

LIBRARY COPYRIGHT NOTICE

www.huc.edu/libraries

Regulated Warning

See Code of Federal Regulations, Title 37, Volume 1, Section 201.14:

The copyright law of the United States (title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material.

Under certain conditions specified in the law, libraries and archives are authorized to furnish a photocopy or other reproduction. One of these specific conditions is that the photocopy or reproduction is not to be "used for any purpose other than private study, scholarship, or research." If a user makes a request for, or later uses, a photocopy or reproduction for purposes in excess of "fair use," that user may be liable for copyright infringement.

This institution reserves the right to refuse to accept a copying order if, in its judgment, fulfillment of the order would involve violation of copyright law.

CINCINNATI JERUSALEM LOS ANGELES NEW YORK

ISRAELITE THEMES IN THE BIBLICAL ORATORIOS OF GEORGE FREDERIC HANDEL

SYDNEY ROSE MICHAELI

Senior Project Submitted in Partial Fulfillment of Requirements for Cantorial Ordination and Master of Sacred Music Degree

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music New York, New York

Due Date: March 2, 2023

Written Project Advisor: Cantor Josh Breitzer

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Immense gratitude for all the incredible people who helped me to reach this point:

Cantor Josh Breitzer, my advisor, for reflecting and ideating with me, and for helping my senior project come to fruition

Cantor Jill Abramson, for coaching me and helping me to prepare for my recital

Cantor Jill Abramson, for coaching me and helping me to prepare for my recital
Cantor Richard Cohn, for being with me on my cantorial journey since day one
Cantor Todd Kipnis and Cantor Azi Schwartz, for their mentorship over the years

All my clergy partners and congregants at West End Temple,

Temple Shaaray Tefila, and Park Avenue Synagogue

My beloved friends and classmates of DFSSM 23

My family for their unwavering support of my passions

Noah Michaeli, for his support and love

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Written Content:

Introduction	Page 1
Chapter 1 – Esther and the Purim Story	Page 4
Chapter 2 – Devorah the Biblical Judge	Page 10
Chapter 3 – Crossing the Sea with Israel in Egypt	Page 13
Chapter 4 – The Triumph of Judas Maccabeus	Page 16
Chapter 5 – Solomon and the Jewish Librettist	Page 22
Conclusion	Page 26
Bibliography	Page 28
Scores:	
Zed Yahir Mimeni	Page 30
by Cristiano Lidarti from T'Shuat Yisrael Al y'Dei Ester	
Flattering Tongue, No More I Hear Thee	Page 43
by George Frederic Handel from Esther	
Azamer L'Adonai Elohei Yisrael	Page 48
based on "Smiling Freedom, Lovely Guest" by G.F. Handel fi	rom <i>Deborah</i>
Smiling Freedom, Lovely Guest	Page 56
by G.F. Handel from <i>Deborah</i>	
Celebrate God's Name	Page 60
based on "Oh, Celebrate His Name" by G.F. Handel from Dea	borah
Oh, Celebrate His Name	Page 70
by G.F. Handel from <i>Deborah</i>	
Part I Number 5 - Their Land Brought Forth Frogs	Page 75
by G.F. Handel from Israel in Egypt	
Act III Finale (in Hebrew)	Page 78
Act III Finale (in English)	Page 102
by G.F. Handel from Israel in Egypt"	
Sound An Alarm	Page 119
by G.F. Handel from Judas Maccabeus	

See the Conquering Hero	Page 128
by G.F. Handel from Judas Maccabeus	
Shir HaNitsachon	Page 134
based on "See the Conquering Hero" by G.F. Handel from Judas	Maccabeus
Music Spread Thy Voice Around	Page 137
by G.F. Handel from Solomon	
Natata Lev Shomeiah	Page 144
based on "Almighty Power" by G.F. Handel from Solomon	
Almighty Power	Page 146
by G.F. Handel from Solomon	

Introduction

Since I was a young musician, I have always had a passion for baroque music. I love the structure of a da capo aria, the freedom and creativity a singer and orchestra can take with ornamentation, the purity and sweet simplicity of many of the harmonies and motifs. As a young cellist, I loved playing Bach. As a student in an undergraduate opera program, I found baroque opera and oratorio from all parts of the world and gravitated towards singing that music whenever I could. In my junior recital, I explored the art of ornamentation in baroque music with a Handel scholar. I was a soloist with my school's early music collegium, and through working with those musicians, I sang and studied baroque music of various composers, styles, and genres with the collegium, ranging from Charpentier motets to arias from Handel's *Giulio Cesare*.

As my passion for baroque music grew, my passion and interest in Judaism was growing alongside it. I wrote my final undergraduate paper for my music history minor around this time of self-discovery, and when it dawned on me that my two passions seemed to overlap, I began a preliminary study of Handel and the Jews. In my undergraduate paper, I wrote about a "scandal" at a Handel conference regarding the librettist of the *Messiah* and discussed its potential antisemitic undertones. I wrote about how the Nazis turned *Judas Maccabeus* into a tribute to Hitler. Over the last several years of graduate school, I continue to remain challenged and excited by deepening my study of Handel biblical oratorios, reveling in the intersection of Baroque and Jewish music.

I believe we are in an era where reimagining great works is popular and necessary to keep them alive. We live in a time where fans rush to see musical like *Hamilton* and *Six*, both stories retelling historical moments, and reimagining the characters of our

history through a fresh lens. Contemporary staging of operas on small and large stages worldwide helps us to envision these sometimes-antiquated stories come alive for modern audiences. Through this project, I try to determine if viewing the stories of George Frederic Handel's biblical oratorios through a lens of Jewish liturgical education makes them more enlivening to our 21st century synagogue communities.

In this thesis, I assemble an elementary guide for cantors, music directors, and lay leaders to consider a selection of Handel's biblical oratorios within the context of Jewish themes and holidays. Through this guide, I hope to create space for Handel's music in synagogues around the world, and I hope it might serve as a template or inspiration for bringing other Jewish or Jewish-adjacent classical music into the synagogue when appropriate.

Though we don't have a lot of evidence of Handel's perspectives and interaction with Jews, we do know that he wrote many oratorios using stories, texts, and characters from what he knew as the Old Testament, and what we know as our Tanakh. As part of this biblical oratorio project, I translated some of the librettos back into Hebrew. While translating our Jewish texts into the vernacular certainly helps popular understanding and comprehension, I see Hebrew as one of the most important, exciting, and uniting factors available to the Jewish community. For some of the oratorios, I have newly syllabified and re-dictated the music myself. For other oratorios, I rework existing Hebrew to be more accessible to the modern-day singer and to synagogues around the world.

Of course, this is not meant to be an exhaustive guide. It would be impossible to cover every single piece of music that connects to our Jewish calendar. Handel has dozens of other biblical works with Israelite characters and themes, as do other Jewish

and non-Jewish composers of note and merit in the classical music world. Perhaps this project can serve as a model for bringing other music into the synagogue or for Jewish audiences when appropriate.

As excited as I was to compile a repertoire guide of sorts, I felt compelled to go on step further. Jews have spent a long time translating our texts into the vernacular, writing and reading in English, and sometimes pushing Hebrew to the side in favor of understanding and comprehension. I have no problem with this, but I do see Hebrew as one of the most important, exciting, and uniting factors that we have as Jews. Across denominations and across the world, Hebrew is a unifying force.

This is why I am excited by the thought of translating the texts of Handel's oratorios back into their original Hebrew. Reform Jews have historically translated Hebrew prayer into the local vernacular so congregants can more readily understand it; here, I do the reverse, but for much the same reason. For some of the oratorios, I have newly syllabified and re-dictated the music myself. For other oratorios, Hebrew translations existed that I have reworked, or transliterated to be accessible to the modern-day singer.

Chapter 1 – Esther and the Purim Story

At synagogues around the world, Purim stands alongside the Yamim Nora'im as one of the most popular reasons to come to shul. In the congregations I've worked at, I've seen dozens of congregants of every age and stage get involved in the Purim celebrations, from writing sketches, to performing parody songs, to chanting Megillah. While acting out characters and scenes, and bringing fun, merriment, and laughter to our congregations, I think it's a great time to bring in other musical works and let cantors, choirs, and skilled congregants have an opportunity to perform these masterful arias and chorales. The two oratorio versions of Esther in particular may provide yet another joyful dimension to our Purim story and practices.

