# GIDEON ZELERMYER

CANTOR · TENOR

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Gideon Zelermyer has served as cantor of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in Montreal since 2004 — a congregation founded in 1846 that has kept a professional choir since 1887 and remains one of the few in the world whose services are led each week by cantor and male choir.

A lyric tenor admired for the warmth and purity of his line, he trained for the opera house and the synagogue alike: voice at The George Washington University with Dr. Robert Baker, cantorial art at the Tel Aviv Cantorial Institute under Naftali Herstik, Chief Cantor of the Jerusalem Great Synagogue. Since 2020 he has shared his love of opera in the online series *A Night @ the Opera*.

He was cantorial soloist on Leonard Cohen's *You Want It Darker*, which received the 2018 Grammy Award for Best Rock Performance and the 2017 JUNO Award for Album of the Year.

He has conceived and presented eleven large-scale Shaar Hashomayim concert productions, with a twelfth to come in 2027, sung three world premieres, and appeared with the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal under Kent Nagano and at the United Nations General Assembly. He sings the national anthems for the Montreal Canadiens at the Bell Centre and the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park.

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