

Belonging Together

CANTOR JUVAL PORAT AND FRIENDS IN CONCERT A WEEKEND OF COMMUNITY, STORY, AND HARMONY

DECEMBER 3, 2023
TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM | MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

PARTICIPANTS

CANTOR JUVAL PORAT TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM - MIAMI BEACH, FL

Cantor Juval Porat grew up both in Israel and Germany during his formative years and beyond. In Israel, he studied at the B'nai Akiva Yeshiva. In Germany, he earned a Masters degree in Architecture, working in Berlin as an architect.

While in Architecture school, he served as a cantorial soloist at several congregations. The passion for singing and service leadership bred by those experiences led him to pursue cantorial studies at the newly established Institute of Cantorial Arts in Berlin, part of the Abraham Geiger College. His final academic year was spent at the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem and in June 2009, he was invested as the first Reform cantor to be trained in Germany since World War II. Cantor Juval Porat comes to us from Beth Chayim Chadashim, the world's first synagogue founded by and for the LGBTQIA+ community in Los Angeles. Some of his professional highlights include being clergy-in-residence for several missions to Israel by A Wider Bridge; serving as Programming Committee Chair for the 2018 ACC (American Conference of Cantors)/GTM (Guild of Temple Musicians) Convention in Dallas, Texas; attending and leading a workshop at Eighteen: 22 | A global Network for Change Conference in Salzburg, Austria; and speaking on LGBT Liturgy and service leader at Congregation Shirah Chadashah in Melbourne, Australia. Additionally, he is serving the American Conference of Cantors as an Executive Board member. Cantor Juval Porat is pursuing the path of becoming a certified counselor of Non-Violent Communication (also known as Compassionate Communication) based on the writings of Marshall Rosenberg and his interests in the intersection of Jewish mindfulness and NVC.

In addition to being a Reform Jewish clergy, his passions include mental health, yoga, animal welfare, veganism and living sustainably in ways that ensure a healthy planet for future generations. He joined Temple Beth Sholom as our Senior Cantor on June 1, 2023. Cantor Porat is humbled to serve the spiritual needs of this congregation in partnership with TBS Clergy and lay leaders.

CANTOR DONNA AZU TEMPLE SHALOM - NAPLES, FL

Originally from Southern California, Cantor Donna Azu received a Bachelor of Music degree in Opera Performance and Music Education from the California State University of Long Beach. Prior to attending the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), she earned a teaching credential in music and taught music and theater. In addition, she sang professionally with Opera Pacific, Long Beach Opera, and the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony.

CANTOR NORMAN COHEN FALAH TEMPLE SINAI - NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FL

Cantor Norman Cohen Falah was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the son of an Ashkenazi mother and a Sephardic father. Both these traditions bore a strong influence on his upbringing, inspiring him to pursue a lifelong celebration of the two cultures. After serving as Hazzan in Argentina for eight years, Norman moved to the Netherlands as full-time Chazan at the Liberal Jewish Community in Amsterdam, followed by a full-time Cantor position at Belsize Square Synagogue in London. A versatile, soulful, and energetic performer, Cantor Norman Cohen Falah sings in seven languages, in a variety of styles and for all ages. As a composer, Cantor Norman Cohen Falah has written many songs and liturgical compositions, mostly in his native Spanish.

CANTOR TIFANI COYOT TEMPLE BETH AM - PINECREST, FL

Cantor Tifani Coyot is a worship leader, performer, and educator who fosters relationships and community through meaningful Jewish experiences that unite the body, soul, and mind. Cantor Tifani Coyot is dedicated to inspiring individuals to integrate Jewish wisdom into their contemporary lives. Notably, she holds certification as an eating disorder recovery coach and conducts lectures and workshops to advocate for prevention and healing related to body/soul image and disordered eating.