Esther (HWV 50) is one of Handel's first known oratorios in English. It was composed in 1718 as a chamber piece and was premiered in the home of a Duke in England. This first work was likely semi-staged- for a small group of singers and chamber orchestra. Its initial title first "Haman and Mordechai," and in his article, Alexander Ringer, a musicologist, and educator who studied the relationship between Handel and the Jews, speculated that it may have been inspired by a trip Handel took to the Venetian ghettos, where he may have been exposed to Purim stories and plays by the same name and theme. "Haman and Mordechai" later became Esther, and after several revisions, it became the version performed today. Now with many more singers than the additional large pieces inspired by coronation anthems, and calling for an orchestra with trumpets and drums, it premiered for London audiences in 1732.

¹ Alexander L. Ringer, "Handel and the Jews." *Music and Letters* 42, no. 1 (1961): 6-8.

Though London audiences were used to Handel's Italianate operas, these English oratorios were new to them. When a member of the British Royal Family asked Handel to premiere Esther, the Bishop of London protested, decrying a biblical story being acted out on stage. In response, Handel decided to present *Esther* as a concert. The singers would appear in their own clothes with no set pieces, but still perform as their characters. We can thus not only credit *Esther* as being an excellent story with great drama and characters, but also as the beginning of oratorio performances in 18th century London. Sadly, Esther was poorly received, and because Handel used Italian singers, the English diction was poor and difficult for operagoers to understand. Still, the oratorio has withstood the test of time, and is occasionally performed today. Handel's oratorio model is a great example of what we can do in synagogues to share some of this music, even in the absence of full productions with sets and costumes. With passionate and knowledgeable singers using good diction these pieces can be communicated effectively and beautifully.

As I started looking into the history of Handel's Esther and the ways it could be used in the synagogue, I realized that I was not the first to consider translating it back into Hebrew! Jacob Raphael Saraval (1707-1782) was an Italian rabbi who lived in Venice and was most notable for translating Handel's libretto of Esther for the British and Dutch Jewish communities in 1760. This libretto later became the basis for Cristiano Giuseppe Lidarti's (1730-1795) oratorio- Esther, which he composed in 1774, using the Hebrew libretto to tell the Purim story.

How did this Hebrew translation end up being set to music by Lidarti an Austrianborn non-Jewish composer? Not much of Lidarti's work survives, and we don't know much about him as a person. We also don't know how Lidarti became connected with the Jewish community of Amsterdam, but we do know that they hired him several to write music for special occasions. Many of these pieces of music were preserved in the library of the Eitz Chayim synagogue in Amsterdam, though Esther fell into obscurity for two centuries until Israel Adler, the German-born Israeli musicologist identified it through a chance discovery by a music librarian at the Cambridge University Library in 1998. Lidarti's Esther had its world premiere in May 2000 at Hebrew University in Israel and its American premiere in San Francisco in 2014.

As part of this project, in September 2022, I had the chance to interview Alicia DePaolo, the founder of the Miryam Ensemble in Boston, who gave Lidarti's Esther its East Coast premiere in 2019. Alicia shared with me how exciting it was to prepare a piece that was so rarely performed, and for which she had no previous recordings to reference. The most touching thing she shared with me was the response the community had to hearing this piece. Alicia told me that while rehearsing the piece in a large, prominent Boston synagogue, community members and religious school students wandered in and out of the room as they came from their various activities around the shul. Some kids came directly from elementary school with their own instruments in their hands and were excited to see an orchestra performing right next to where they were going to learn their Hebrew letters and holidays.

When one group of children asked a choir member in passing what the artists were singing about, the choir member explained that it was the Jewish story of Purim.

The kids were shocked- they hadn't imagined their Purim story being told in such a different way! The adult community responded with the same excitement of having this

type of music in their space, and at the well-attended performances. The decision was made by the ensemble to boo Haman throughout the concert, which made the concert feel more like a community event with participation from the kahal, and not just a classical music performance.

Though Handel's original Esther libretto was a model for the Lidarti piece, they are quite different in style and substance. In a 2014 pre-concert lecture by Reuben Zallman, the rabbi and the director of music at Congregation Beth El in Berkeley, and a lecturer in the School of Music at San Francisco State, he shared that Lidarti's work was written for the Jewish community as shpiel of sorts, whereas Handel's work was written for a broader population as a more formal performance piece. Saraval's translation used biblical language and direct quotes from the Tanakh, something a Jewish and Hebrewspeaking audience would understand, but that might go over the heads of non-learned Jews.²

In addition to Handel's and Lidarti's original oratorios, I connected with a musician who thought, like I do, that Handel's Esther might do well in Jewish communities if translated into Hebrew. Composer and music theorist Peter Terry shared with me that before he knew of Lidarti's oratorio, he selected music from Handel's Esther, and aligned Rabbi Saraval's Hebrew with the music. These pieces were performed in Boston, and he was kind enough to share his scores with me. All these iterations of the Book of Esther in baroque music are worthy, beautiful, and deserving to be heard by audiences around the world. Both pieces I selected from these oratorios

-

² Reuven Zellman. "Cristiano Lidarti's T'Shuat Yisrael Al Y'dei Ester (The Salvation of Israel by Esther), 1774."

highlight the moment in the Purim story when Esther hears the troubling news of Haman's plan to destroy the Jewish people. These are two, challenging, fun-to-sing, rageful arias, and would be a fantastic to any showcase, study, or recital looking into the character of Esther and her thoughts and emotions.

Esther Musical Selections:

- 1) "Zed Yahir Mimeni" (Page 30)
 - a) Music: Cristiano Lidarti
 - b) Original Score: Purchased from the Israel Music Institute, piano reduction by Alex Guerro, commissioned by Sydney Michaeli
 - c) Hebrew Text by Rabbi Saraval and English Translation by Rabbi Reuven Zellman)³

זר יהיר מְמֵנִי הֵרֶף Arrogant scoundrel, get away from me! אַזְנִי טַח My ears are deaf to your flattery. You bloodthirsty man, looking for his prey-י אַךּ לַשְׁוָא עָלַי תִּבְטַח: You turn to me in vain! אָבֶר בִּיכְלְתוֹ שוֹבְב What a man: puffed up in his moment of power, : פֿצַר לוֹ רַךְ הַלְבַבֹּב But when in distress, his heart is weak.

³Reuven Zellman. "Cristiano Lidarti's T'Shuat Yisrael Al y'Dei Ester (The Salvation of Israel by Esther), 1774."

- 2) "Flattering Tongue, No More I Hear Thee!" (Page 43)
 - a) Music: G.F Handel
 - b) Original Score: Novello's Original Octavo Edition in public domain
 - c) Text: English Text by Samuel Humphreys (1778-1846) based on text by Jean Racine⁴

Flattering tongue, no more I hear thee

Vain are all thy cruel wiles

Hateful wretch no more I fear thee, no more!

Vain thy frowns, and vain thy smiles.

Tyrant, when of power possessed

Now thou tremble'st when distressed

^{4 &}quot;Handel's Esther, Pivotal Oratorio, Scores as Drama." Handel's Esther, Pivotal Oratorio, Scores as Drama - Music of the Baroque. Accessed December 20, 2022. https://www.baroque.org/Reviews/handel-s-esther-pivotal-oratorio-scores-asdrama.

Chapter 2 – Devorah the Biblical Judge

Deborah is another one of Handel's earlier English oratorios. With a libretto by non-Jewish poet, librettist, and translator Samuel Humphreys, the piece premiered in London in March of 1733. The oratorio and libretto are based on the stories in Judges 4 and Judges 5, which recount Deborah (Devorah), the biblical judge, warrior, and chieftain. Handel's *Deborah* was quite a popular oratorio in its day, and it used an extensive eight-part choir and a grandiose orchestra. It was revived for many seasons after its premiere, though it is not frequently performed today.

Unlike *Esther* and some of Handel's other oratorios, *Deborah* does not have a natural or obvious niche in the Jewish calendar. Though Deborah's story is not chanted or used as part of a special holiday, it does have its moment to shine. On Shabbat B'shalach, when we celebrate the importance of sound and music in our synagogues through the Song of the Sea and retell the Exodus from Egypt, we also chant the story of Devorah as our Haftarah for the week. We also hearken to Judges every single week during Kabbalat Shabbat, in one of our most notable verses of Lecha Dodi, and in other sections of our weekly and daily liturgy.

