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Cantors' Concert Fills BCC Sanctuary

Larry Nathenson

On Sunday evening, August 14, 2011, BCC's beautiful new sanctuary at 6090 W. Pico Blvd. was filled to overflowing for "Home, Cantors in Concert Celebrating BCC's New Building." Our hardworking Cantor Juval Porat worked tirelessly over the preceding months to assemble a group of cantors and cantorial soloists from around California to share their talents with our community. Each cantor offered a solo or duet, most relating in some way to the theme of "home." Additional numbers were offered by the full cantors' ensemble and by the male cantors and female cantors separately.

As Rabbi Edwards said in her words of welcome, the cantors sang in "all four of BCC's sacred languages, English, Hebrew, Yiddish, and Broadway!" The Hebrew offerings included "Ma Tovv," "Shalom Rav," the classical

"Mizmor Shir Hanukkat Habayit," and the traditional Yemenite "Im Nin'alu." BCC cantorial soloist emerita Fran Chalin sang three Yiddish love songs. English offerings included "Never Never Land," "Home is Where the Heart is," "My House," and of course "Over the Rainbow."

The cantors' beautiful voices were accompanied by Jeanelle LaMance and Tamara Kline on piano, Jamie Papish on percussion, and Rabbi Ken Chasen on guitar. We also thank all who worked behind the scenes to make the evening a success, especially Maggie Parkhurst, Richard Lesse, Davi Cheng, Tami Miller, Pam Postrel, Angela Stubbs, Tracy Moore, and all of BCC's hardworking staff.

Editor's Note: As I begin my seventh consecutive year as editor of G'vanim, I continue to marvel at what our community has accomplished. This page features our major event since the last issue of G'vanim, and our upcoming observance of High Holidays. But there is so much more inside! With the enlarged space and enhanced facilities of our new temple home, we can offer more innovative spirituality, a variety of workshops and programs for adults, education for our children, opportunities for socializing, and of course food! Please take a look at all that BCC has to offer, and then join us as often as you can to take part in any or all of it. And if you are not yet a member of BCC, please consider joining our temple family and helping to support our vibrant and growing community.



PHOTO: KENNA LOVE

The cantors' ensemble, left to right: Magda Fishman, Tifani Coyot, Rebekah Mirsky, Aviva Rosenbloom, Fran Chalin, Juval Porat, Lance Tapper, David Reinwald, Ken Cohen, Sam Radwine, David Berger, Evan Kent

High Holidays 5772 with BCC

Saturday, Sept. 24

Selichot Program and Service at BCC, 10:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Temple Isaiah, 8:00 pm
Oneg following services

Thursday, Sept. 29

Rosh Hashanah Morning
Temple Isaiah, 9:30 am
Family service, 10:30 am
Catered lunch following services
Virtual Minyan 4:00 pm

Friday, Sept. 30

Second Day Rosh Hashanah at BCC, 10:00 am

Tashlich Service and Kabbalat

Shabbat Shuvah at Venice Beach 4:00 pm followed by dinner at Allison Diamant's home

Friday, Oct. 7

Kol Nidre, 7:00 pm
Temple Isaiah

Saturday, Oct. 8

Yom Kippur Services
Temple Isaiah, 10:00 am
Family service, 11:00 am
Afternoon Breakout Sessions 2:00 pm
Virtual Minyan TBA
Yizkor Service, 3:30 pm
Afternoon and Neilah Service 5:30 pm
Community Break-fast 7:30 pm

To order tickets for services and the Rosh Hashanah lunch, to contribute to the oneg and flowers, to place names of loved ones in the Yizkor memorial book, and for childcare and other information, please visit the BCC website (www.bcc-la.org) no later than September 21.



