

PERI SMILOW

music to change the world by

SAMPLE PROGRAMS

FRIDAY EVENING SHABBAT-IN-SONG

Peri weaves together the tradition and *minhag* of your community's Shabbat worship experience with her special blend of spiritual and sing-able melodies. She will work with your clergy to lead the service and/or present a "Sermon in Song". You'll wish that she could be with your congregation every Shabbat.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING:

"Peri brought her warmth, a million dollar voice and style, and an infectious smile that radiates throughout the room. Peri is a must for your synagogue or other Jewish gathering, conference or meeting. I can't remember when I have been so moved by a performer."

"Your music was just the right combination of ruach and reverence."

SATURDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY CONCERT

Bring together the entire community - ages 8 - 80 - for a fabulous evening of entertainment. A concert with Peri always means an evening of sing-a-long and fun. But it is also much, much more. Peri's music is thought provoking, spiritually uplifting and socially relevant. Audiences leave humming her music and ready to engage more fully in *tikkun olam* - the repair of the world.

WHAT THEY SAYING:

"It was just such a wonderful concert. Seeing Peri in concert was just as exciting and fulfilling as seeing Pete Seeger for the first time at Queens College in 1955 or Joan Baez at Forest Hills in 1963. It takes even more to thrill us now. When is she coming back?"

ADULT LEARNING

Peri draws on her many years of experience as performer (member of Actor's Equity - the professional acting union), educator (EdM from Harvard's Graduate School of Education) and community organizer as she presents exciting, interactive sessions, designed for adult learners. Hadassah, Sisterhoods/Brotherhoods, synagogue Boards, adult b'nai mitzvah classes, and other adult learning groups will love learning with Peri. Teens welcome!

"Nusach America" - From the Shtetl to summer camp or how did we get here from there?

This 60-minute workshop explores the nature of today's "progressive" music in worship. From the start of the Chassidic movement to guitars on the bimah we will talk and sing our way through history with an eye towards a better understanding of why we worship the way we do.

"Sing Out for Justice": a musical exploration of *tikkun olam* in action

For over 20 years Peri worked as an educator with inner-city youth during after school hours. She turned her passion for *tikkun olam* and her training in music and education (she holds an Ed.M. from the Harvard Graduate School of Education) into a unique project bringing together African American and Jewish Youth. The result was The Freedom Music Project - an electrifying choir of young black and Jewish singers celebrating the freedom music of their traditions. Using the Freedom Music Project as an example we will explore the use of the arts as a tool for social change.

"Matching the Music with the Message"

We pose the burning questions asked by *shlichay tzibur* (worship leaders) nation-wide . . . "so with all of this new music out there - how do I know which melodies to choose?"

Join us for singing and discussion as we struggle to find the "right" music for OUR worship. *[Please come ready to share your favorite melodies for worship].*

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING:

"How wonderful it was to have you with us. As much as your artistry I thank you for your warmth and your "connectability" with every possible person and age group from preschoolers to octogenarians. They all loved you. It is your ability to connect at which I marvel. You are a most valuable and precious resource for the Jewish community."

TEENS/B'NAI MITZVAH PROGRAMS

Working with teens and pre-teens may be Peri's favorite! Here she draws on her experience as an educator, theater director and entertainer to connect in meaningful ways and to mentor Jewish youth. She combines performance with an intimate workshop setting to create an unforgettable experience.

FOLLOW YOUR PASSION: Finding Meaning, Making Purpose, Having Fun

Through song, video and discussion we will explore our personal passions and learn how to use that passion as a tool for making the world a better place. Who knew that we could do what we love and be "good Jews" at the same time?!? Perfect for b'nai mitzvah students as well as junior and senior youth groups.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CONCERTS

Religious School concerts with Peri are a marvelous combination of fun and learning. Peri's twenty years of curriculum design work with kids helps to guarantee that her concerts pack an educational wallop! Peri works with your educators to provide meaningful tie-in to your current religious school curriculum and the Jewish calendar. From kindergarten through high school, young people connect with Peri, her music and her message. They leave her concerts singing and thinking about how they can leave their own unique mark on the world.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING:

"W a pleasure it was to hear you sing at Temple Beth Or. The kids loved your visit too. When I taught them on that Sunday morning following your visit they were all buzzing about you and your music. Your visit will always live in a special place in my musical memories. Thanks."

TIKKUM OLAM COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECTS

Peri is perhaps best known for her commitment to social justice. Drawing on her 20+ years of experience in community organizing, education and the arts, Peri has developed this workshop to help congregations and other Jewish institutions improve both the quality and impact of their social justice work. TOCAP trains clergy, board members, program directors and lay leaders to forge new and meaningful relationships with individuals and institutions beyond the synagogue walls; to deepen and enhance Jewish knowledge through the use of the arts; to guide their institutions towards becoming centers for meaningful Judaic artistic exploration and to help make high quality and effective social action responses a higher priority within their community. Perfect for board retreats, professional development programs and conferences.

PERI SMILOW sings the GREAT [Jewish] AMERICAN SONGBOOK

Perfect for fundraisers and gala concerts! Peri performs her one-woman cabaret act featuring the extraordinary music of the Jewish composers of the 20th century who comprise what is known as the American Songbook - Gershwin, Kern, Rodgers, Sondheim and more! Accompanied by piano or a 3-piece band, this is an exciting new offering from an artist you love! Now you can bring Broadway to your doorstep! (go to www.perismilow.com to view a clip of this show in the video section of Peri's website!)

DESIGN YOUR OWN PROGRAM

Peri will work with your event coordinators and staff to create a unique and special program for your synagogue, school, Hillel, Sisterhood/Brotherhood, JCC or conference. Entertaining, educational and enriching! Participants will leave feeling inspired and recommitted to your institution!