The following are two pieces from Handel's *Deborah* that I think could serve our Jewish community well, whether on Shabbat B'shalach, in a teaching about the book of Judges, or perhaps in a concert highlighting leadership in our Jewish texts. Unlike some of Handel's other Israelite librettos, Samuel Humphrey's did not do an exact translation from the biblical source. The contents of this oratorio are a more poetic version of the sequence of events from Judges 4 and 5. For this reason, I have done my own translation and text selection for the duet between Barak and Devorah. I also rearranged and edited

the score for Handel's "Oh Celebrate God's Great Name," because despite proclaiming God's name, the piece begins and ends in minor, giving it a modal flavor. I rewrote some of the parts, and added in solos and duets to make the piece more useable for congregations.

Because we don't have the chance to highlight Devorah as a character in a specific holiday, the music of *Deborah* may be one of the most compelling pieces to share in a concert setting. Rather than a once-a-year Haftarah that some may miss in translation, the music and dramatic nature of this stunning oratorio provide us with a way to share and use Devorah's story, and to bring the voice of a powerful Jewish woman into our midst in a new way.

Deborah Musical Selections:

- 3) "Azamer L'Adonai Elohei Yisrael" (Page 48) based on "Smiling Freedom, Lovely Guest" (Page 56)
 - a) Music: G.F. Handel, transcribed and edited by Sydney Michaeli
 - b) Original Score: Novello's Original Octavo Edition in public domain
 - c) Text: Judges 5:3, 5:12

Hear, O kings! Give ear, O potentates!

ו אַלְלִים הַאָּזֻינוּ רְזְגִים הַאַּזִינוּ רְזְגִים הַאָּזַינוּ רְזְגִים הַאַּזַינוּ רְזְגִים הַאַּזִינוּ רְזְגִים הַאַּזִינוּ רְזְגִים הַאַּזִינוּ רְזְּבִייִּבְים הַאַּזִינוּ רְיִבְּרִי־שַׁרִי יִשְׂרָבְּרִי־שַׁרִי אַרִי דְּבְּרִי־שַׁיִר Awake, awake, Strike up the chant!

בּבָרֶק וְשְׁבֵה שֶׁבְיָדֶ בַּן־אֲבִינְעַם: Arise, O Barak; Take your captives, O son of Abinoam!

- 4) "Celebrate God's Name" (Page 60) and "Oh, Celebrate His Name (Page 70)
 - a) Music: G.F. Handel, transcribed and edited by Sydney Michaeli
 - b) Original Score: Novello's Original Octavo Edition in public domain
 - c) Text: Samuel Humphreys

Oh, celebrate [His] God's sacred same!

With gratitude [His] God's praise proclaim!

Chapter 3 – Crossing the Sea with Israel in Egypt

Handel's *Israel in Egypt* premiered in London in April 1739. The libretto was prepared by Charles Jennens, who also wrote the libretto for Handel's most famous work, *Messiah*. The two Jennens libretti share a unique feature in that unlike other Handel oratorios, they do not have casts of named characters singing the dialogues and performing the dramas. Instead, the story is told from the perspective of unnamed Israelites, giving us the freedom to hear the music and texts in the voices of different characters and perspectives.

While most of Handel's oratorios are based on "Old Testament" stories, *Israel in Egypt* and *Messiah* are the only two that are drawn directly and exclusively from the biblical text, with no paraphrases, interpolations, or interpretations. For *Israel in Egypt*, Handel adapted music from his previous compositions, as well as from those of his colleagues, Stradella, Kerl and Erba, drawing on inspiration from his contemporaries works. Through three acts, the story of the Exodus is told, from the death of Joseph to the new Pharoah coming to the throne, to the plagues, and finally the Israelites' crossing of the sea to safety and freedom.

Israel in Egypt offers many possibilities for inclusion in synagogue life. Because it directly quotes the text of Exodus, albeit in an English translation, we can use excerpts from this work whenever these Torah portions read and most obviously during Passover. Indeed, Handel's clever, vivid, even humorous writing lends itself well to the festive nature of the occasion. Musical depictions of the plagues heighten dramatic story-telling

13

⁵ Joshua. Jacobson "Israel in Egypt - Program Notes." zamir.org, May 2, 2022. https://zamir.org/concerts/past-seasons/israel-in-egypt-program-notes/.

moments, some of them scary, and some of them so absurd as to be outright laughable! In "The Land Brought Forth Frogs," Handel's typically beautiful vocal line is paired with jaunty instrumentation which virtually begs the listener to "hop along." This could be a fun aria for any cantor looking for a show piece around Passover time. The great Exodus, dramatic scenes, and plagues gave Handel a chance to do some of his most creative writing and would give any musician the chance to have fun and shine in some of these great arias and chorales.

Israel in Egypt Musical Selections:

- 5) "Part I Number 5 Their Land Brought Forth Frogs" (Page 75)
 - a) Music: G.F. Handel
 - b) Original Score: Schirmer Edition, in public domain
 - c) Text: Translations from Exodus 7:28, 8:2, 9:3, 9:9

אָבָרְדְּעִים װְעָלוּ The Nile shall swarm with frogs, and they shall come up אַבָּרְדְעִים וְעָלוּ The Nile shall swarm with frogs, and they shall come up מּבָבִילֶּךְ וּבַחְדֵּרָר מִשְּׁכָּבְךָּ וְעַל־מִשְּׁנֶתְּךְ and enter your palace, your bedchamber, and your bed, וּבָבֵית עֲבָדֶיֹךְ וּבְעַבֶּיך וּבְעַבֶּיִר וּבְעַבֶּיך וּבְעַבֶּיך וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבֶּיך וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְיִבְיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעִבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעִּבְּיִר וּבְעִבְּיִבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְּעִבְּיִבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעִבְּיִר וּבְעִבְּיִר וּבְעִבְּיִר וּבְּעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְּעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְּעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּיִר וּבְּעַבְּיִר וּבְּעבִּילִיבְּיִר וּבְעַבְּבָּית וּבְּבִילִיבְּעַבְּיִר וּבְעבִּבְיִר וּבְעבִּבְיר וּבְּבִילוּבְיּבְיבִייר וּבְּבִּבִיית עַבְבָּיִרוּבְעּבְּיִר וּבְעבִּיר וּבְעבַּבְיר וּבְעבִּבִּית וּבְבָּבִירוּבְיּבִּיר וּבְּבִּיר וּבְּבִּיר וּבְיבִּילִיה וּבּיּבְיר וּבְּבִּיר וּבּיבְיבִּיים וּבְּבּיר וּבּיבְעבָּיים וּבּבּיית וּבּבְיבִּיים וּבְּבִּייִים וּבְּבּיבּית וּבְּבִּיר וּבְּבִּיר וּבְּבִּיר וּבּיבּיים וּבְיבּיר וּבּיבּיים וּבּיבּים וּבּיבּיים וּבּיל וּבּבּים וּבּיבּיים וּבּיבּיים וּבּיבּיים וּבּבּיביים וּבּיבּיים בּיבּיבּים וּבְיבִים וּבְיים בּיבּיים בּיבּים בּיִבּים בּיבּיים בּיבּיבּים בּיבּיבּים בּיבּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּיבּים בּיבְּבִיים בּיבּיבּים וּבְעּבִּים בּיבּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּיים בּיבּיבּים בּיבּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּיים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּיים בּיבּים בּיבּיבּים בּיבּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּיבּים בּיבּים בּיב

וּבְמִשְׁאֲרוֹתֶיך: יַבְמִשְׁאֲרוֹתֶיך: your ovens and kneading bowls.

בְּיָט אַהְרֹן אֶת־יָדׁוֹ עֵל מֵימֵי מְצְרֵיִם Aaron held out his arm over the waters of Egypt, בּיִנִם אָת־אָרֶץ מְצְרִים: and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

אַשֶּׁר בְּמִקְנְּךְ אֲשְׁעִּר Then the hand of Adonai will strike your livestock $= \frac{ \bar{c}_{\alpha} \bar{c}_{\beta} \bar{$

the cattle, and the sheep- with a very severe pestilence. וְהָיָה לְאָבֶּׁק עֵּל כָּל־אָרֵץ מִצְרֵיִם It shall become a fine dust all over the land of Egypt

וְהַיָּה עֵל־הַאָּדָׁם וְעַל־הַבְּהֵלֶּה And cause an inflammation breaking out in boils

יָלְשָׁחָין פֹּרָהַ אֲבַעְבַּעָׂת בְּכָל־אֶרֶץ מְצְרִים: on human and beast throughout the land of Egypt. Yea, even in their king's chambers.

The land brought forth frogs

He gave their cattle over to the pestilence.

Blotches and blains broke forth on man and beast.

