

**A tribute to Rabbi Mordecai Miller, adapted from From Gilbert and Sullivan  
HMS Pinafore.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onQuMcNq6WA&t=20s>

Let's give three cheers, I'll lead the way:

Hurrah, hurrah,

Hurray! Hurray! Hurray!

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He is the **Rabbi** of the **Shul**

He's very **modest** as a **rule**.

And **yet** his **praises** everybody **chants**

For **we** are his **students** and his **grateful congregants**

(For **we** are his **students** and his **grateful congregants**)

His **students** and his **grateful congregants!**)

When **Covid** **came** to **spell** our **doom**

He was our **IT** **guy** of **Zoom**

So **he** could **meet** within the **web's** **expanse**

And **so** could his **students** and his **grateful congregants**

(And **so** could his **students** and his **grateful congregants**)

His **students** and his **grateful congregants!**)

And when our **Kiddush** **lunch** lacked **cake**

That's when we **found** out **he** could **bake**

We **swarmed** **cake** and **challah** just like **picnic** **ants**

Yes **we** are his **students** and his **grateful congregants**

(Yes **we** are his **students** and his **grateful congregants**)

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His **students** and those **grateful** for a **fellowship** so **fateful** **congregants!**)

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When **he** was a **lad** his **then** **abode**

Was **far** off in a **southern** **antipode**

He **went** to **school** and he **had** some **fun**:

As **much** as one could **have** if you're the **Rabbi's** **son**

(As **much** as one could **have** if you're the **Rabbi's** **son**)

His **ride** to **school** was **tedious**

and **so** he used to **read** his **Bible** **on** the **bus**.

(His **ride** to **school** was **tedious**

and **so** he used to **read** his **Bible** **on** the **bus**.)

His **mother's kin** were in Jerusalem  
When **he** was a **tot** he went to **visit them**  
His **Hebrew** became **very good**  
It's **what** his **parents** **spoke** to **not** be **understood**.  
(It's **what** his **parents** **spoke** to **not** be **understood**.)  
They **switched** to **Yiddish** private **tales** to **tell**  
That's **why** he **also** **now** knows **Yiddish** **very well**.  
(They **switched** to **Yiddish** private **tales** to **tell**  
That's **why** he **also** **now** knows **Yiddish** **very well**.)

His **Hebrew** **got** so **advanced** that **he**  
Went into the **seminary H U C**  
He **tried** out **Davening** on **each** week **day**  
And **realized** he **liked** to **do** things **the** hard **way**  
(And **realized** he **liked** to **do** things **the** hard **way**)  
He **chose** the **most** difficult **alternative**  
That's **how** he went from **Reform** to **Conservative**.  
( He **chose** the **most** difficult **alternative**  
That's **how** he went from **Reform** to **Conservative**.)

Though **love** of **music** **proved** a **lure**  
he **returned** to **H U C** from **his** detour  
to **be** **ordained** for a **Rabbinic** **life**.  
'Twas **lucky**, because **this** was when he **met** his **wife**.  
( 'Twas **lucky**, because **this** was when he **met** his **wife**.)  
He **completed** ordination with such **industry**,  
We **now** have Rabbi **Millers** number **two** and **three**!  
(He **completed** ordination with such **industry**,  
We **now** have Rabbi **Millers** number **two** and **three**!)

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(recitative to My Gallant Crew Good morning)

Wait! Sarah's Morat Derech!!!  
(Yes! That counts, so let us give **four** cheers!!!! )

So give three cheers and one cheer more  
He was ordained in 1974!  
So let us give a round of cheers  
We're celebrating 50 years! REPEAT LAST 4 LINES