Percussionist Marla Leigh to Offer Drumming Workshop

On September 20, percussionist Marla Leigh will offer a special workshop in the ancient Tof Miriam (frame drum), which dates back to as early as 1700 BCE. It was traditionally played by women, and used for healing rituals. In the Torah, it says that after crossing the Red Sea, Miriam the prophet, led women in "song and timbrel" (another name for the frame drum.) The workshop will cover:



- Basic playing strokes for the Tof Miriam
 - Traditional Middle Eastern Rhythms
 - How to improvise and compose your own rhythms
 - How to sing and drum with Hebrew songs in honor of Rosh Hashanah
 - Fun group jams
 - Gentle yoga stretches to prepare the body for drumming
- Drums will be provided. All levels welcomed, beginners are encouraged. September 20, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, at BCC. Cost: \$40.

To register, please contact Cantor Juval Porat at juval@juval-online.de

About Marla Leigh Goldstein: You may have seen Marla accompanying Juval at Ruach Chayim services at BCC! She is one of the leading specialists in the Tof Miriam and also leads her own world music ensemble, "RHYTHMJUUU". She is currently working on her debut album, "Rhythms in Ahava", that infuses Hebrew music and prayer with her own compositions. More info, <http://www.marlaleigh.com>

Learn to read Hebrew Before High Holidays

Tired of being lost in services? Learn to read Hebrew in four easy sessions. You'll be amazed at how quickly you will be up and reading! The sessions will be led by Todd Shotz, who has been teaching Hebrew for over 15 years. This class is appropriate both for beginners and those who need a refresher. It is open to everyone. Todd uses lots of activities including readings, prayers, songs, stories - it is definitely a lot of fun. While not 100% guaranteed, most students leave this class being able to read along in the Hebrew during services.

Sunday Sept 11 from 6:30-8:30pm
Tuesday Sept 20 from 7:00-8:30pm

Sunday Sept 25 from 6:30-8:30pm
Tuesday Sept 27 from 7:00-8:30pm

Classes will be held at Beth Chayim Chadashim, 6090 W. Pico Blvd (just east of La Cienega). Fee is \$60 for members of BCC, IKAR or Kol Ami and \$75 for non-members. (Minimum of eight participants needed to proceed.) RSVP by Sept 9 to todd.shotz@gmail.com.

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Founded in 1972 as the world's first gay and lesbian synagogue, today BCC is an inclusive community of progressive lesbian, gay, bi, trans, and heterosexual Jews, our families, and friends. Everyone is welcome to attend weekly Friday evening services at 8:00 p.m.

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From the Rabbi's study...

A Summer of Lows and Highs

Rabbi Lisa Edwards



PHOTO: KENNA LOVE

On Tisha b'Av, the saddest day on the Jewish calendar, our sanctuary filled with members of BCC, IKAR, and the Shtibl Minyan for a joint observance of this fast day. How thrilling to see the crowd arrive early for enlightening teaching by our new scholar-in-residence and rabbinic intern Dr. Rachel Adler. And how powerful to see our new sanctuary filled

with people sitting quietly on the floor in the dark, listening to the powerful chanting of the Book of Lamentations.

Less than a week later, gorgeous music, standing ovations and cheers filled that same sanctuary as 13 cantors sang out in celebration of BCC's new home. Yasher Koach and huge thanks to Cantor Porat for bringing his colleagues together in an evening of sheer delight (more on page 1).

No summer off for our crowd, instead, just a warm up for what's to come as we enter into the month of Elul and the Days of Awe – our annual journey of return, of turning inward, of self-reflection and re-commitment to the values we hold dear, to the search for our true selves. This year I am honored to welcome Dr. Rachel Adler and AJU rabbinic student and BCC member D'ror Chankin-Gould, who will be joining me and Juval on the bimah throughout the Days of Awe.

And we enter our time of reflection this year right at the beginning of the month of Elul (and September). Elul, the month preceding Rosh Hashanah, is set aside on the Jewish calendar each year for us to begin our journey of teshuvah – of return – of turning– turning into the persons we are meant to be.