- 6) "Act III Finale from Israel in Egypt" in Hebrew (Page 78) and in English (Page 102)
 - a) Music: G.F. Handel, Hebrew version edited and transcribed by Sydney Michaeli
 - b) Original Score: Original Score: Schirmer Edition, in public domain
 - c) Text: Exodus 15:18, 15:20-21

וְתְּקָחֹ מִרְיָּם הַנְּבִיאָּה אֲחָוֹת אַהָרֹן And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron,

took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her

יִּ מְרָיָּם הַּנְּיִשִים אַחְרֶּיהַ שַּׁחְרָּיהַ with timbrels and with dances.

מַרְיָם מְרָיָם And Miriam answered them

אַירוּ לִיהֹנָהֹ כְּי־נָאָה נָאָָה Sing to the Adonai, for God has triumphed gloriously.

בּיֵּם: The horse and his rider hath God thrown into the sea.

יְהֹנָה וֹ יִמְלְדְּ לְעֹלֻם נְעֵּד Adonai shall reign forever and ever

And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her, with timbrels and with dances.

And Miriam answered them:

Sing ye to the Lord for he Hath triumphed gloriously.

The horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea.

The Lord shall reign forever and ever

Chapter 4 – The Triumph of Judas Maccabeus

Handel's *Judas Maccabeus* tells the famous story of Hanukkah through song. Interestingly enough, it is the only oratorio I have selected that is not based on a Jewish text. Thomas Morrell adapted the libretto from the Book of Maccabees- as well as Josepus' *Antiquities of the Jews*. In three acts, *Judas Maccabeus* depicts the saga of the Maccabees from the death of Mattathias, through the great battles with Antiochus and his army, and ultimately concluding with a celebration of peace. The work premiered in April 1747 in London and quickly gained great popularity, which has continued to this day. Though not frequently performed in its entirety, it has many notable excerpts; indeed, the chorale "See, the Conqu'ring Hero Comes!" and aria "Sound an alarm" are two of the only Handel pieces I have heard performed in a synagogue.

This inspiration for this oratorio has an interesting backstory as well. Handel composed *Judas Maccabeus* as a compliment to the Duke of Cumberland upon his victorious return from Scotland. But why a Jewish character for this compliment? Why not something more universal? Ringer wrote that *Judas Maccabeus* wasn't just to honor the duke and his armies, but that Handel had very purposefully chosen a Jewish hero as a nod to the Jewish community. Around the time that *Judas Maccabeus* was written, the Jews of London had been particularly devoted and courageous in their devotion to the British Homefront.⁶ In 1753, the Jewish Naturalization Bill was being discussed in London, which would help Jews become naturalized in British society.⁷ Many British

⁶ Alexander L. Ringer "Handel and the Jews." 10-13

⁷ Smith, Ruth. *Handel's Oratorios and Eighteenth-Century Thought*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.

authors wrote in favor of the Jews and like the content of *Judas Maccabeus*, detailed the selfless manner in which they helped stop disaster through financial means, imports, supplies, and participation in the army.

The history of *Judas Maccabeus* continues to unfold in an interesting manner. In her book Lily Hirsch writes that Handel was at first seen as inferior by the Nazi party because of his Old Testament stories.⁸ However, Handel's music, as well as many of his themes, were still appealing to the Nazi party, so an attempt was made at the "Aryanization" of Handel's oratorios.

The Nazi party ironically loved the themes of the oppressed masses rising against injustice, and the power that was given to the common people in many of Handel's oratorios, like *Judas Maccabeus*. So rather than doing away with the oratorio because of its centrally Jewish story and characters, the NS-Kulturgemeinde (League for German Culture) changed it to *Held und Friedenswerk (Hero and Labor of Peace)*, a tribute to Hitler, in which Judas Maccabeus became an anonymous hero. In another version of *Judas Maccabeus*, the story was changed to depict the liberation of the Netherlands from the Spanish. The character Judas Maccabeus became William of Orange, and the aria "Rejoice O Judah" became "Rejoice Holland."

While many Nazis advocated for the word and character changes in Handel's oratorios in order to make them more useful for their own purposes, some of the Nazis believed that Handel should be left to the Jews. The Jüdischer Kulturbund (Jewish Culture League) was an organization that was formed by the Nazis. Made up of talented

17

⁸ Hirsch, Lily E. A Jewish Orchestra in Nazi Germany: Musical Politics and the Berlin Jewish Culture League. University of Michigan Press, 2012.

Jews, the Nazis encouraged the Jews to perform "Jewish works" for their own entertainment, including oratorios like *Judas Maccabeus*. It is reported that some of Handel's oratorios were even performed at the Terezin concentration camp by the Jews.⁹ I find it quite ironic that the Nazis appreciated stories of Jewish people overcoming oppression and struggle. The Nazi's misuse of Handel's oratorios gives me even more inspiration to reclaim Handel's music.

Given all that history, where does *Judas Maccabeus* fit in for contemporary audiences? I suggest it may be one of the most attractive oratorios here. Many congregations look forward to the sermon anthems and Hanukkah Hallel tunes that quote melodies from this great work, but why not take it a step further by mounting a full performance? The historic reform synagogue, KAM Isaiah Israel in Chicago used to host a once-a-year *Judas Maccabeus* sing-along, like the annual well-attended Messiah sings held around the country.

This past year, I also had the chance to see an extremely well-attended concert with Handelian excerpts at Temple Emanu-El in New York City which featured great singers and an incredible orchestra doing excerpts from various Handel works, including *Judas Maccabeus*. While Emanu-El NYC admittedly had the resources to hire some of the best baroque singers and orchestra in the world, I propose smaller congregations could readily do the same with less. Many baroque artists and cantors with whom I have spoken have an interest in performing *Judas Maccabeus* within their communities.

_

⁹ P. M. Potter. "The Politicization of Handel and His Oratorios in the Weimar Republic, the Third Reich, and the Early Years of the German Democratic Republic."

Perhaps this is also a chance for interdenominational work, and for smaller congregations to band together to create an exciting concert opportunity for their memberships.

As part of my research, I discovered a friend from the past who also dreamed of a world where Jews might use sacred oratorios reflecting biblical stories in Hebrew. Born in Russia, Aharon Ashman (1896-1981) was a poet and playwright who was active in the Jewish resistance units during pogroms at the end of World War I. He arrived in Palestine in 1921 and wrote many poems, plays, and stories, focusing especially on the ideas of the young immigrants building the State of Israel. He also became a primary translator for the opera company that was established there, which may have been what led him to create his book of oratorio translations.

Among Ashman's translations, published in 1958, were Mendelssohn's *Elijah*,
Haydn's *The Creation*, a few Psalm settings, and two of Handel's biblical oratorios:

Samson and Judas Maccabeus. It's no surprise these oratorios all tell the stories of Jewish heroes and sources of Israelite joy and pride. These oratorios, especially Judas

Maccabeus gained popularity in Israel by relating to Zionism.

In the preface to this book, the editor, S.H. Kaplan wrote that Ashman created these Hebrew librettos to spread the literature of Handelian oratorios around the country, to help conductors find works to use with their choirs, and to expand the musical culture and repertoire of Jewish composers¹⁰. Though "See the Conquering Hero" is already performed in synagogues around the world, I think it would be even more authentic and

19

¹⁰Aharon Ashman. *Oratorio Selections פרקי אורטוריה.* (Tel Aviv: The Education and Culture Centre of the General Federation of Labour-Histradrut, 1958.)

exciting for a choir to share "Shir HaNitsachon," its Hebrew counterpart that highlights the same themes.

Judas Maccabeus Musical Selections:

- 7) "Sound An Alarm" (Page 119)
 - a) Music: G.F. Handel
 - b) Original Score: Schirmer Edition, in public domain
 - c) Text: Thomas Morrell based on Book of Maccabees and Antiquities of the Jews

Sound an alarm – your silver trumpets sound,

And call the brave, and only brave around,

Who listeth, follow: - To the field again-

Justice with courage is a thousand men.

- 8) "See the Conquering Hero" (Page 128)
 - a) Music: G.F. Handel
 - b) Original Score: Schirmer Edition, in public domain
 - c) Text: Thomas Morrell based on Book of Maccabees and Antiquities of the Jews

See, the conqu'ring hero comes!

Sound the trumpets! Beat the drums!

Sports prepare! The laurel bring!

Songs of triumph to him sing!

See the godlike youth advance!

Breathe the flutes and lead the dance!

Myrtle wreaths and roses twine

to deck the hero's brow divine!

