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Mr. Abraham J. Karp
240 Hobbs Hill Drive
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Dear Abe:

In responding to your letter about Hazzanut in America, here are some of my observations.

My Cantor has been with the congregation for some 35 years. He is a graduate of the Julliard School of Music as well as being a "fellow" from the Cantor's Institute. He comes from a tradition of Cantors. He carries himself quite well and is somewhat knowledgeable about Jewish life. I consider him a clerical colleague and rely upon his insight and wisdom.

He has overall responsibility for our Bar and Bat Mitzvah training and is likewise responsible for major programs within our religious school. He makes hospital visits and we co-officiate at all Temple weddings and funerals.

He determines the music content of our services and attends daily services rather regularly.

I believe I am somewhat lucky.

He also is involved in raising significant dollars for Temple programs.

If I may be of any further assistance, please feel free to call upon me.

Cordially,