



# The Allan Schwarz Music Shabbaton

December 1-2, 2023  
**Jacob Spike Kraus**

## **Friday, December 1 at 7:30PM**

Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Spike Kraus, our musical guest and our lay service leaders. The evening will include a Chanukah Musical Program: A mix of original Spike Kraus Chanukah songs and some old favorites. Coffee and dessert will follow services.

## **Saturday, December 2 at 9:30AM**

Shabbat morning services will begin with Birchot HaShachar -- the morning blessings -- and then segue directly into the Torah Service while Spike joins our Limmud Students. He'll return to the *bimah* and lead us in additional morning prayers and then his featured presentation, "The Spirituality of Secular Music". This sing-a-long program uses popular music from a variety of genres to explore Jewish *middot* (values) and texts from a lens outside the Jewish tradition. The presentation is set up as a page of Talmud, with song lyrics being tied directly to quotations from Jewish text.

## **Post-Oneg at 1:00PM**

After *kiddush*, *motzi* and our communal *oneg* lunch, all are welcome to return to the Sanctuary at 1:00 PM, for a post-*oneg* program, Music as Midrash: A text-based workshop using Spike's music to explore the concept of midrash--why it's important, and how contemporary Jewish songwriting is a modern practice of midrash - answering questions and re-framing these ancient words for the 21st century.

With gratitude and appreciation to Rabbi Sid and Sandy Perlstein for their underwriting of this program in memory of Rabbi Sid's father, Allan Schwarz.