- 9) "Shir HaNitsachon" based on "See the Conquering Hero" (Page 134)
 - a) Music: G.F. Handel
 - b) Original Score: Oratorio Selections by Aharon Ashman, edited by S.H. Kaplan
 - c) Text: Translation into Hebrew by Aharon Ashman

אבה הוא בָא עם צְבָא חֵילוּ Here he comes with his army

With shofar cheering for him

בשׁוֹפֶר נָרִיעַ לוֹ

A wreath of laurel and great praises

בְּקְרָב

To the winner of the battle

אבּקרָב

Here he comes girded with honor

בּתְרוּעָה בְּשֶׁפַע הוֹד

With glorious blasts of shofar

d) Another Hebrew translation of "See the Conquering Hero" exists, "Hava Narimah" by Levin Kipnis (1894- 1990) who was an author of author of children's stories and songs in pre-state Israel.¹² He wrote these lyrics in 1936.¹³

בו נְרִימָה נֵס וַאֲבוּקָה Let it rise miracle and enlightenment - הַבָּה נָרִימָה נֵס וַאֲבוּקָה Together here is a song, the dedication song. We are Maccabis. Yes, raise the banner high. The Greeks fought, but we have the victory. בּיְנָנִים נִלְחַמְנוּ וְלָנוּ הַנִּצְּחוֹן Flower to flower large, braided wreath, לראשׁ הַמְּנַצֵּח מַכַּבִּי גִּבּוֹר On the head of the victor, Maccabi, a hero.

 12 המוקדם העברי העברי היוקט - פרויקט הואר (הבה נס ואבוקה) הבה נרימה מוקדם "...

 $^{^{11}}$ המוקדם העברי העברי המוקדם - פרויקט חירום הוא בא)." זמרשת בא)." זמרשת הנה הוא בא

¹³ Seth Ward. "See, the Conquering Hero Comes and the Hebrew Hanukkah Tradition."

Chapter 5 – Solomon and the Jewish Librettist

Amid the plethora of Handelian biblical oratorios, Solomon stands out to me given its position as perhaps the only one Handel worked on with someone Jewish.

Though the librettist remains unknown British organist and scholar Andrew Pink offers some conjectures in a recent article on the authorship of two of Handel's oratorios,

Solomon and Susanna. He points out that there is little contemporary information about these two works, including no known references to the texts' authorship, autograph, print, press reports, or financial records to the librettist. Yet, we do know they were profitable and successful pieces for Handel.¹⁴

Pink rules out Handel's other usual librettists as possible authors of Solomon based on style and access to texts. He proposes instead that Moses Mendes, a wealthy Jewish financier, and poet was possibly the author. Mendes was born to a Portuguese-Sephardic Jewish family based in London. The Mendes family had owned property, and Moses' grandfather was a well-known and important court physician.¹⁵

According to Pink's scholarship, it's very likely that Mendes was the anonymous librettist for both Solomon and Susanna. In his research, Pink came across a poem about Mendes in the notebook of Mendes' friend John Ellis. In this poem, it is implied that

¹⁵ "Mendes (Mendez), Moses." Essay. In *The Jewish Encyclopedia* 6, 6:488. New York: Funk and Wagnalls, 1964. https://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/10672-mendes-mendez-moses.

22

¹⁴ Pink, Andrew. "Solomon, Susanna and Moses: Locating Handel's Lost Librettist." *Eighteenth Century Music* 12, no. 2 (2015): 211–22. https://doi.org/10.1017/s1478570615000317.

Mendes was involved with Handel, and more specifically with the libretto of *Solomon*. ¹⁶ Further, *Solomon* and *Susanna* have a lot of natural imagery, with overlapping images and phrases in both librettos, and utilize an unusual rhyme scheme of AAAB-CCCB, which could be found in many of Mendes' other works. If Pink is right in his assertion, then it proves Handel didn't just have a relationship with the occasional Jewish merchant or musician, as is often speculated, but that he collaborated somewhat closely with a prominent British Jew on two of his great works. ¹⁷

Solomon uses texts from I Kings and II Chronicles, with additional materials again adapted from Josephus' Antiquities of the Jews. The piece premiered in March of 1749 in London and contains some of Handel's most famous works, including the instrumental movement known as "The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba." Act One begins with Solomon and his subjects celebrating the consecration of the temple in Jerusalem and ends with rich duets between Solomon and his wife. These beautiful love songs might be suitable for occasions like Tu B'Av, a sermon anthem, or even in the context of Kabbalat Shabbat.

The second act tells a story on its own, and one many Jews know well. In this act, we see the wisdom of Solomon when the two mothers come forward, each claiming a baby as their own. The music and stories of this second act can be used as a storytelling device for this story, and would make a nice, short, thirty-minute concert that would pair well with a discussion on its own if somewhere didn't have the means to put on a full

_

¹⁶ Pink, Andrew. "Solomon, Susanna and Moses: Locating Handel's Lost Librettist." 212.

¹⁷ Pink, Andrew. "Solomon, Susanna and Moses: Locating Handel's Lost Librettist." 221.

oratorio. This section could also be shared in a year where Shabbat Mikeitz doesn't fall on Hanukkah, when this passage is highlighted as the weekly Haftarah.

The musical selection that stood out to me most in *Solomon*, is the beautiful solo and chorale "Music Spread Thy Voice Around." There is nothing inherently "Jewish" about this text, but I think it is a great connection between Solomon and his legacy of poetry and song. It could also be used for a sermon anthem, performance, or a special musical Shabbat, like Shabbat Shirah. The other piece I selected is a recitative that I believe Mendes based closely on the scene in I Kings 3:7-10, where Solomon asks God for gifts to help him rule his people. Being so impressed by his humility, God grants Solomon these gifts and more. This feels like Solomon's "Hineini" moment, where he comes before God, wondering how to rule his people, and asking for the tools to do so in a worthy manner.

Solomon Musical Selections:

- **10)** "Music Spread Thy Voice Around" (Page 137)
 - a) Music: G.F. Handel
 - b) Original Score: Novello's Original Octavo Edition, in public domain
 - c) Text: Moses Mendes

Music, spread thy voice around,

Sweetly flow the lulling sound.

- 11) "Natata Lev Shomeiah" (Page 144) based on "Almighty Power" (Page 146)
 - a) Music: G.F. Handel edited and transcribed by Sydney Michaeli
 - b) Original Score: Novello's Original Octavo Edition, in public domain
 - c) Text: Moses Mendes' Lyrics based on I Kings 3:7-10

Almighty pow'r, who rul'st the earth and skies,

And bade gay order from confusion rise;

Whose gracious hand reliev'd Thy slave distress'd,

With splendour cloath'd me, and with knowledge bless'd;

Thy finish'd temple with Thy presence grace,

And shed Thy heav'nly glories o'er the place.

אָת־עַבְדְּלְּ אָתְהֹ הִמְלָכְתָּ אֶת־עַבְדְּלְ And now, my God, You have made Your servant king

וָקָת דְּנֵך אָבֶי וְאָנֹכִי נַעַר קְטֹּן In place of my father David; but I am a young lad

ילא אַדָע צֵאת וְבְאׁ: with no experience in leadership.

יְלַבְּדְּלְּ בְּתָוֹףְ Your servant finds himself in the midst

יַנְתְּדֶ אֲשֶׁר בָּחֶרְהָ of the people You have chosen,

יַםְבֶּר מֶלְא יִּסְבֶּר מֵלְב מְלָא יָסָבֶּר מֶלְב מְנְבָּ מְלָא יָסָבֶּר מֵלְב. a people too numerous to be numbered or counted.

אָבֶרְדְּ לֶב שֹׁבְלָן Grant, then, Your servant an listening heart

לְשְׁפְּׁט אֱת־עַמְּךְ to judge Your people,

לְהֶעי בִּין־טְוֹב לְהֵע to distinguish between good and bad;

:בָּרָ הַנְּבָד הַנָּה הַכְּבָד הַנָּה for who can judge this vast people of Yours?

Conclusion

I came into this project with several questions and have arrived on the other side with a few answers- but also a few open-ended ideas. What sort of a relationship did a non-Jewish baroque composer like G.F. Handel have with the Jews in the world around him? As I wrote earlier, we have no definitive ruling on how Handel felt about the Jews. But in my opinion, based on research and conversations with Handelian experts, Handel largely portrayed Jewish characters favorably- a remarkable choice during a time and place where society rarely did so. He collaborated with Jewish musicians, Jewish merchants, and perhaps even a Jewish librettist. Perhaps he even visited and gained inspiration from Jewish communities.

