Her name -- God has answered with light -- suits her! This was NOT a lecture. It included so much wisdom imparted through examples, experiences and elucidation that every moment was valuable and the hour flew by. I will continue to sign up for her workshops, watch her in action online and hope to see her lighting up the room in person, as well."- Rabbi Shelley Kniaz

"Eliana's excellent, well thought out, and creative presentations draw you into a more meaningful understanding of Jewish prayer, music, and your own experience as the pray-er. Each of her classes motivated me to reach out with new modalities and deeper ways to engage families and kids in meaningful moments in tefillah." -Rabbi Audrey Pollack

"Eliana brought her vast knowledge and skill, her love of learning, and her deep connection to Jewish liturgy to these sessions. She made so many good points, and has really changed how I think about planning services. Instead of planning services to feel like services, she opened my eyes to how to plan services to feel like an educational, familial experience. Thank you!" -NewCAJE session participant



#### **Catchy, Content-Rich Music**

"Eliana Sings (About Jewish Things!) is one of our family's favorite albums. My 5 and 2-year old kids request it when we get in the car and love to sing along. As a cantor and Jewish educator myself, I am so excited to have material that is both fun to sing and also touching on Jewish topics for which I have never had musical material before. It's the kind of music where the kids will love to sing it, and will secretly become Jewishly wiser every second!" - Cantor Rollin Simmons, Congregation Emanu El Houston

# **Spiritual Leadership**

"Eliana Light has done in a few months what it takes some of the most talented leaders years or more to do – foster a vibrant Jewish community. I've had the pleasure of being a part of Eliana's Shira b'Dira minyan since it started, and can say firsthand what a phenomenon it has been. When Shira b'Dira started, it was a handful of people in someone's apartment. That rapidly turned into several handfuls and more, until the minyan became known for what it is today: a massive group of young people in their 20s and 30s, teeming out of apartments and rooftops, happily joining in an authentic, harmonious minyan that brings everyone to life.

I don't know how to do this minyan – or Eliana's leadership style – justice. When she speaks, she manages to command attention in the most natural, gentle, and unimposing of ways. When she sings, she fills the room and somehow invites harmonies out of the most uninitiated singers. When she pauses in between songs, that's when you see the power she has to bring the best out of you. It's her confidence to let music, and the space between music, elevate busy New Yorkers into spiritual beings. Being in her minyan is truly a transformative experience and everyone at any age – from the most skeptic, busy, or spiritually adventurous – can benefit from singing with Eliana. I certainly have." -Julie Shain, Shira B'Dira minyan participant

# Singing with the Youngest Among-Us

"She is one of the youngest, newest superstars on the early childhood music circuit. She is an amazing songwriter... as far as I'm concerned, she is going to single-handedly help us continue to raise our Jewish children."- Ellen Allard, Jewish music legend

#### **Working with Adults**

"Eliana Light is a fabulous educator who navigated a space of adult learners of all different levels. In a space dedicated to exploring the different names we use and ways we conceive of God, Eliana was able to guide people through a process that helped them develop their own theology. I was very impressed with Eliana's facilitation and her ability to weave together many different modalities – song, text study, discussion - into one session. Any community would be lucky to have her as an educator." - Rabbi Sarit Horwitz, Beth Sholom Synagogue of Memphis



### **Excellent Education for All Ages**

"We truly appreciate your dedication and your ability to work with us, learn our needs and prepare the perfect program for each age group. From our youngest five year olds to our oldest b'nei mitzvah students, all the children left the workshops singing, and continuing the conversations with their friends, teachers and families. The choice of melodies as well as your thoughtful introductions and questions stayed with them and inspired them to learn more about Passover, Jewish music, prayers and what God means to them. Thank you for helping us to continue cultivating a singing culture in our school through your creative and fun lessons!" - Anat Katzir, Religious School Director of Temple Beth Or in Washington Township, NJ