

## **PROCLAMATION FROM THE TOWN OF GREENBURGH**

**Paul Feiner, Town Supervisor**

**Whereas, Cantor Janet Leuchter is retiring from her duties as Cantor of the Greenburgh Hebrew Center after 10 years of service to the community;**

**Whereas, Cantor Leuchter continued a family tradition of being a leader in the Jewish community. Her parents and grandmothers were also leaders in synagogue, Zionist and Jewish communal life from local to international;**

**Whereas, Cantor Janet Leuchter was ordained a Cantor in 1999. She has served Greenburgh Hebrew Center since the fall of 2010. She is eclectic and comfortable in diverse worship styles, from traditional davenning to Reform and "renewal." Before becoming a cantor, Cantor Leuchter pursued a classical career in recital and oratorio, and also appeared in several musical theater pieces by "downtown" playwrights Maria Irene Fornes and Elizabeth Swados;**

**Whereas, Cantor Leuchter has also been a performer and teacher of Yiddish songs and klezmer music. Active in the early years of the klezmer revival, she was the vocalist with the pioneering women's band Klez-meydlekh and has performed and taught Yiddish songs and klezmer music from. She can be heard on several recordings and film soundtracks wellknown in the Yiddish world.**

**Whereas, Cantor Leuchter also is a writer, notably at the Anti-Defamation League, where, among other things, she developed the first promotional materials for the Foundation for the Righteous (then called the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers). She was also the Jewish outreach coordinator for the Jewish Fund for Justice.**

**Whereas, Cantor Leuchter has inspired young people and the community to appreciate Jewish tradition through beautiful music**

**Now be it resolved that I, Paul Feiner, Greenburgh Town Supervisor, and the members of the Greenburgh Town Board, thank Cantor Leuchter for her years of service. We wish Cantor Leuchter many years of health and happiness.**