

# LOREN SHEVITZ

## OBJECTIVE

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To share my love of Jewish music and bring my energy to Shir Hadash helping to sustain and improve the community spirit.

## JEWISH MUSIC EXPERIENCE

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2008-present Anshe Emet Synagogue ([www.ansheemet.org](http://www.ansheemet.org)) Chicago, IL

*Music Teacher*

Teaches music from junior kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

1997-present

Various Synagogues      Various

*Cantorial Soloist, Choir Ringer*

- Has served as cantor, professional choir member at various synagogues for High Holy Days

2006      Congregation T'chayah ([www.tchayah.org](http://www.tchayah.org)) Oak Park, MI

*Cantorial Soloist*

- Led services for a Reconstructionist synagogue in metro Detroit.

2003-06      Congregation Chaye Olam Bloomfield Township, MI

*Guest Solosist*

- Participated in several services in a Reform synagogue in metro Detroit.

2005-06      Congregation Solel ([www.solel.org](http://www.solel.org)) Highland Park, IL

*Music Teacher, Choir Director, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Comparative Religion teacher*

- Taught the entire school music
- Directed Adult Choir for Shabbat, holiday, and Days of Awe services

2005      Temple Judea Mizpah

Skokie, IL

*Music Teacher*

- Restarted a music program that was on hiatus for 1-1/2 years
- Taught the entire school music on piano and organ

1996-2002      Newberger Hillel Center

Chicago, IL

*Coffeehouse series*

- Created a series of variety shows
- Emceed & performed in shows

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### *Reform Chavurah*

- Periodic music leader in Shabbat services

1996-present                      Shircago ([www.shircago.com](http://www.shircago.com))      Chicago, IL

### *Founder, Director*

- Researches, selects, and arranges music to perform in a cappella style
- Teaches music and runs rehearsals
- Has produced three albums
- Has been selected for first-ever Best of Jewish A Cappella (BOJAC) album ([www.bojac.org](http://www.bojac.org))
- Three-time National Harmony Sweepstakes Quarterfinalist

## OTHER JEWISH EXPERIENCE

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1994-95      Project Otzma ([www.projectotzma.org](http://www.projectotzma.org)) All across Israel  
*Volunteer: Kibbutz, Immigrant Absorption Ctrs., Livnot U'lehibanot, Gadna, educational seminars*

- Taught English to native Israeli and immigrant children and teenagers
- Spoke Hebrew extensively, especially during 2-3 month stays each in Ashdod and Nazareth Illit

1993-94      Hillel                      University of Michigan  
*Reform Chavurah*

- Led services; coordinated music

## OTHER MUSIC EXPERIENCE

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1998-present      Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Company / Savoyaires      Chicago/Evanston  
*Various Musical Theater roles*

- Has performed on stage in a variety of roles

2003-present                      Various Retirement Homes      Chicagoland  
*Entertainer*

- Sings and plays piano for Chicagoland's elderly

## EDUCATION

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1996-2002      University of Chicago                      Chicago, IL

- M.S., Computer Science.
- Also studied Social Sciences & Music

- 1990-94      University of Michigan      Ann Arbor, MI
- B.A., Psychology from Residential College (entails additional requirements)
  - Sophomore Honors Award
  - Founding member of Kol HaKavod, U-M's Jewish a cappella ensemble

- 1982-90      Temple Kol Ami ([www.tkolami.org](http://www.tkolami.org)) West Bloomfield, MI
- Religious Vice President of Youth Group
  - Bar Mitzvah, Affirmation (Confirmation), & Religious School High School Graduation

#### INSTRUMENTS

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- Voice, keyboards, and percussion