



**HaZamir is a program of the
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HaZamir Chamber Choir

HaZamir: The International Jewish High School Choir is holding auditions for its **HaZamir Chamber Choir**. HaZamir was created as an opportunity for Jewish teens to sing Jewish choral music together. The **HaZamir Chamber Choir** is composed of the highest level singers from HaZamir chapters and performs more challenging musical repertoire. This honors ensemble performs as a select choir in the Annual Festival in the spring, and may be invited to perform at other events during the year.

The **HaZamir Chamber Choir** gives outstanding teen singers the opportunity to participate in a musically challenging experience in an enriching Jewish context.

Talented teen singers who live in cities which do not have HaZamir chapters are also invited to audition for the **HaZamir Chamber Choir**.

We recognize that sometimes the best singers are not necessarily the best sight readers. While sight reading ability is most helpful, we know that many non-readers compensate with their great musicality and pick up the music very quickly, thus we encourage them to audition for the Chamber Choir.

The audition process and application procedure for the Chamber Choir is described below. The 4-page packet includes the audition application and recommendation form. The deadline for **receipt** of the audition package is **October 20th**. All auditionees will be notified by e-mail as to whether or not they have been accepted.

Please note: Last year's Chamber Choir singers are not automatically guaranteed placement in this year's Chamber Choir and must re-audition to be considered along with everyone else.



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HaZamir Chamber Choir Audition Procedures

The HaZamir Chamber Choir audition process is as follows:

1. Teens in 9th- 12th grades are eligible to audition.
2. The audition requires the completion of 4 items:
 - a. submission of chamber choir audition application
 - b. submission of audition CD or MP3
 - c. submission of a recommendation from your HaZamir conductor
(recommendations shall be confidential)
 - d. submission of completed 2010-2011 HaZamir Membership Packet and payment of \$105 national HaZamir dues
3. The application form (requiring student and parent signatures) is attached and self explanatory.
4. The audition recording should include the following:
 - a. state your name, grade and school
 - b. state your voice part
 - c. sing a scale: Bass- low F to high D
Tenor- low C to high A
Alto- low G to high D
Soprano-middle C to high B
 - d. sing your voice part of the audition piece without accompaniment:

This year's audition piece is **Simchu Na** – (Mattisyahu Shelem, arranged Leonard Bernstein)

If mailing a CD, please label the recording with your name, voice part and HaZamir chapter. Your CD will **not** be returned.

Your HaZamir conductor should fill out the attached recommendation form and put it in a sealed envelope which you will submit with your application and CD. Your conductor's recommendation may also be e-mailed to us and you may email us an MP3 instead of mailing a CD.

5. Submissions should be mailed to: HaZamir Chamber Choir Auditions
Zamir Choral Foundation
475 Riverside Dr., Suite 1948
New York, NY 10115

6. Submissions must be **received(not postmarked) in the HaZamir office by Wednesday, October 20th**. You will receive an email confirmation of acceptance (or not) in an email. You will be given enough time to make your own transportation arrangements for the January 16-17, 2011 Chamber Choir rehearsal in White Plains, New York.

7. The first Chamber Choir rehearsals will take place on the Sunday and Monday of Martin Luther King weekend, **January 16-17, 2011**, in White Plains, New York in conjunction with the Eastern Regional Intervisitation being held then. The Chamber Choir will also rehearse during the two days of the 18th Annual HaZamir Festival on **March 25-27, 2011** at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa in Kerhonkson, NY in the Catskill Mountains. The HaZamir Chamber Choir will perform on March 27th at **Frederick P. Rose Hall: Home of Jazz at Lincoln Center** as part of the 18th Anniversary Gala Concert. Chamber Choir members will pay the same fees as all participants at the Intervisitation and the Annual Festival. **There is no additional fee for participation in the Chamber Choir.** Chamber Choir members must cover their own travel expenses.

8. All members of the Chamber Choir **must** attend both Chamber Choir rehearsals and the Festival performance. **If you cannot attend both of the Chamber Choir rehearsals and the Festival concert, you are ineligible for the HaZamir Chamber Choir.**

9. If you have any questions please contact the HaZamir office at the address above or via email: HaZamir@ZamirChoralFoundation.org

HaZamir Chamber Choir Audition Application

2010-2011

(Please type or print all information)

Name _____ Height in performance shoes _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date of Birth _____

Home phone (_____) _____ Cell phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

School _____ Grade _____ HaZamir Chapter _____

Voice part: (circle one) S A T B

Singing experience: List choirs and years that you have performed with them. _____

List voice teachers and years you have taken lessons, if any. _____

Other instruments played and # years on each _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Parent's Phone (day): (_____) _____ (eve):(_____) _____

Cell(_____) _____ Email _____

My child _____ has my permission to attend the HaZamir Chamber Choir rehearsals *January 16-17, 2011* and the Festival rehearsals in preparation for the Gala concert in *New York on March 27, 2011*.

Signed _____, Parent/Guardian

I, _____, understand the honor of selection to sing in the HaZamir Chamber Choir and will learn my music, for *both* the HaZamir Chamber Choir and the HaZamir tutti choir, to the best of my abilities prior to rehearsals so that rehearsals will be efficient and geared towards making music and preparing to perform. **I understand that if I am selected to be a member of the HaZamir Chamber Choir, I am required to participate and perform as part of that ensemble at the Intervisitation (Jan. 16-17, 2011) and at the 18th Annual HaZamir Festival (March 25-27, 2011).**

Signed _____, HaZamir Member

Applicant must be a current member of HaZamir. If you have not paid your membership for 2010-2011, please include a check made out to the Zamir Choral Foundation for \$105 and your completed 2010-2011 HaZamir Membership Packet.

Please be sure to enclose your audition CD and Conductor's recommendation. MP3 recordings may be emailed to us at HaZamir@ZamirChoralFoundation.org

Send your completed application to: **HaZamir Chamber Choir Audition, Zamir Choral Foundation, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1948, New York, NY 10115**

**Application for the Chamber Choir audition
must arrive in the HaZamir office by October 20, 2010.
Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

HaZamir Chamber Choir Recommendation Form 2010-2011

Name of applicant _____

Name of HaZamir Conductor _____

Please rank the applicant on the following with 10 being the highest level and 1 the lowest:

Musicality _____

Sight-reading _____

Intonation _____

Voice quality _____

Voice strength _____

Diction _____

Behavior _____

Attitude _____

Comments

Character Recommendation: This teen has demonstrated the outstanding musical ability, attention span and exemplary behavior necessary to represent you and your community in the HaZamir Chamber Choir.

Signed _____

Title _____

Date _____

I can be contacted for additional information at phone _____

or email _____.