

Jeremiah Lockwood

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EDUCATION

PhD in Jewish Studies

Individualized Masters in Ethnomusicology August 2021
Stanford University, Graduate School of Education Concentration in Education and Jewish Studies

Dissertation title: "Golden Ages: Chassidic singers and cantorial revival in the digital era"

Committee: Brigid Barron, Anna Schultz, Ari Y. Kelman (chair)

Participant

2015, 2016

Uriel Weinreich Summer Program in Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture at YIVO

BA in Music

Hunter College, New York City

January 2014

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Research Fellow

Lowell Milken Center for Music of American Jewish Experience at the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music
Employed for the 2024-25 academic year as the writer of a blog series for the Milken Center.

Lead Researcher

Cantorial and Synagogue Music Archive (CSMA), a project of the Cantors Assembly Foundation
Responsible for collection and digitization of the private music scores of elder cantors, research about the music, and the creation of a web site to disseminate archival material.

Music Director

Because Jewish

Composer, singer and band leader of annual Jewish new year services produced in major New York music venues, including Brooklyn Bowl and Roulette.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Lockwood, Jeremiah. *Melody Like a Confession: A Cultural History of the Cantorial Gramophone Era*. In development.

Lockwood, Jeremiah. *Golden Ages: Hasidic Singers and Cantorial Revival in the Digital Era*. UC Press in the Jewish Cultures and History Series. 2024.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Lockwood, J. "Live davenings: technologies of ritual learning and the convening of a Jewish sacred music underground." *Jewish Social Studies*. 2024.

Lockwood, J. "Jewlia Eisenberg and Queer Piyut." *Contemporary Jewry*. 2024.

Lockwood, J. "Prayer and crime: Cantor Elias Zaludkovsky's concert performance season in 1924 Poland." *In Geveb: A Journal of Yiddish Studies*. 2022.

Lockwood, J. and Ari Kelman. "From Aesthetics to Experience: How Changing Conceptions of Prayer Changed the Sound of Jewish Worship." *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*. 2020.

PEER REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

Lockwood, J. "Daughter of a Lost Tribe: Madame Goldye Steiner, Shahanna McKinney Baldon and Echoes of Black *Khazones*." *Singing the Jewish Experience*. Kay Kaufman Shelemay and Samantha Cooper, eds. Forthcoming.

Lockwood, J. "Hassidic Cantors 'Out of Context': Venues of Contemporary Cantorial Performance." *Oxford Handbook of Jewish Music*. Tina Fruhauf, ed. 2024.

INVITED CHAPTERS AND ESSAYS

Lockwood, J. "What is the cantorial 'Golden Age'? *hefker khazones* (wanton cantorial music) or 'the key to the Jewish soul'?" *Cantors Assembly 75th Anniversary Journal*. 2022.

Lockwood, J. "Orthodox Jewish Liturgical Music." *Journal of Synagogue Music*. 2021.

Lockwood, J. "Prière et crime dans la Pologne de l'entre-deux guerre: L'agenda musical 1924 du chantre Elias Zaludkovsky." Translated by Marie Schumacher-Brunhes. *Germanica*, no. 67. December 2020.

Lockwood, J. "A Cantorial Lesson: the lineage of a learning encounter." *Studies in American Jewish Literature*, Special Issue, American Jews and Music, 2019.

Kirzane, J., et al. "Teaching Guide to Erotic Yiddish Poetry." *In Geveb: A Journal of Yiddish Studies*, 2019.

Kelman, Ari Y., et al. "Safe and on the Sidelines: Jewish Students and the Israel-Palestine Conflict on Campus." A study by the Research Group of the Stanford Concentration in Education and Jewish Studies, 2017.

BLOG

Conversations: Words and Music from the American Jewish Experience. Series for the UCLA Milken Center for American Jewish Experience. 2021-2, 2024-5.

BOOK REVIEWS

Lockwood, J. review of *The Lost World of Russia's Jews: Ethnography and Folklore in the Pale of Settlement*. by Abraham Rechtman, Nathaniel Deutsch and Noh Barrera. *Ab Imperio*, 2022.

Lockwood, J. review of *Jewish Religious Music in Nineteenth-Century America: Restoring the Synagogue Soundtrack*. by Judah Cohen. *Musica Judaica Online Reviews*, 2020.

FILM REVIEWS

Lockwood, J. "Review of Burning Off The Page: The Life and Art of Celia Dropkin, an Erotic Yiddish Poet, directed by Eli Gorn." *In geveb*, January 2025.

SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY

Once Upon a Time the Fire Burned Brighter: Ballads from the Yiddish Gothic (composer, producer, author), multi-media folio, Ayin Press 2023. **Winner of the 2024 American Musicological Society-Jewish Studies and Music Study Group Award**

Golden Ages: Brooklyn Chassidic Cantorial Revival Today (producer), Jewish Culture Festival 2022

A Great Miracle: Jeremiah Lockwood's Guitar Soli Chanukah Record (producer), Reboot Records 2021

Book of J, Book of J (producer), 3rd Generation Recordings 2018

Kol Nidre, Jeremiah Lockwood (composer, producer), Because Jewish 2016

You Will Love No One But Me, The Sway Machinery (composer, producer), 3rd Generation Recordings 2015

Purity and Danger, The Sway Machinery (composer, producer), 3rd Generation Recordings 2015

Songs of Zebulon, Jeremiah Lockwood and Frank London (composer, producer), Blue Thread Music 2014

LOCKWOOD, Jeremiah Lockwood (composer), System Dialing Records 2014

'Twas the Night Before Chanukah (compilation), Reboot Stereophonic 2012

The Nigun Project, Jeremiah Lockwood and guests (composer, producer), The Forward 2011

The House of Friendly Ghosts Vol. 1, The Sway Machinery (composer, producer), JDub Records 2011

Hidden Melodies Revealed, The Sway Machinery (composer, producer), JDub Records 2009

The Sway Machinery EP, The Sway Machinery (composer, producer), JDub Records 2008

Nu Med, Balkan Beat Box (featured guitarist), JDub Records 2007

American Primitive, Jeremiah Lockwood (composer), VeeRon Records 2006

Music From the Winery, The Sway Machinery (compilation), Tzadik Records 2004

SELECTED JOURNALISM

Lockwood, J. "Performing the High Holidays," *Tablet*, 2021

Lockwood, J. "Golden Ages: Cantors and their Ghosts" *Jewish Culture Festival: News*, 2020

Lockwood, J. "Blues Man of the Dirt" *Satellite Magazine*, 2015

Lockwood, J. "Legendary Voices: The Education of the Great Cantors" *Jewish Currents*, 2014

Lockwood, J. "Saving Bulgaria's Jews: Church, State and Citizens United" *Jewish Currents*, 2013

Lockwood, J. "Songs of Desert Wanderers," *Tablet*, 2012

Lockwood, J. "Searching the Torah's Seams: A Roundtable" *Shm'a*, 2012

Lockwood, J. "A Year of Revolutionary Nigunim" *The Jewish Daily Forward*, 2011

Lockwood, J. "The Shofar and the Power of Memory" *Shm'a*, 2010

Lockwood, J. "Out of Africa: Hazanut and the Blues" *The Jewish Daily Forward*, 2009

Lockwood, J. "What is Jewish Music?," "What is a Cantor?," "What is a Shofar?" *My Jewish Learning*, web video series, 2009

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Fellow <i>University of Pennsylvania, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies: The Sound and Music of Jewish Life</i>	2023-24
Fellow <i>Yale Institute of Sacred Music</i>	2022-23
Research Fellow <i>Lowell Milken Center for Music of American Jewish Experience at the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music</i> Lead author of "Conversations: Words and Music from the American Jewish Experience," the blog of the Milken Center.	2021-22
Salo Baron New Voices in Jewish Studies Award	2021
AJS Women's Caucus Innovative Scholarship Award Awarded for <i>Revivalism and longing traces: Judith Berkson reimagines the female cantorial voice</i> , a presentation at the AJS conference in 2019	2020
The Joseph Kremen Memorial Fellowship in Eastern European Jewish Music, Theater, and Arts YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, New York City Fellowship extended in support of archival research on the history of "Golden Age" recorded cantorial music in Europe and the Americas.	2019-20
The Frankel Family Fellowship The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (AJA), Cincinnati, OH Fellowship extended in support of archival research on the history and social contexts of American cantorial music (declined due to epidemic restrictions)	2019-20
Jim Joseph Fellow Stanford Graduate School of Education Concentration in Education and Jewish Studies	2014-2021
Feinstein Summer Fellowship Feinstein Center for American Jewish History, Temple University, Philadelphia	2019
Artist in Residence YIVO, New York City	2018
Archive Transformed Fellow Colorado University	2018

Part of an inaugural cohort of scholars and artists, working in collaboration with Jewlia Eisenberg.

Composer Fellow 2011
Brooklyn Philharmonic Orchestra.

Artist Fellow 2011
LABA: A laboratory for Jewish culture

Artist in Residence 2010
Jewish Daily Forward

Artist Fellow 2007-9
Six Points Fellowship for Emerging Jewish Artists

SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor 2023
Yale University
Designed and taught two courses: *Diasporic Jewish Music*, and *Contemporary American Judaisms*.

Guest Lecturer 2022
Yale University
Guest teacher in undergraduate Yiddish class, offering a lecture on cantorial music in the Hasidic community.

