

Stewart Figa



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## Stewart Figa, Cantor

### Cantorial Chair



Cantor Stewart Figa has served at Temple Har Zion since 1998 and has been a cantor in the Chicago area since 1990. As member of the New Budapest Orpheum Society, a Chicago-based musical troupe dedicated to reviving European Jewish music from the first half of the 20th century, he has sung at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. and at the Neue Gallerie in New York City.

In the 1980s, Cantor Figa performed for several seasons in Yiddish theater productions in New York City, having had the privilege of working with some of the legendary greats of the Yiddish stage. A recognized singer of the Yiddish repertoire, he appeared in a guest role singing on the Golden Globe Award-winning program "Brooklyn Bridge," and he has performed concerts locally at the Harold Washington Library, the Spertus Institute, the Arts Club of Chicago, Anshe Emet, K.A.M. Isaiah Israel, North Shore Congregation Israel, as well as a soloist with the Halevi Choral Society.

He received degrees from Northwestern University and Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies in Chicago.

[www.cedillerecords.org/artists/stewart-figa/](http://www.cedillerecords.org/artists/stewart-figa/)

[Ethnic City: a wandering Jew returns](#)

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/1996/06/09/cantorial-soloist-reaches-out-with-music/>

## **Alumni News**

It's too bad they can't give Medill F's in real life, because whoever wrote the obituary on Judge Phillip Figa [[Deaths](#), Alumni News, summer 2008] would receive two.

Judge Figa (WCAS73) was not the executive director of the Mountain States region of the Anti-Defamation League. He was the regional board chair. Additionally, his brother's name isn't Cantor. Phil's family is Jewish, and his brother is a cantor who sings, but his name is Stewart.

Candy Cole Figa (SESP73) and Phil met at Northwestern and traveled frequently to Evanston for various events. They were extremely proud of the education they received and the University.

For those who never had the opportunity to meet or know Phil, there are not enough words to explain or capture the amazing, incredible, wonderful, compassionate human being we had for far too few years.

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