CANTOR FARYN KATES RUDNICK MAIN LINE REFORM TEMPLE - WYNNEWOOD, PA

Cantor Faryn Kates Rudnick has the honor of serving as Cantor at Main Line Reform Temple Beth Elohim in the Philadelphia suburbs. Prior to her arrival, she was the Cantor at Temple Beth-El of Northbrook, IL. Cantor Faryn Kates Rudnick is a member of the Executive Board of the American Conference of Cantors and was ordained in 2013 from the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.

CANTOR LISA SEGAL TEMPLE JUDEA - CORAL GABLES, FL

Cantor Lisa Segal recently completed 12 years of tenure at Temple Beth Sholom as Miami Beach's first female Cantor. Prior to that, she served at Temple Beth Am in Pinecrest for 24 years. Cantor Lisa Segal completed the Cantorial Certification from Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College and served as a certified Cantor for 16 years. She is a past board member of the American Conference of Cantors and is a member of the Cantor's Assembly. Go Gators!

"THE JOURNEY"
LARRY HURWITZ AND BRIELLE MARK

ACT I
HOMeward BOUND

HATOV V'HAMEITIV
(B. MANN)
ENSEMBLE

SHEHECHEYANU
(M. HAMLISCH)
ENSEMBLE

EVER OPEN
(N. ARONSON/E. ARIAN)
CANTOR LISA SEGAL AND CANTOR JUVAL PORAT

EE YAROK BAYAM
(J. GEFFEN/Y. KLEPTER)
CANTOR JUVAL PORAT

JOURNEY TO THE PAST
(L. AHRENS/S. FLAHERTY)
CANTOR TIFANI COYOT

ACT II
BUILDING COMMUNITY

WHEN WE SING
(M. OCHS)
ENSEMBLE

I SING, I PRAY
(J. ROBERTS)
CANTOR LISA SEGAL

ACT III
OUR HEART IS IN THE EAST

YESH EY SHAM
(Y. RECHTER/A. GOV)
ENSEMBLE

K'SHEHALEV BOCHEH
(S. ALBAZ/A. TZFADIA)
CANTOR DONNA AZU

HATIKVAH
(N. IMBER)
CANTOR JUVAL PORAT

AVINU SHEBASHAMAYIM
(N. COHEN FALAH)
CANTOR NORMAN COHEN FALAH

ACT IV
HOME

MY HOUSE
(L. BERNSTEIN)
CANTOR FARYN KATES RUDNICK

HOME
(C. SMALLS)
CANTOR JUVAL PORAT

SHIR LE'AHAVA
(A. TZIONI/G. LIBER)
ENSEMBLE

Gather

BAND

ALAN CAVES
MUSIC DIRECTOR/PIANO

JACQUES GADWAY
VIOLIN

BENJAMIN WHITMAN
CELLO/BASS

MAX MARSILLO
PERCUSSION

YONI MARCOS
HANDPAN

Join

CONCERT HOST COMMITTEE

OLEVA BENREY
MICHAEL BERMAN
MATT BIAL*
VANESSA COHEN
MIKE CONWAY*
LESLIE AND JEFF GRAFF
SHELLEY NICELY GROFF*
GAIL HARRIS
DEBBIE* AND ANDREW HIRSCHL
LARRY HURWITZ*
TERRY JOVE*
DAVID KARP*
HELENA KRISTOL*
JOSHUA LAURENCE
FRAN LEVEY AND ALICE MILLER
BRIELLE MARK*
SOFIA AND DAVID MORALES
TAMARA NIXON
BOBBI OSSIP*
ADRIENNE AND STEVAN PARDO
MICHAEL PARDO*
NANCY RATZAN
VANESSA RESSLER*
KAREN AND MARC RIVO
DENIS RUSS*
MARTE SINGERMAN*
LORRAINE STEEN*
PHYLLIS AND MARTY WINSTON

*INDICATES MEMBER OF CANTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Experience

**TRANSITION/INSTALLATION
COMMITTEE**

MATT BIAL
KIM FEINBERG
DEBBIE HIRSCHL
RACHEL KIPNIS
NANCY RATZAN
ANDI RUSSIN
JONATHAN SEPSWOL