



## **CANTOR MORRIS WOLK**

**Cantor Morris Wolk has served the Plainview Jewish Center since 1974. He is a graduate of Yeshiva University and Columbia University, where he earned a Master of Arts in Music Education. He received a Cantorial Diploma from the Cantorial Training Institute of Yeshiva University, now known as the Belz School of Jewish Music.**

**Cantor Wolk holds a commission as “Cantor-Hazzan-Minister” from the Cantors’ Assembly, The International Association of Cantors serving the Conservative Movement. He is also a member of the Cantorial Council of America. In 1992, Cantor Wolk was designated an Honorary Fellow of the Cantors’ Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, which awarded him the degree of Doctor of Music, Honoris Causa in 2008.**

**At the Plainview Jewish Center, Cantor Wolk’s responsibilities include officiating at religious services and life cycle events, instructing children for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah, teaching music in the religious school, and teaching cantillation skills to adults and teenagers who read Torah on Shabbat and Yom Tov throughout the year. He has offered courses in Jewish music appreciation and Haftara chanting at the Adult Education Institute.**

**There is a volunteer choir drawn from members of the congregation and conducted by Richard Liptzin, which assists the cantor on the High Holy Days and at an annual Friday evening service commemorating Jewish Music Season. Under Cantor Wolk’s leadership, the Plainview Jewish Center twice received the Solomon Schechter Award from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism for the excellence of its music program.**

**In 2008-2009 and other years when the Plainview Jewish Center was engaged in a rabbinic search, Cantor Wolk has himself led the congregation until a new rabbi was installed. He and his wife, Gerri, a Certified Public Accountant, were honored by the Center on the occasion of their tenth and twentieth years of service, and in 1980, by the UJA Federation for their efforts in furthering support for Jewish philanthropy and ideals.**

**Cantor Wolk has frequently collaborated with other cantors in presenting concerts at congregations throughout the New York metropolitan area and Israel. He has been a guest soloist with the choruses of local high schools in the performance of Jewish music, and with the Long Island Jewish Choral Society. He has also sung lead baritone roles with the Amato Opera Company of New York. The Wolks have two adult sons, Michael and Ethan. Michael is a member of the class of 2012 in the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary.**