This year our evenings of preparation for the Days of Awe will be Thursday evenings from 7-9pm. Arrive at 6:30, if you like, for a little Torah study warm-up with me, followed by a different teacher each week:

September 1 Rabbi Edwards with a session on *Kol Nidre* and the moving words and ritual that surround it

September 8 Rabbi Heather Miller on *Teshuvah*

September 15 Scholar-in-Residence Rachel Adler on the theology of *al cheyt* and the concept of *viddui* – the confessions we make on Yom Kippur (and at other times in our lives)

September 22 Cantor Juval Porat on music as commentary (midrash) on the words of the *Unetaneh Tokef*

Worried because you don't know any of the terms in the titles of these sessions? — All the more reason to come! No matter your level of knowledge, these sessions will be thought-provoking and moving too, helping us all prepare for the Days of Awe to follow.

If you want to do a little reading on your own about teshuvah (turning, repentance), here's a step by step approach:

http://www.myjewishlearning.com/holidays/Jewish_Holidays/Yom_Kippur/Themes_and_Theology/Repentance/Factors_in_Repentance.shtml

Although it will be harder to leave home (so comfortable here!) this year – happily we still need more room to gather us all together – so I look forward to seeing you once again at Temple Isaiah, our home away from home, for the Days of Awe (but do consider how lovely 2nd day Rosh Hashanah will be at 6090!)

A sweet new year to us all.

L'shalom
Lisa

“BCC Live” Goes Live!

Bracha Yael

BCC Live has finally arrived! On August 12, people around the United States enjoyed Rabbi Lisa Edwards' insightful drash and Cantor Juval Porat's beautiful melodies on their computers, iPads and smartphones. Others used their good old fashion telephones to listen in via conference call. Please visit our website, www.bcc-la.org, for instructions on how to access future services and other events in this new exciting way.

Also, if are you a techie, YouTube enthusiast, social media lover, website maven, writer or some other cool cat, please join our BCC Live crew! Whether you'd like a leadership role or a “one-and-done” task, we want you!

Make a difference and contact the BCC office or Bracha Yael at bracha18y@gmail.com.

On Gratitude and New Beginnings

Cantor Juval Porat

From Facebook.com/juval on a Saturday morning:



PHOTO: KENNA LOVE

"Listening to Lewandowski's Untane Tokef at the big gay Starbucks (WeHo) as I'm trying to come up with a column for G'vanim. interesting."

Comment 1 by one of my friends:
"Put a dance beat with it. You can be a pioneer. :-)"

Comment 2 by another friend:
"Your status update sounds like a G'vanim column in and of itself."

Comment 3 by yet another friend:

"I grew up with that Un'tane Tokef, and to me it's the one that best captures the Day of Judgment."

I've always found that being attracted – and repeatedly returning – to a religious service is mostly linked to personal memories. A service often functions as an emotional "experience factory," in which the worshippers are exposed to new – and relive old – memories, evoked by music, the spoken word, the architecture and all other sensory stimulation. And indeed, as High Holiday music comes out of my headphones and as I'm trying to come up with my pre-High Holidays G'vanim column, the Starbucks business around me is as usual. But the music yet again powerfully transports me to thoughts and ideas embedded in the liturgy of the High Holidays, reinforced by the melodies and the memories attached to it. I'm glad my Facebook friends find the power of music interesting too - some of them even finding the essence of the Day of Judgment in a melody! Thanks for that!

The big concert celebrating BCC's new building lies less than a week in the past and the great rewards of seeing so many smiling faces during the performances, the inspiration by "little bursts of volunteer-energies" (thanks to Lisa for describing that phenomenon so nicely!) and the elevation by all the eclectic music still lingers on. I owe so much to the kindness of everybody. Thanks for that too!

Gratitude has been omnipresent in my mind lately and I know that gratitude sounds kind of optimistic, thinking that everything is fine when it isn't. But that's not the state of mind I mean, as whenever I look back I can find plenty(!) of moments of dissatisfaction, of putting an emphasis on the empty half of the cup, despite being grateful. I'm not referring to a gratitude that is strategic (if I give thanks for this or that, I'll profit from something). No, I refer to a different kind of gratitude.

