As we move towards the end of summer, we look forward to the exciting year ahead. With Rabbi Gruenberg in position as our senior Rabbi and many subcommittees already hard at work, our Hazzan search is in full swing. Members of our committee are working with the Cantor’s Assembly to provide information about Chizuk Amuno so that they may facilitate our search. Shortly we will begin community conversations in order to discuss our dreams for the next Hazzan of our congregation. This will be followed by a survey distributed to our community to further gather information about our vision for our next Hazzan. After we begin receiving resumes upon the conclusion of the holidays, we will work as a committee to vet and to conduct preliminary interviews with potential candidates.

In the immediate term, we are grateful to welcome Hazzan Joel Lichterman for our interim year as we work to identify our next Hazzan. Newly Emeritus, very experienced, and steeped in the tradition of our sacred music, Hazzan Lichterman possesses not only the musical knowledge, but also the experience with congregants that will help us to smoothly navigate the interim period. Further aiding in the transition, we are delighted that Hazzan Lichterman will live in our Baltimore community while serving our congregation. This will allow him to engage with our community in a variety of ways. Continuing Hazzan Perlman’s legacy of warmth, connection and engagement with congregants, we feel that Hazzan Lichterman will honor that legacy with his own personal style.

We are eager to hear your thoughts, suggestions and questions at search@chizukamuno.org

Warmly,
Jenny Gamliel & Antony Rosen