



HaZAMIR is a project of the ZAMIR CHORAL FOUNDATION
MATTHEW LAZAR, Founder and Director

HaZamir (ha-za-meer):

1. The International Jewish High School Choir!
2. Open to 8th-12th grade students
3. A place for teens to gather weekly, have fun and sing!
4. Learning a high level of Jewish music with professional conductor Nizan Leibovich
5. Great retreats!
6. Teens from all over the United States, Canada and Israel learn the same music and then come together in the spring to perform.
7. A chance to perform in big venues with over 250 other teens from around the world!
8. A LOT OF FUN

If the **definition** of HaZamir is **YOU**, contact Beth Goldstein at bgoldstein@ajlpittsburgh.org or 412-521-1101 to learn more about joining for the 2010-2011 year.



FAQ about HaZamir: The International Jewish High School Choir

What is HaZamir; The International Jewish High School Choir?

HaZamir: The International Jewish High School Choir creates opportunities for high school students to gather together, sing Jewish choral music, build community, and connect culturally. HaZamir internationally has chapters through the United States, Canada and Israel. Teens from every chapter learn the same Jewish based choir music throughout the school year. In March, the teens come together for the International Festival and Gala concert in New York. At the festival, Pittsburgh teens meet over 250 teens from around the world who also like to sing while they rehearse for the gala concert.

What is HaZamir Pittsburgh?

HaZamir Pittsburgh is the local chapter of the HaZamir; The International Jewish High School Choir. HaZamir Pittsburgh offers Jewish students the chance to perform Jewish music at local ensembles and at the national HaZamir Festival. Pittsburgh Hazamir is sponsored by the AJL at J-SITE, and hosted by the JCC. Hazamir is supported by the Dr. Solomon and Sarah Goldberg Memorial Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh Foundation.

Locally, HaZamir Pittsburgh performs at the Yom Ha'atzmiut celebration, the yearly Yom HaShoah program for 7th grade students, an annual spring concert as well as other venues throughout the community.

Who is the music director for HaZamir Pittsburgh?

Nizan Leibovich has been successfully conducting the local HaZamir Chapter for the past 6 years and is one of the premiere HaZamir conductors internationally. Nizan graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Rubin Academy in Tel Aviv with degrees in both Composition and Conducting. Nizan received his Master's of Arts in Orchestral Conducting from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. He currently conducts orchestras and ensembles in the United States, Europe, and Israel.

Who is eligible to join HaZamir?

Any teen entering grades 8-12 for the 2011-2012 academic year is eligible to join. Teens are not required to know how to read music, but should be interested in learning Jewish music and singing.

When does the group meet?

HaZamir Pittsburgh rehearses on Sunday afternoons from 4-6pm at the Squirrel Hill JCC.

When is the Festival and Gala Concert this year?

The Festival and Gala Concert are typically at the end of March and is held at the Hudson Valley Spa and Resort in New York. HaZamir will be singing the gala concert at Lincoln Center again this year.

Additional Information:

For Juniors and Seniors who are in HaZamir, Gratz College offers an online College credit course on Jewish music.

The official video about HaZamir Internationally can be found at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEdyw02rs5E>

An additional video put together by one of the teens can be found at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPOgtsX-JUY>

How do I register?

To register for HaZamir Pittsburgh, go to www.ajlpittsburgh.org/j-site.html and download the registration forms. For more information contact Beth Goldstein at 412-521-1101 ext 3203 or bgoldstein@ajlpittsburgh.org.