



Simlow sings songs of faith

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SHARON — On Sunday December 4, 2011 Temple Israel of Sharon and the Sandra Gamm Memorial Fund for Music and Cultural Arts presented live in concert, Peri Smilow.

Smilow is a nationally recognized contemporary Jewish singer/songwriter, performer, educator and community activist. She holds an masters of education Harvard and has spent 25 years working with teenagers as an educator and "nonprofit entrepreneur" in underserved urban communities.

As a touring artist her music and message of tikkun olam- repair of the world- have been heard throughout the United States, Canada, England, Singapore and Israel. Peri's three recordings include original contemporary Jewish music "Songs of Peace and Ashray" with her most recent recording "Peri Smilow and the Freedom Music Project: The music of Passover and the Civil Rights Movement," features an 18 voice choir of young Black and Jewish singers celebrating the freedom music of their own traditions. "The Freedom Music Project" has been the subject of several nationally featured stories on ABC and NBC television. Also on National Public Radio's Weekend All Things Considered and internationally on Voice of America radio.

"In December I am a featured artist who has been asked to perform at the URJ Biennial Convention in Washington, D.C," Simlow said. "This will be the first time that a seated president, President Obama, will address this convention. I believe what differs me from other artists is that I talk of social justice and use my music as a tool for change."

Her music is thought provoking with a special blend of spiritual melodies. During intermission many audience members walked out the door humming her music. Smilow has some family ties to Sharon as well, her sister Marni Levitt lives in Sharon with her family.

Temple Israel of Sharon is the largest conservative synagogue south of Boston. The temple's cultural arts committee stages events that involve music, art, drama, dance and literature.

This committee also organizes the annual concert sponsored by the Sandra Gamm Memorial Fund for Music and the Creative Arts.

Gamm had the ability to make everyone around her feel special and loved. Throughout every phase of her life, Gamm surrounded herself with music and drama and believed nothing mattered more than living life to it's fullest.

She was an accomplished pianist before entering high school. In college she wrote and directed several original musical productions. It is said that Gamm lived with a smile and a song. Gamm passed away in 1990. The Sandra Gamm Memorial Fund for Music and the Creative Arts is to honor her memory. Income from the fund is used to promote annual programs in music and other creative arts for the benefit of Temple Israel and it's membership.

For upcoming events at Temple Israel please go to their website: CulturalArts@tisharon.org or call (781)784-3986. And for more information on Peri Smilow: www.PeriSmilow.com

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