Lecturer 2022
KlezKanada
“What is the Cantorial ‘Golden Age’?” Four-part lecture series.

Online Course Development 2020
Pluralistic Rabbinical Seminary
Designed and produced a web based graduate level course, *Jewish Music: history, ritual and memory* for rabbinical students.

Teaching Artist 2018
Williams College

Guest Lecturer 2018
Thinking Matters, Stanford University

Instructor 2017
Music Department, Stanford University
Designed and taught an undergraduate course *Sound Tracks: Music, Memory and Migration*, with two graduate student colleagues; the course offered a thematic exploration of the experiences of diaspora communities in the Americas and Europe throughout the 20th century. Performance and student led group work were key elements of pedagogy.

Teaching Artist 2017-18
14th Street Y, Manhattan; Palo Alto Jewish Community Center; Coastal Roots Farm, San Diego, CA

Designed and taught a workshop series on Jewish music, *Sound Song and Symbol*, with Jewlia Eisenberg in venues around the United States.

Teaching Assistant

2016

Music Department, Stanford University

Assisted in *Musical Cultures of the World*, led by Dr. Anna Schultz. Gave lectures on cantorial music and blues.

APPRENTICESHIPS AND PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

Accompanist

Worked as an accompanist to Blues musician Elijah Staley, aka Carolina Slim (1926-2014), beginning in 1993 until his death.

Private Instruction

Studied voice and cantorial music with Cantor Jacob Konigsberg (1921-2007), beginning in childhood.

Participant

2001, 2003

Noh Training Project, Bloomsburg University, PA

Studied Noh chant and dance with scholar Richard Emmert and Noh actor Akira Matsui.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Researcher

2014-2021

Stanford Graduate School of Education Concentration in Education and Jewish Studies

Conducted ethnographic research on the musical careers and education of cantors. Research methods included: participant observation in synagogue and concert performances, including performance participation; ethnographic interviews in research participants' homes, neighborhoods and places of work; taking lessons with cantorial pedagogues.

Archival research on cantorial music in its historical context. Materials I have accessed include Yiddish language print media from the early 20th century; musical scores by cantors from the 19th-20th centuries; research into online archives of bootleg recordings of cantorial prayer leading services from the mid-20th century.

Research Assistant

2014-2021

Stanford Graduate School of Education Concentration in Education and Jewish Studies

Assistant to Dr. Ari Y. Kelman, helping design research projects, conducting ethnographic interviews and participant observation, assembling literature reviews, and contributing to the writing of final research reportage.

SELECTED PUBLIC LECTURES

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies

December 2024

"Daughter of a Lost Tribe: Madame Goldye Steiner, Shahanna McKinney Baldon and Echoes of Black Khazones"

Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion November 2024

"Roundtable: The Opportunities and Affordances of Centering the Arts in the Study of Contemporary Judaism"

Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies December 2023

"Paradoxical Aesthetics of Hasidic Cantorial Revival"

Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies December 2022

"Cantorial pedagogy in the wild: technologies of music learning and the convening of a Jewish sacred music underground"

Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies December 2021

"Jewlia Eisenberg and 'Queer Piyut'"

Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies December 2020

"What is the Cantorial 'Golden Age'? *Hefker khazones* (Wanton Cantorial Music), Or the 'Key to the Jewish Soul'?"

Meeting of the Society for Ethnomusicology October 2020

"*Hefker khazones* (wanton cantorial music): the erotic construction of the masculine voice in 'Golden Age' cantorial records"

Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies December 2019

"Revivalism against the limits of historical memory: Judith Berkson reimagines the female cantorial voice"

Meeting of the Society for Ethnomusicology November 2019

"Animating the Archive: old records and the revivalist construction of cantorial performance"

Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies December 2017

"The Cantorial Lesson: An Ethnography of a Learning Encounter"

Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies December 2016

"Opportunity and Conflict: Chassidic Cantors and 'Modern' Synagogues"

INVITED LECTURES

Annual Clara Sumpf Lecture, Stanford University February 2024

"The paradoxical aesthetics of Hasidic cantorial revival"

Songs Without Words: Nigunim Over Time, Katz Center public lecture series January 2024

"Kapelya: The Gender of Music in Contemporary Jewish Brooklyn"

Yiddish New York Festival December 2022

"Live davenings: Jewish Sacred Music Underground"

Yiddish New York Festival December 2022

"The *Khazntes*: Women Cantors in America"

Yiddish New York Festival, December 2022

"*Khazones today!* Cantorial Music in the Contemporary Hasidic Community and Beyond," with Cantor Yoel Kohn

