

Cantor Andrew Edison to Receive Doctor of Music at HUC-JIR Graduation Ceremony in New York

Cantor Andrew Edison, Cantor Emeritus of **Temple Sinai of Rosalyn**, Rosalyn Heights, NY, will receive a Doctor of Music, *honoris causa*, from the **Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR)**. The degree will be granted at HUC-JIR's New York Graduation ceremony on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at Congregation Emanu-El of the City of New York.

Rabbi David Ellenson, Ph.D., announced HUC-JIR alumni recipients who will be awarded honorary Doctorates of Divinity, Music, Jewish Religious Education, and Jewish Communal Service, as well as the Founders' Medallion, in recognition of their 25 years of distinguished professional service.

Rabbi Ellenson said, "Cantor Edison has served Temple Sinai for almost two decades with exceptional loyalty. He has enriched Jewish life through his active participation in his community. As a Past President of the HUC-JIR Cantorial Alumni Association and devoted faculty member of the School of Sacred Music, has significantly contributed to his alma mater and the continuity of the liturgical arts."

Cantor Edison is a certified principal, supervisor of music, and teacher of music in the State of New Jersey. He is the winner of the Cantor Norman Summers Prize and the Cantor Norman Belink Prize for Excellence in his studies at HUC-JIR. He possesses a BA degree from Montclair State College, a BSM Degree from the HUC-JIR and a MS in Education from Monmouth College. Cantor Edison is married to wife Annette and has two children, Barry and Scott.

For more information on the HUC-JIR Graduation, Investiture, and Ordination ceremonies in New York, Los Angeles, and Cincinnati, please visit <http://www.huc.edu/newspubs/pressroom/article.php?pressroomid=271>.

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