Basic Nusach Syllabus
CG-cANTR-517
Fall 2015-2016
Cantor Lynn Torgove

GOALS OF CLASS:
1) To understand the musical, historical, liturgical and musical context of Nusach in Jewish Prayer Service
2) To learn the basics of musical language and how to learn music and melody and its relation to text
3) To be able to daven basic Shabbat and Weekday Amidot and be familiar with the nusach of other weekday and Shabbat services and utilizing Jewish musical modes and motifs

REQUIRED TEXTS:
1) The Complete Art Scroll Siddur (Nusach Ashkenaz – not Sepharad – check the binding of the Siddur) This one volume contains the liturgies for both Shabbat and Chol (Weekday)
   *It is best if we all work from the same Siddur and the Art Scroll format clearly delineates the structure of the Traditional Matbe’a.
   IF YOUR LITURGICAL HEBREW IS NOT TOP-NOTCH, YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER PURCHASING THE INTERLINEAR ART SCROLL SIDDURIM (Shabbat and Weekday are in separate volumes). The word for word translation in these siddurim is generally very good and it is requirement of this course that you understand every word that you are davening.
2) A Guide to Jewish Prayer, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz (Schocken Books, New York) paperback

RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

REQUIRED TOOLS:
1) Downloaded Keyboard on either laptop, tablet or phone
2) Ability to record and make MP3’s for homework assignments and exams
1) September 11 Introduction/Syllabus
   WEEKDAY
   HOUR 1: Weekday Amidah
   Avot, Gevurot – speak texts
   Introduction to Jewish Pentatonic and modes
   HOUR 2: How to learn modes

2) September 25
   HOUR 1: Role of the Sheliach Tsibor
   HOUR 2: Weekday Amidah - Kedusha

3) October 2
   HOUR 1: Weekday Shacharit Amidah - Avodah, Modim, Shalom
   HOUR 2: Introduction Weekday Minor mode

4) October 9 Cantor Brian Mayer
   Hour 1: Historical background of Nusach
   HOUR 2: Weekday Amidah - Binah, Selichah, Geulah

5) October 16
   HOUR 1: Weekday Shacharit Amidah - Refuah, Birkat Hashanim, Kibutz Galuyot
   HOUR 2: Continuation of Weekday Minor mode:
   Weekday Mincha including Kaddish texts
   Weekday Birchot HaShachar

6) October 23
   HOUR 1: Weekday Shacharit Amidah - Din, Birkat, Haminim, Tsadikim
   HOUR 2: Introduction to Ahavah Rabbah mode

7) October 30
   HOUR 1: Weekday Shacharit Amidah – Binyan Yerushalayim, Malchut bet David, Birkat Tefilah
   HOUR 2: Continuation of Ahavah mode:
   Weekday Shacharit Shma uvirchoteha

8) November 6 SHABBAT
   HOUR 1: Shabbat Amidah - Shacharit Avot and Gevurot
   HOUR 2: Introduction to Adoshem Malach mode
9) November 13
   **HOUR 1:** Shabbat Amidah - Kedusha
   **HOUR 2:** Continuation of Adoshem Malach mode:
   Shabbat Birchot Hashachar nusach – compare with Weekday Birchot Hashachar

10) November 20
    **HOUR 1:** Shabbat Amidah - Kedushat Hayom
    **HOUR 2:** Continuation of Adoshem Malach mode:
    Kabbalat Shabbat nusach

11) RESCHEDULED CLASS that will be missed because of Thanksgiving
    Sunday, November 22, Time TBD **MUSAF**
    **HOUR 1:** Musaf Amidah - Kedusha
    **HOUR 2:** L'cha dodi melodies

12) December 4 Cantor Becky Khitrik
    **HOURS 1 and 2:** Shabbat Torah Service

13) December 11 REVIEW

14) December 18 Cantor Becky Khitrik
    Practice for final recordings