This possibility gives me a sense of hope, despite the history of unkind and unfavorable portrayal by non-Jewish scholars, creatives, and musicians, that there were many who saw the beauty in Jewish stories and Jewish characters, who brought them into the light and onto the stage.

Something else I wondered about was if Jewish musical modes, themes, and ideas impacted Handel in his writing. Though we don't know for sure, I hear moments of potential "Jewishness" in Handel's writing. In the great work "Let The Bright Seraphim," I have always heard the trumpets as shofar blasts. In the grand finale of Israel in Egypt, the Israelite Woman's opening notes mirror the structure of our Song of the Sea tune. Whether these were intentional or not, I think this demonstrates that our Jewish music is unique and special, but not that distant from the music of the concert halls and secular world.

Finally, I wondered if we could lift up that overlap between the secular, sacred, and classical, and repurpose some of this music for use in our own Jewish spaces. As I conclude this study, my answer remains a resounding yes. I believe this link between music by great masters and our personal Jewish stories can deeply touch these people.

I sought to prove this point by offering the finale of *Israel in Egypt* at my senior recital on November 2, 2022, at HUC-JIR. A choir of around twenty gifted singers lifted their voices to share the music of Handel, but instead of King James English, we sang it with Hebrew text and proper syllabification. The response I got from this experiment was astounding. Many people told me they loved hearing the text through a new and different musical texture. Some were thrilled to hear classical music in a Jewish space. Classical musicians, cantors, family, and friends, some Jewish, and some not, all expressed excitement and joy at this new interpretation of the piece, all for different reasons.

Even as a very secular, cultural, and largely uneducated Jew, I remember my astonishment when I sang a motet by Charpentier for the first time, and my conductor explained that this was the story of the Jews weeping at Babylon after their expulsion. I felt excited and proud to be sharing a Jewish story through a medium that made sense to me at the time. These stories belong to us, and we have the privilege and responsibility to keep them alive and keep telling them in as many creative ways as we can: chazzanut, sermons, folk song, art song, and yes- even oratorio and opera.

Bibliography:

- Ashman, Aharon. Oratorio Selections פרקי אורטוריה. (Tel Aviv: The Education and Culture Centre of the General Federation of Labour-Histradrut, 1958.)
- Burrows, Donald. Handel. New York City: Oxford University Press, 2011.
- Handel, George Frederic. *Deborah*. arr. Vincent Novello (London: Novello Publishing, 1860)
- Handel, George Frederic. *Esther*. arr Charles Lucas (London: Novello, Publishing and Ewer and Co)
- Handel, George Frederic. *Israel in Egypt.* arr. Felix Mendelssohn, ed. Horace Wadham Nicholl (New York: G. Schirmer, 1900)
- Handel, George Frederic. *Judas Maccabeus*. arr. Frank V. Van der Stucken (New York: G. Schirmer, 1909)
- Handel, George Frederic. Solomon. arr. Vincent Novello (London: Novello Publishing)
- "Handel's Esther, Pivotal Oratorio, Scores as Drama." Handel's Esther, Pivotal Oratorio, Scores as Drama Music of the Baroque. Accessed December 20, 2022. https://www.baroque.org/Reviews/handel-s-esther-pivotal-oratorio-scores-asdrama.
- Harris, Ellen T. George Frideric Handel: A Life with Friends. New York, NY: W.W. Norton, 2014.
- Hirsch, Lily E. A Jewish Orchestra in Nazi Germany: Musical Politics and the Berlin Jewish Culture League. University of Michigan Press, 2012.
- Hunter, David. *The Lives of George Frederic Handel*. Woodbridge: The Boydell Press, 2015.
- Jacobson, Joshua. "Israel in Egypt Program Notes." zamir.org, May 2, 2022. https://zamir.org/concerts/past-seasons/israel-in-egypt-program-notes/.
- Kozinn, Allan. "The Book of Esther, According to Handel." *The New York Times*, March 2, 2002. https://www.nytimes.com/2002/03/02/arts/music-review-the-book-of-esther-according-to-handel.html.
- Lidarti, Cristiano Giuseppe. *Esther*. ed. Israel Adler (Tel-Aviv: Israel Music Institute, 2001)

- London Concert Choir. "Handel: Judas Maccabaeus." London Concert Choir, July 5, 2017. https://londonconcertchoir.org/musical-works/handel-judas-maccabaeus.
- "Mendes (Mendez), Moses." Essay. In *The Jewish Encyclopedia* 6, 6:488. New York: Funk and Wagnalls, 1964. https://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/10672-mendes-mendez-moses.
- Pink, Andrew. "Solomon, Susanna and Moses: Locating Handel's Lost Librettist." *Eighteenth Century Music* 12, no. 2 (2015): 211–22. https://doi.org/10.1017/s1478570615000317.
- Potter, P. M. "The Politicization of Handel and His Oratorios in the Weimar Republic, the Third Reich, and the Early Years of the German Democratic Republic." *The Musical Quarterly* 85, no. 2 (2001): 311–41. https://doi.org/10.1093/musqtl/85.2.311.
- Ringer, Alexander L. "Handel and the Jews." *Music and Letters* 42, no. 1 (1961): 17–29. https://doi.org/10.1093/ml/42.1.17.
- Rooke, Deborah W. *Handel's Israelite Oratorio Libretti Sacred Drama and Biblical Exegesis*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- Smith, Ruth. *Handel's Oratorios and Eighteenth-Century Thought*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- Waleson, Heidi. "Baroque Purim: Handel and Racine's Jewish Queen." *The Wall Street Journal*, May 12, 1998.
- Ward, Seth. "See, the Conquering Hero Comes and the Hebrew Hanukkah Tradition." Coffeecups, June 18, 2020. https://drsethward.wordpress.com/2013/03/14/see-the-conquering-hero-comes-and-the-hebrew-hanukkah-tradition/.
- Zellman, Reuven. "Cristiano Lidarti's T'Shuat Yisrael Al y'Dei Ester (The Salvation of Israel by Esther), 1774." *Pre-Concert Lecture*. Lecture presented at the Cristiano Lidarti's T'Shuat Yisrael Al y'Dei Ester, 2014.
- הנה הוא בא (הנה הוא בא)." זמרשת פרויקט חירום להצלת הזמר העברי המוקדם". https://www.zemereshet.co.il/m/song.asp?id=362.
- "הבה נרימה (הבה נרימה נס ואבוקה)." זמרשת פרויקט חירום להצלת הזמר העברי המוקדם.". https://www.zemereshet.co.il/m/song.asp?id=363.

Zed Yahîr

from the oratorio תשועת ישראל על ידי אסתר (The Salvation of Israel by the Hands of Esther)

Rabbi Jacob Saraval

Cristiano Lidarti (Keyboard reduction by Alex Guerrero)



Lidarti, arr. Guerrero

























Music engraving by Wax Guerrero ScoresbyAlex@gmail.com fb mb/ScoresbyAlex

No. 32. AIR .- "FLATTERING TONGUE, NO MORE I HEAR THEE."







