

Acclaimed Cantor Vadim Tunitsky was born in Kharkov, Ukraine. His formal musical education began when he was seven years old at a music school for children and continued through college and Kharkov Conservatory which he completed with honors in voice and violin. For a number of years, Cantor Tunitsky performed at the Kharkov Light Opera. But his best years in music began after he and his family came to the United States as refugees in 1988, years prophesized for him by an old man who saw what he could never have envisioned and opened his eyes to his true vocation, mission, and passion for life.

Cantor Tunitsky was invested at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion School of Sacred Music in 1993. Since his investiture, Cantor Tunitsky has dedicated his heart, soul, and music to serving the Jewish community, including Congregation Emanu El in Patterson, New Jersey and Congregation Emanu El in Houston, Texas where he served as Cantor for 19 years. In July 2014, Cantor Tunitsky accepted the position of Cantor-in-Residence at the Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism. He also sings at Congregation Beth Yeshurun in Houston and Congregation Beth Torah in Humble, Texas bringing his love for his people and music to life. Cantor Tunitsky's musical career has taken him all over the world: from America to Austria to Italy to Israel to Russia. He has also never forgotten his roots returning a number of times to Ukraine to contribute his musical gift to the Drobitsky Yar Holocaust Memorial for the benefit and in the memory of the massacred Jews of the Holocaust.

Cantor Tunitsky is an accomplished musician, violinist, and author. He has released a number of CDs, including *The Music of the Soul*, *The Tribute To Jewish Music*, and *Sh'ma B'ni*. Recently, Cantor Tunitsky released his memoir "*The Strings Of My Soul*" to rave reviews within the Houston community and beyond.

Cantor Tunitsky is well known in the Houston community for his concerts aimed at elevating the human spirit. He is particularly devoted to enriching and inspiring the lives of the seniors in his community. In 2016 he under the umbrella of Jewish Family Service founded a spectacular project "*Music and Spirit Program*". With concerts, Shabbat Services, visitations, personal calls and much more, Cantor, together with his pianist and co-founder of the program Yanina Didyk have been reaching thousands of people in need of light, love, joy and hope. Their program in over 6 years has become the heart and soul of the Houston senior community.

Cantor Tunitsky lives in Houston with his wife, two children and their families. His three grandchildren Emma, Max and Lilly are the center of his existence. Sports, music, movies and books are among the many activities he enjoys.