Around the proverbial corner lies yet again the time for (self) reflection, (self) acceptance and (self)

forgiveness, which leads to *Rosh Hashanah*, the new Jewish Year and *Yom Kippur*, the Day of Atonement. A time that invites us to delve deeper into places not always bright and to return to better, less dark versions of ourselves. The gratitude I've been feeling lately has helped me to stay whole. When looking back at this past Jewish year, I hope to convert what I've been given into something good. In that sense the gratitude does turn strategic, as I explore how the many gifts I've been given in my life can be used fully to help what needs helping. I wish for myself to develop that sense of gratitude more strongly.

So, new music for the High Holidays is one of the things I hope to be helpful with, in this upcoming season of High Holiday preparation classes and services. As we all begin our journey of *teshuvah* – "of return – of turning– turning into the persons we are meant to be" (Thanks again Lisa, for these formulations!) I'd like to quote a paragraph by the famous scholar, musician and composer A.W. Binder on new Jewish musical creativity, on the goals of good synagogue music:

"The worshipper should be moved to deeper concentration upon prayer, and to more profound devotional feeling. Sacred music should help bring forth all that is good and tender in a human being. When the service is artistically performed, the worshipper undergoes a religio-musical experience unobtainable in any other



Rabbi Ken Chasen and Marsha Attie at the cantors' concert, August 14, 2011



Cantor Juval Porat receives flowers after the cantors' concert

PHOTOS: KENNA LOVE

manner. For this spiritual experience they will surely return."

My gratitude goes to Rabbi Lisa Edwards and our amazing co-clergy Rabbi D'ror Chankin-Gould and Dr. Rachel Adler, with a wish for a happy combination of both new and old music in various styles, of spoken words and of silent prayers that will lift us all into a meaningful High Holiday experience. **שנה טובה ומתוקה!** A sweet and happy new year!

Mark your calendars for another musical event at BCC, marking the end of the secular year on December 3. More information coming up soon!

Innovative Spirituality at BCC

BCC has always been known for its innovative approaches to ritual and spirituality, from our pioneering de-genderized prayerbook (spearheaded by esteemed members Harriet Perl and Jesse Jacobs) to our rituals for GLBT life cycle events. This year we continue to refine our “virtual minyan” and offer new approaches to Sukkot and ritual music (see page 2).

Calling all Builders, Artists and Palm Fronds for Sukkot

Builders: Come and build our sukkah together, Sunday Oct 9, starting at 11:00 am. We will have two sukkot this year set up in our parking lot. If you can put Ikea furniture together then we want you! Bring your hammers and screwdrivers. Please email Davi davi18@ca.rr.com to sign up.

Artists: We are planning to decorate our sukkot with art and have an informal art exhibit in and around the sukkot on Saturday Oct. 15. If you would like to submit a piece of your artwork to be displayed, please contact Davi davi18@ca.rr.com for details.

Palm Fronds: Those of you who have palm trees in your garden or have ways of getting hold of palm trimmings, we need you to complete the sukkot by bringing your palm fronds on Sunday Oct. 9. Please let Davi davi18@ca.rr.com know.

It is said in *Leviticus 23:40*: On the first day you shall take the product of *hadar* trees, branches of palm trees, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before Adonai your God seven days.

We shall rejoice indeed. Look for details of our sukkot celebration in future announcements.

Davi Cheng

Ritual Chair/Past President

Virtual Minyan Keeps us Connected

Bracha Yael

The Virtual Minyan is a primarily lay led unique BCC ‘meet-up’ that provides support and connectedness for people who are isolated, ill, homebound, out of town, living elsewhere including abroad, unaffiliated or just looking for a small, welcoming community no farther away than their phone.

All activities are via conference call, which is free—excluding any long distance charges from your personal carrier. To join in just dial 702-851-4044, when prompted punch in 2, then our pass code, 22252#. Here are some of our upcoming services and events.