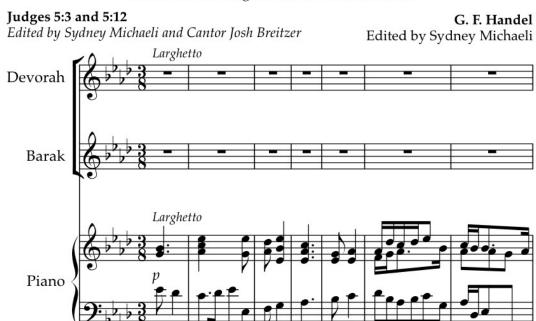


96



Azamer l'Adonai Elohei Yisrael

Based on "Smiling Freedom" from Deborah



mf

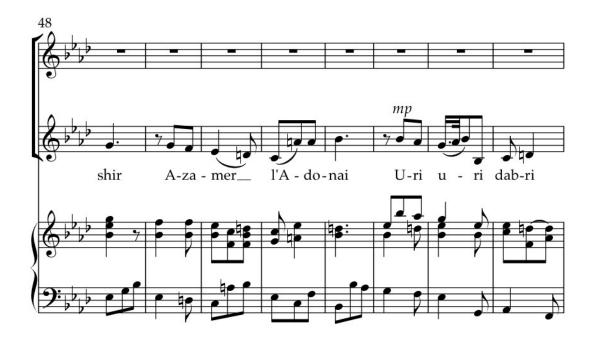




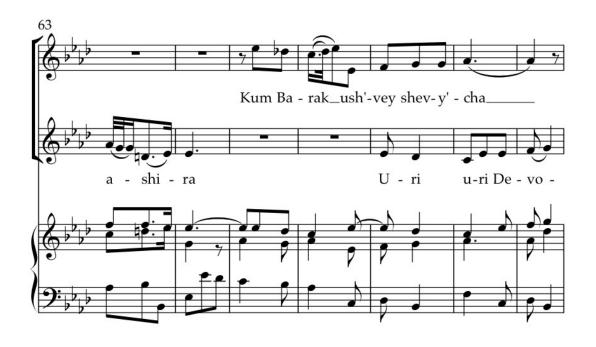




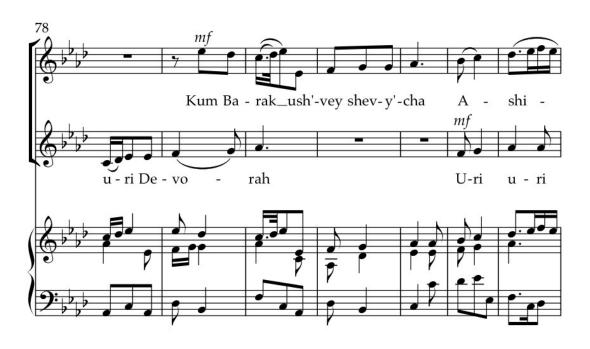


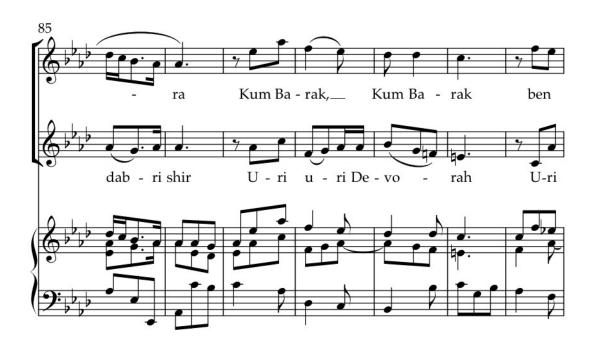


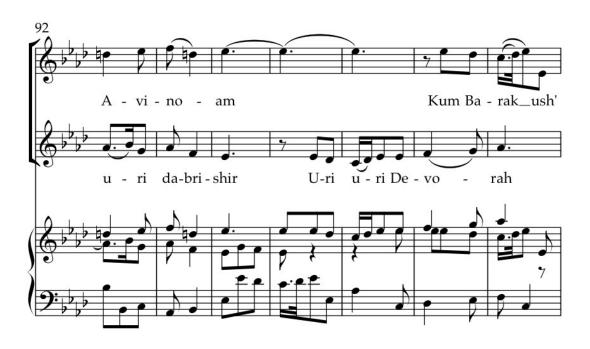




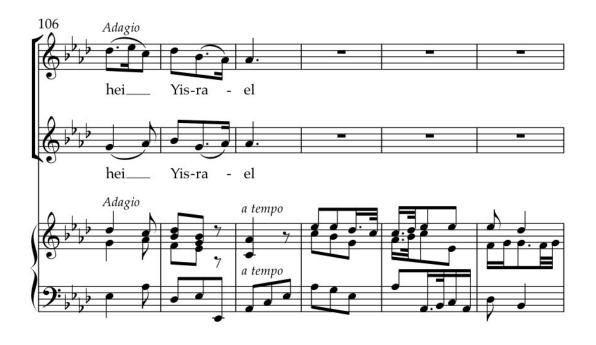


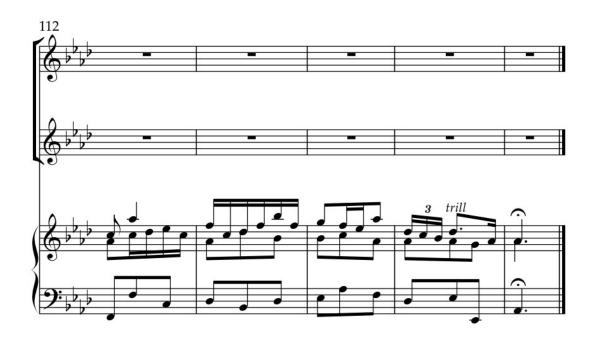
















125



K 6871





Celebrate God's Sacred Name

Based on "O Celebrate His Sacred Name" from Deborah







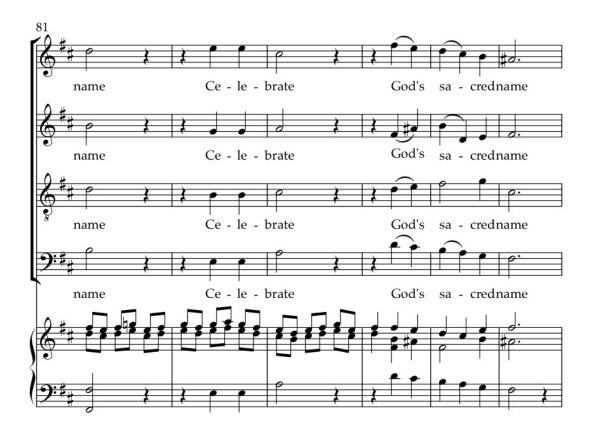


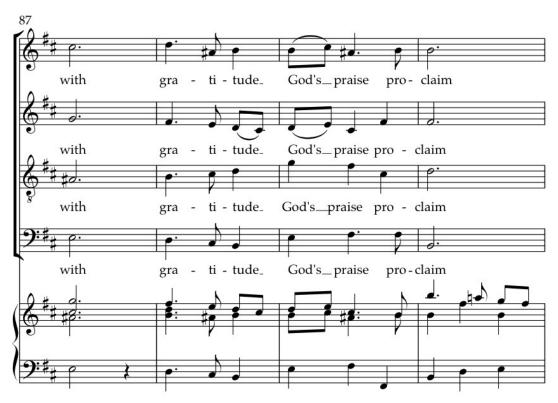
























Nº 5. AIR. _ "Their land brought forth frogs."









