

show “Bewitched.” Then there are the Biblical names, which offer opportunities to articulate connections we feel with our ancestors and what their legacy represents for us.

All this is to say that on Friday January 9, our 6:30pm Shabbat service will offer us an opportunity to learn more about Hebrew names and contemporary Jewish naming rituals with Dawn Kepler, the founding director of “Building Jewish Bridges” (see p. 9). This will be an informative and engaging presentation for all of us, coinciding with the beginning of the second book of the Torah whose Hebrew name is Shemot, or names. Shemot marks the very beginning of the transition from the family narratives of Bereishit (Genesis) to our formation into the people of Israel.

Another upcoming program at B’nai Tikvah it’s a pleasure to highlight will take place on Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00pm (see p. 7). Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, editor of a new anthology called “Chapters of the Heart: Jewish Women Sharing the Torah of our Lives” will join us for an evening of reading, dialogue and book-signing. Hers is a powerful book that invites us as readers to consider different stages, struggles and milestones of our lives through a Jewish lens. As each writer threads a piece of her own story

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Reflections...

By Cantor Jennie Chabon



A few weeks ago, we celebrated the release of my third album of Jewish music, *Roots & Branches*. We had a concert in our sanctuary that was the culmination of many months of work and devotion to our musical traditions. It was a night I will never forget.