

# AMELIA FOX LAVRANCHUK



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## EDUCATION

### CANTORIAL ORDINATION,

May 2020

### MASTER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION,

May 2020

### MASTER OF SACRED MUSIC,

May 2019

*Thesis: Hear Our Voice! Songs of  
Revolutionary Jewish Socialism*

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of  
Religion, New York, NY

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

#### *SUMMA CUM LAUDE*

### With HIGH HONORS in MUSIC,

May 2012

Concentration in Vocal Performance  
Minor in Education Studies  
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

### Graduate-Level German Language Immersion Program,

July-August 2013

Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT

### Summer Ulpan-

#### Hebrew Language Intensive,

August 2008

### Undergraduate Study Abroad Program

September 2008-January 2009

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

## LANGUAGE

### German

Fluent

### Hebrew

Advanced

### Yiddish

Upper-intermediate

## PULPIT EXPERIENCE

### TEMPLE AVODAH

*Oceanside, NY / August 2021 – September 2023*

#### CANTOR

- Prepared and led Shabbat and Holiday services with volunteer youth choir, adult choir, and band
- Streamlined *b. mitzvah* preparation process and materials
- Created a monthly family service led by teens and junior choir

### TEMPLE SHAREY TEFILO-ISRAEL

*South Orange, NJ / September 2019 – June 2020*

#### STUDENT CANTOR

- Worked with *b. mitzvah* students and families to tailor preparation to student's individual needs
- Supported teen leaders in the preparation and leadership of children's Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services
- Collaborated with clergy team and musicians on creative service for Erev Rosh Hashanah incorporating contemporary music and original teachings

### GARDEN CITY JEWISH CENTER

*Garden City, NY / September 2015 – June 2019*

#### STUDENT CANTOR

- Collaborated with Rabbi and accompanist to plan congregational transition to the Mishkan HaNefesh High Holy Day Machzor
- Created and led family-oriented "Shabbat for Science" service and program
- Developed and taught new curriculum for weekly religious school-wide *t'filah* with students ranging from pre-k to sixth grade

## LEADERSHIP AND PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

### East End Temple

*New York, NY / September 2020 – August 2021*

#### MUSIC EDUCATOR, CLASP FELLOW

- Planned and taught in-person religious school classes for grades 2, 5, and 7
- Worked individually with *b. mitzvah* students to strengthen Hebrew skills
- Created and led weekly virtual and outdoor tot, youth and family services
- Taught online Introduction to Judaism cohort

### T'RUAH: THE RABBINIC CALL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

*New York, NY / June – August 2018*

#### SUMMER FELLOW IN HUMAN RIGHTS LEADERSHIP

- Interned three days weekly at partner organization Community Voices Heard, a member-led organization working for racial, social, and economic justice for all New Yorkers
- Created a comprehensive database of voters living in NYCHA properties
- Learned strategies and practices for moral leadership as a member of clergy from human rights leaders in the Jewish and secular communities

## MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL

New York, NY / June – August 2017

### CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION INTERN

- Provided spiritual care to patients and their families in the Neurology Unit, Neurosurgical ICU and Medical ICU
- Responded to emergency pastoral needs as chaplain on call
- Improved pastoral skills through critical reflection in individual and group supervision

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### REFORM TEMPLE OF FOREST HILLS

FOREST HILLS, NY / October 2023 – Present

#### SIXTH & SEVENTH GRADE TEACHER

- Teach Sunday and midweek Judaic studies and Hebrew classes of 22 sixth graders and 8 seventh graders
- Create original curricula and lesson plans on the Jewish bookshelf and Jewish calendar

### JOIN FOR JUSTICE

Boston, MA / December 2019 – April 2020

#### “DON’T KVETCH, ORGANIZE!” COURSE INSTRUCTOR

- Led the “Don’t Kvetch...” online course’s first cohort of ACC Cantors
- Conducted phone check-ins and provided individual feedback to course participants
- Facilitate three 90-minute live online cohort sessions

### SUCCESS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS (HARLEM 4)

New York, NY / October 2013 – June 2014

#### ASSOCIATE TEACHER (SECOND GRADE)

- Co-taught Common Core Mathematics and English Language Arts curriculum to class of 30 second grade students

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **URJ EISNER CAMP**, Great Barrington, MA  
June – August 2021 / LEADERSHIP TEAM, CLASP FELLOW, JEWISH LIFE
- **CONGREGATION RODEPH SHOLOM**, New York, NY  
September 2015 – June 2019 / B’NAI MITZVAH TUTOR
- **URJ SIX POINTS SCI-TECH ACADEMY**, Byfield, MA  
June – August 2015; June– August 2016 / GIRLS UNIT HEAD, SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

## SCHOLARSHIP

Lavranchuk, Amelia. “Leonard Bernstein's 'Jeremiah' Symphony: Jewish Content and Connotations,” term paper submitted to Brandeis University, contributed by Jonathan D. Sarna. 2011. SC-15793. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

References available upon request

## SKILLS

Curriculum Development  
Special Education  
Guitar  
Musical Arranging  
Yiddish Song  
Illustration and Graphic Design  
Audio and Video Editing  
Community Organizing

## AWARDS

- **MICHAEL ALPER MEMORIAL PRIZE IN EDUCATION**  
HUC-JIR 2019
- **WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM AWARD**  
HUC-JIR 2019
- **LOUISE ARNOLD PRIZE IN HUMAN RELATIONS**  
HUC-JIR 2019
- **PAUL GINSBERG MEMORIAL PRIZE IN JEWISH HISTORY**  
HUC-JIR 2018
- **TEMPLE BETH-EL OF GREAT NECK PRIZE**  
HUC-JIR 2018
- **GOLOMB FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**  
HUC-JIR 2017
- **PALM BEACH LITURGICAL CULTURAL FOUNDATION PRIZE**  
HUC-JIR 2017
- **MICHAEL AND JENNIE CANICK PRIZE IN HEBREW LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**  
HUC-JIR 2016
- **CANTOR DEBRA STEIN AWARD IN TRADITIONAL HAZZANUT**  
HUC-JIR 2016
- **RHODA AND JEROME MALINO PRIZE IN BIBLE**  
HUC-JIR 2016
- **ABRAHAM AND ANNA HELMAN MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**  
HUC-JIR 2015
- **DAVID A. GREENE, M.D., CLASS OF ’71 PRIZE IN MUSIC**  
Brandeis University 2012
- **MAX KADE TRAVEL GRANT FOR RESEARCH AND STUDY IN GERMANY**  
Brandeis University 2012