

SARINA ELENBOGEN-SIEGEL

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SKILLS

Hebrew – working proficiency • Clinical Pastoral Education (1 unit) • Guitar • Piano
• Mandolin • Teaching • Public speaking • Tutoring • Group facilitation •
Organizational leadership

EDUCATION

Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music

Masters in Sacred Music received May 2025

Final Year Student Cantorial Ordination, anticipated 2026

Indiana University

B.A. in Jewish Studies, Minor in Hebrew; Jewish Sacred Music Program

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- Bonnie M. Tisch Fellowship, HUC–JIR (2023–Present): Explore innovative congregational leadership and spiritual ideas under Rabbi Larry Hoffman
- The Cantor Norman Belink Award for Excellence in Reform Worship, 2024
- Stephen Pierce Prize in Human Relations, 2024
- Compassionate Cantors Prize, Reform Cantors of Chicago, 2024
- Cantor Edward R. Fogel – St. Louis Circle of Jewish Music Prize for Vocal Development, 2024
- Reuben Peretz Abelson Prize for dedication to Yiddish song, 2023–24

CANTORIAL & MUSICAL EXPERIENCE

Brooklyn Heights Synagogue

Cantorial Intern

Brooklyn, NY

2023–Present

- Tutor B’nai Mitzvah students weekly
- Officiate lifecycle events
- Teach adult education
- Teach Religious School Tefillah for grades 3–7
- Teach music to Grades K-2
- Lead Tot Shabbat

- Lead Torah study sessions
- Plan and lead Kabbalat Shabbat services
- Conduct pastoral care visits
- Conducted High Holy Day services in main sanctuary and in religious school
- Co-lead Women's Seder

Congregation Emanu-El

Cantorial Intern

San Francisco, CA

Summer 2025

- Led weekly Friday night services and Torah study
- Taught music to preschoolers
- Volunteered teaching music in psychiatric unit with Senior Cantor

Baltimore Hebrew Congregation

Cantorial Intern

Baltimore, MD

High Holy Days 2023

- Led music for family and congregational High Holy Day Services

New York-Presbyterian Weill Cornell

Clinical Pastoral Education Chaplain Intern

New York, NY

Summer 2023

- Developed pastoral care skills and interfaith collaboration
- Visited patients across multiple units, including psychiatric
- Refined articulation of personal theology

Temple Shalom

Student Cantor

Chevy Chase, MD

2021–2023

- Directed youth and adult choirs
- Led music for B'nai Mitzvah services and Torah study
- Crafted and led Shabbat music bimonthly
- Co-officiated life-cycle events with Rabbi (unveilings, conversions)

Am Shalom

Cantorial Summer Intern

Glencoe, IL

2018–2019

- Led Shabbat evening and morning services
- Created 'Shabbat at the Beach' services for preschoolers

Beth Emet the Free Synagogue

Lay Leader

Evanston, IL

2017–Present

- Led Saturday morning *Kahal* services
- Led Kabbalat Shabbat services
- Performed solos and duets during High Holy Days

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Columbia/Barnard Hillel

Guest Lecturer

New York, NY

2025

- Taught class on *nigunim* (wordless melodies) as a spiritual practice to college students

Congregation Beth Elohim

B'nai Mitzvah Tutor

Brooklyn, NY

2022–2023

- Prepared students one-on-one for Torah and Haftarah readings

Beth Emet the Free Synagogue

3rd Grade Hebrew Teacher

Evanston, IL

2020–2021

- Taught Aleph Bet through music and movement
- Encouraged progress with positive reinforcement
- Partnered with parents for student success

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

Hebrew Union College

Kallah Planning Committee

New York, NY

2024–2025

- Planned programmatic aspects of Kallah Fall Retreat
- Created Elul song circle for HUC community in partnership with faculty

Student Representative

2024

- Served as liaison to the student body
- Planned and facilitated school-wide celebrations
- Led Board of Governors school-wide service

Hooshir A Cappella – Indiana University's Premier Jewish A Cappella Group

Director

2018–2020

- Directed and performed music of a variety of genres
- Led group to national competition championship
- Built collaboration and clergy partnerships across regions