

## Stockton's Beverly Vaughn to Host Program of Freedom Songs on Aug. 7

Public Invited to Sing-Along at Congregation Beth Judah in Ventnor, NJ

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**Galloway, NJ** - Temple Emeth Shalom's "Salute to Stockton" series continues on **Friday, Aug. 7**, when Dr. Beverly Vaughn, professor of Music at Stockton University, will host a program built around songs about freedom from slavery, including a sing-along with audience members and guest performers.

The public is invited to this fourth and final event in the free summer series, being held this year at Congregation Beth Judah, 700 N. Swarthmore Ave, Ventnor, NJ. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. during Friday evening Sabbath services and will feature a question-and-answer session following the presentations.

Dr. Vaughn, a mezzo-soprano known for her velvety tone and vibrant personality, is director of Choral Activities at Stockton. She has won numerous awards and citations for her teaching and has also received several awards from the regional organizations for outstanding community outreach and service.

She conducts the University Chorus and the Stockton Chorale along with both the Stockton Oratorio Society and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble, which she founded. These choral organizations have traveled to Europe and have enjoyed overwhelming regional acclaim under her direction.

Dr. Vaughn has presented vocal and choral workshops in singing technique, and on topics such as the religious musical traditions of African Americans, for choirs, universities, international conferences and community organizations in countries including New Zealand, Israel, China, Jamaica, Austria, Grenada, Antigua, Greece, Spain, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Nigeria and Kenya, and throughout the United States.

Dr. Vaughn is a graduate of La Sierra University in Riverside, California with a Bachelor of Arts  
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degree in Spanish. She received her Master of Music degree and Doctor of Music degree - both in voice performance - at Ohio State University.

Rabbi Gordon Geller of Temple Emeth Shalom in Margate, NJ, and a longtime Stockton faculty member in the School of General Studies, said, "The series is always one of the community's cultural highlights. This summer it is being held at Congregation Beth Judah to accommodate a larger audience." The two temples are holding a number of joint services this summer.

Rabbi Jonathan Kremer of Congregation Beth Judah said, "We are delighted to be partnering with Emeth Shalom in hosting these thought-provoking programs by respected local faculty."

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