European Cantors Convention, Budapest	November 2022
“Beautiful Outsiders: recordings and those who use them,”	
Boston University	October 2022
“Fierce as Death’: Agadelkha and Jewlia Eisenberg in Memoriam”	
Yiddish New York Festival	December 2021
“The Cantorial and Synagogue Music Archive: From Treasure to Ephemera and Back,”	
Baron New Voices Public Lecture, Columbia University	November 2021
“Golden Ages: Chassidic singers and cantorial revival in the digital era,”	
International Forum for Jewish Music Studies, Conversations on Zoom series	July 2020
“Ashkenazi Jewish music: myths, fantasies and embodied research agendas,” in dialogue with Hankus Netsky.	
University of Chicago, Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies	May 2020
“Celia Dropkin: Bent Like a Question Mark,” In collaboration with Jewlia Eisenberg. A concert, introduction to Dropkin’s work, and discussion of archival-based creative projects.	
Center for Jewish History	February 2020
Max Weinreich Fellowship Lecture in East European Arts, Music, and Theater	
“What is the Cantorial ‘Golden Age’? <i>Hefker khazones</i> (Wanton Cantorial Music), Or the ‘Key to the Jewish Soul?’” With musical performance by Cantor Yoel Kohn.	
Cornell University	November 2019
“Sonic Treasures from Ottoman Jewish Los Angeles,” Lecture/concert in collaboration with Jewlia Eisenberg.	
Hannover University of Music, Drama and Media	September 2019
The 2nd International Conference on Jewish Liturgical Music	
“Animating the Archive: old records and the revivalist construction of cantorial performance,”	
UCLA	February 2019
ucLadino 8th Annual Judeo-Spanish Symposium	
“LA Archivera: Entering the Emily Sene Archive,” Lecture/concert in collaboration with Jewlia Eisenberg.	
SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (MUSICIAN)	
Band founder/Composer/Producer: The Sway Machinery	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performed at major international music festivals, including: Krakow Jewish Culture (2024, 2011, 2009), Montreal Jazz (2012), Piyut Festival, Jerusalem (2012) Roskilde (2012), East Bay Jewish Music Festival (2015), Warsaw Jewish Music (2012), Adelaide International Arts (2012), Festival au Desert Timbuktu, Mali (2010) • September 2023, debuted <i>The Dream Past: A Sonic Conjuring</i>, a new composition project focused on reinterpretations of mid-20th century bootleg cantorial recordings of live prayer services. European premiere was featured at the 2024 Krakow Jewish Culture Festival. 	

- Composed and produced numerous works for film and television, including songs used in hit television series *Transparent* (2017) and *Weeds* (2010, 2012), featured in Boaz Yakin's film *Death in Love* (2009) and award-winning collaborations with puppeteer/filmmaker Paul Andrejco.
- Led The Sway Machinery on a performance, collaboration and recording experience in Mali in 2010; performances included Festival au Desert and Les Voix de Bamako; collaborated with artists including Khaira Arby, Djelimady Tounkara and Vieux Farka Toure, resulting in the release of an album and subsequent tours in North America and Europe with Ms. Arby.

Selected Music Projects

- *The Brooklyn Cantors*: Produced cantorial concerts featuring stars of the Hasidic cantorial revival Yanki Lemmer, Shimmy Miller and Yoel Kohn at major international venues including Elphilharmonie (Hamburg) and the Krakow Jewish Culture Festival (Poland). Composed string quartet arrangements and performed as accompanist on organ and electric guitar.
- *The Ebony Hillbillies*: Beginning in 2023, began performing regularly as banjo player and guitarist with pioneers of African American string band music, including appearances at major national festivals.
- *Gordon Lockwood*: duo with Ricky Gordon (of the Wynton Marsalis Ensemble), currently performing regularly in New York venues and nationally.
- *Book of J*: Collaborative project with Jewlia Eisenberg, of blessed memory, that explored the intersection of old-time Americana, Yiddish folk music, international Jewish liturgical sounds and protest song. Lockwood and Eisenberg worked extensively as teaching artists and received numerous artist-in-residence opportunities.
- *Fraternal Order of the Society Blues*: A memorial project celebrating the life and music of blues legend Carolina Slim, in collaboration with two other students of Carolina Slim, Ricky Gordon and Ernesto Gomez (of Brotherhood of the Jug). The project debuted at Jazz at Lincoln Center in October 2014.
- *Kol Nidre in Mihalyfalva – a memory cantata*: Theatre piece collaboration with actor Debra Winger and artist Andrea Deszö; work-in-progress performance January 2014.
- *Songs of Zebulon*: Collaboration with musician Frank London researching and reviving the music of Cantor Zawel Kwartin; debuted December 2012.

LANGUAGES

Yiddish: strong skills in translation and archival research

Hebrew: reading proficiency

REFERENCES

Anna Schultz, Associate Professor of Music
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