Act III Finale from Israel in Egypt

for Double SATB Chorus and Piano









































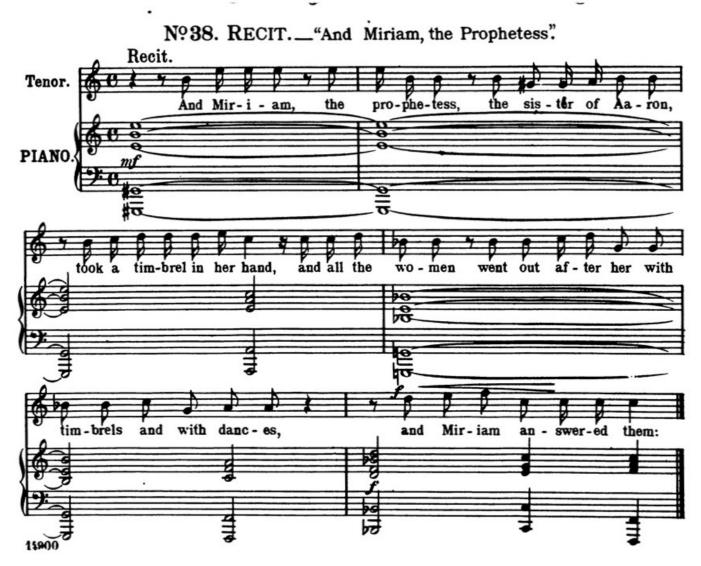
































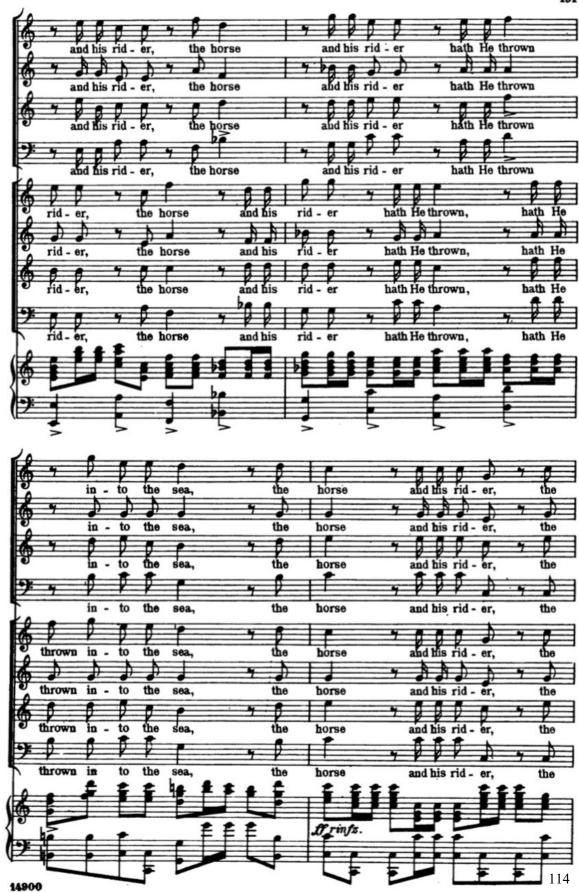


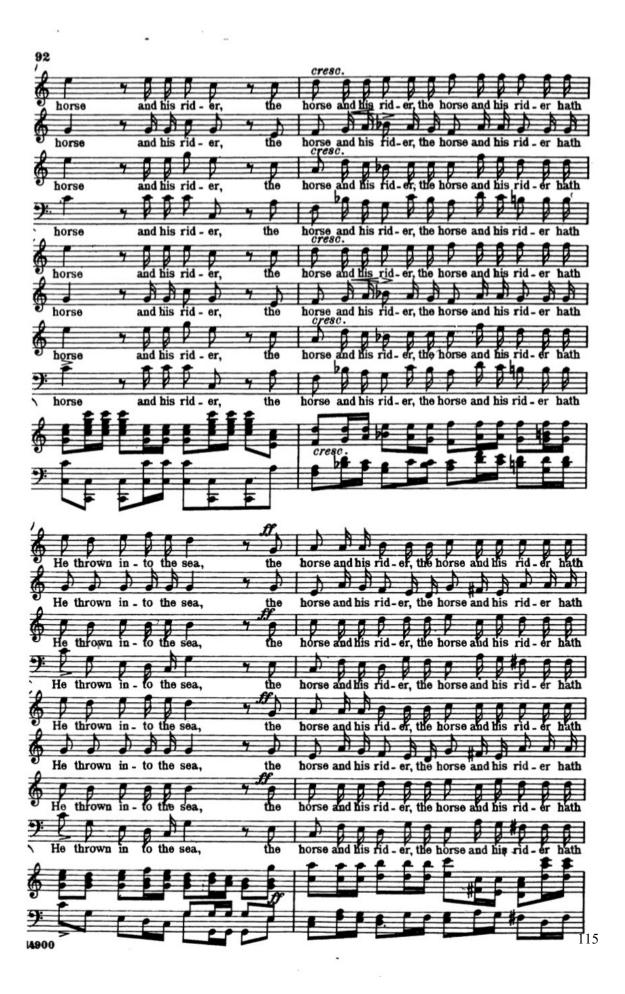






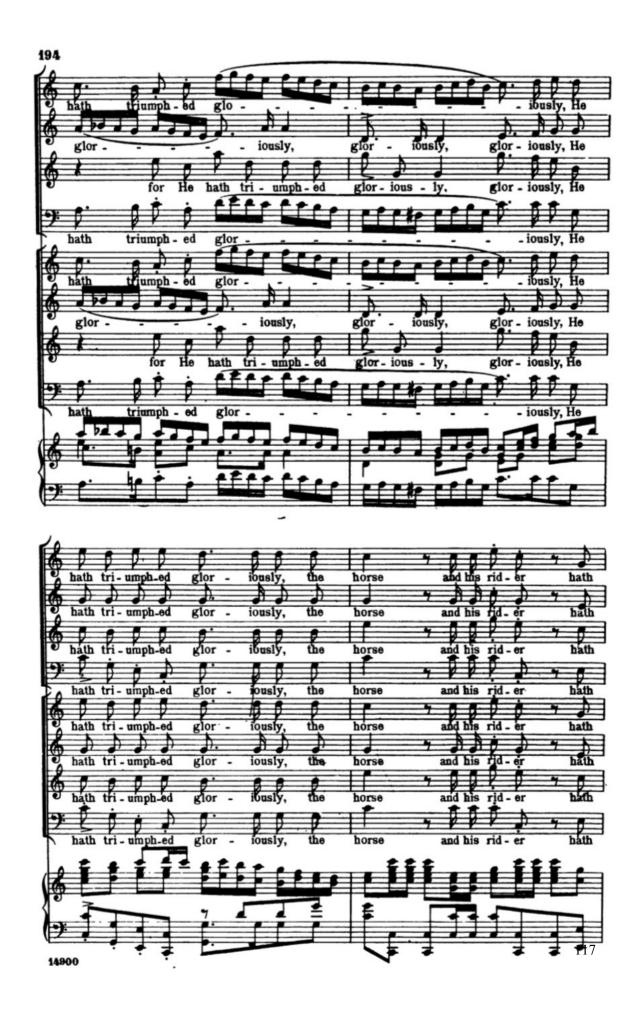
















Nº 28. AIR AND CHORUS._"Sound an alarm!"

















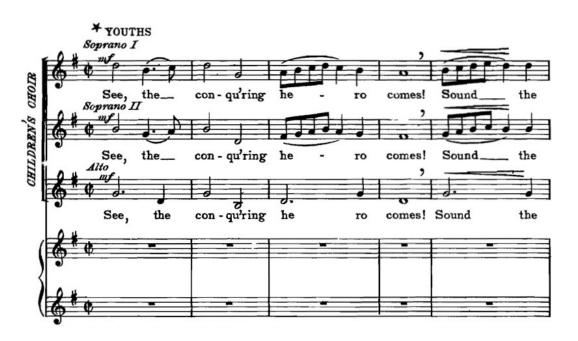








 N° 35. CHORUS._ "See, the conquiring hero comest"



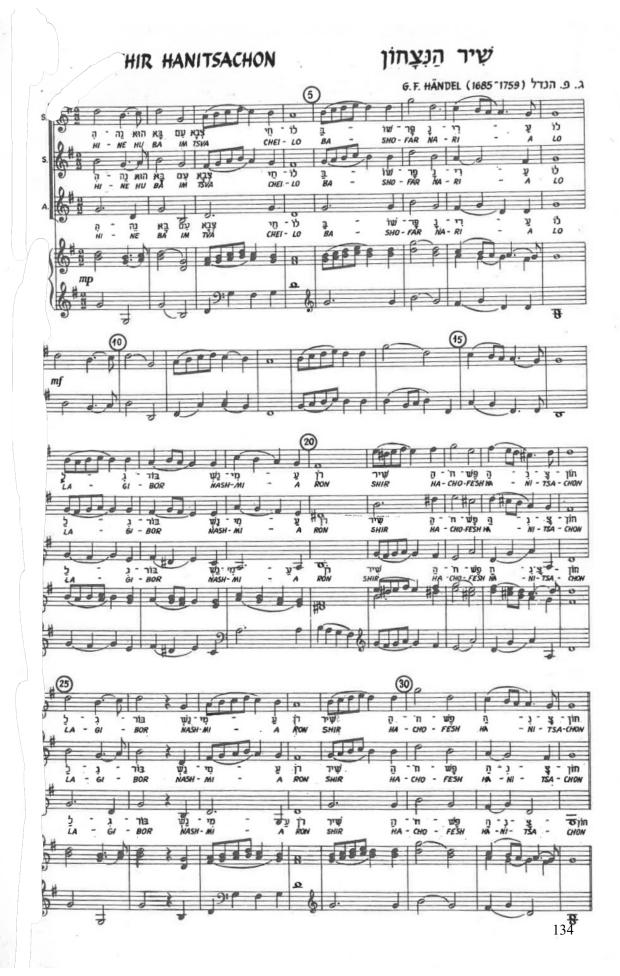








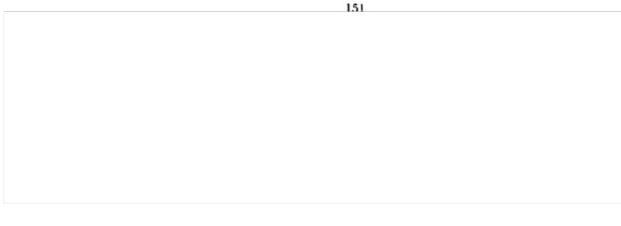




























Natata Lev Shomeiah

Based on "Almighty Power" from Solomon

I Kings 3:9 Edited by Sydney Michaeli and Cantor Josh Breitzer

G.F. Handel Arranged by Sydney Michaeli









RECIT (Accomp.)-ALMIGHTY POW'R.



