



Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center



The Day Our Two Cantors Were Excited

By Amalia Warshenbrot, Director, Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center

Those of you who know both cantors in town are aware that it is easier to get Cantor Roohvarg

excited than to get Cantor Bernard to express such an emotion.

(Elias and Andy, don't be offended, we love you both the way you are.) When I emailed both cantors that the Levine-Sklut Judaic Library and Resource Center now owns the entire collections of music recorded on CDs in the Milken Archive of American Jewish Music, Cantor Roohvarg replied with a question, "When can I borrow some of them?" Cantor Bernard emailed, "That's awesome. The people I work with at the Union of Reform Judaism are doing their best to support the work of the people at the Milken Archives of Jewish Music. In fact, most of the recordings I used for my article about the Kaddish in the Reform Judaism Magazine (Spring 2007) came from them. I'm glad to know that you have them."

The Milken Archive of American Jewish Music is a groundbreaking, on-going exploration of the vast panorama of music—secular and sacred—associated with the vibrant, 350-year American Jewish experience. This rich body of music mirrors the

scope and variety of Jewish life in America, while expressing the universality and relevance of Jewish experience over the centuries to people of all faiths and backgrounds.

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combat anti-Semitism.

"It is intrinsically very high in our Jewish value system, but I think because it is an ongoing issue, we sometimes lose the focus," said Batya Abramson-Goldstein, the director of the St. Louis JCRC.

While many JCRCs also struggle with keeping poverty on their agendas because they are understaffed and underfunded, the one in St. Louis has been among the more proactive. It has worked closely with eight other non-governmental organizations and religious groups in an effort to get the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Missouri

to adopt an initiative to combat lead paint poisoning.

In 2008, as part of the JCPA-led anti-poverty initiative, the St. Louis JCRC will focus on food security and health issues.

"There shall always be needy among us," Gutow said, paraphrasing Deuteronomy 16. "Our tradition demands that we get up and do something."

For his \$21, Gutow said he would be subsidizing in part on an inexpensive Moroccan dish called majadara rice made of rice, lentils and fried onions.

"You can forget about Whole Foods," he said. ☆

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