For those unable to physically attend our regular High Holy Day services, you’ll still be able to experience the power of these Days of Awe with our Virtual Minyan services. With a specially prepared machzor (prayer book) and emphasis on interaction, they provide a meaningful alternative. Just ask the many BCC members who’ve participated in them! The dates and times are as follows:

Rosh Hashanah First Day Services, includes a shofar service and Torah discussion on The Akedah (Binding of Isaac): Thursday, September 29th, 4:00-5:00 pm

Yom Kippur Services, including Yizkor and Torah discussion on the Book of Jonah: Saturday, October 8, exact time to be announced.

Our ongoing programs include:

Weekly Torah study on Thursday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 pm.

Guest lecturers for our monthly Torah scholar series, to be announced.

For additional information on how to participate or lead a Virtual Minyan event please contact me at bracha18y@gmail.com.

(left) BCC's beautiful new ark doors, designed and built by Davi Cheng and Jerry Hanson, were installed just in time for the cantors' concert on August 14, 2011.



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Honor Your Loved One with a Memorial Plaque

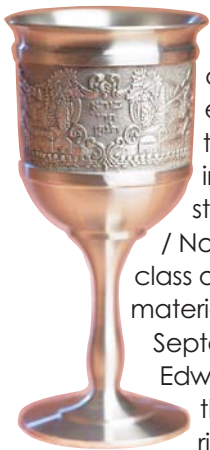
In our new building our traditions and memories are preserved and enhanced by the beauty and creativity of our new space. Our new memorial wall is both art and honor, old and new. Sit on the bench and appreciate the detail of the carvings that provide a home for the names of those we remember. Look at the light reflecting off the stain glass markers reminding us of the connections between past and present. Our new memorial board has space to honor all of those family and friends who we would have join us in spirit at BCC. Have you been meaning to purchase a plaque in memory of a loved one? Memorial plaques are available through the BCC office. After the High Holy Days the price will increase.

Expand your Horizons with BCC Adult Education

Kadin Henningsen, Education Chair

The Adult Education Committee has been planning a variety of educational opportunities to guide you through the Days of Awe, liturgy, holidays, and more. We're very excited to have the expertise of our spiritual leaders Rabbi Lisa Edwards and Cantor Juval Porat along with Rabbi Heather Miller, Rabbinic Student/Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Rachel Adler and other guest speakers leading us in these various discussions. Check out our Fall lineup!

Days of Awe: High Holy Day Prep Classes. Thursdays during the month of Elul from 7-9pm.



Torah study regulars are invited to arrive early at 630pm on those evenings to get in a little extra text study. (Members: Free / Non-Members: \$12 per class or \$36 for all 4; materials included)

September 1 – Rabbi Lisa Edwards – Kol Nidre and the moving works and ritual that surround it.

September 8 – Rabbi Heather Miller – Teshuvah and the process of return.

September 15 – Dr. Rachel Adler – Theology of al cheyt and the concept of viddui – the confessions we make on Yom Kippur (and at other times in our lives).

September 22– Cantor Juval Porat – Music as commentary (midrash) on the words of the UnetenaH Tokaf.

Sukkot & Study. Wednesday, October 12th, 6-9pm. (Free for members and non-members)

Join us in the sukkah for Erev Sukkot service, potluck, and study with Dr. Rachel Adler.

Liturgy & Talmud with Dr. Rachel Adler. Tuesdays, October 18, 25, and November 1, 8, 15 – 7-9pm.

(Members: Free / Non-Members: \$18 per class or \$54 for all 5 classes; materials included)

Join Dr. Rachel Adler for in-depth study of our liturgy using original sources to trace structure and content. Don't worry if you don't know Hebrew. We will have translations. We'll be dealing mainly with the structure and logic of the Sh'ma and the Amidah.

In addition to these great classes be sure to save the date for these upcoming programs:

Transgender 101 and How to be a Transgender Ally. Thursday, November 17th, 7-9pm.

(Free for members and non-members)

Join us for a conversation with Kadin Henningsen, BCC's first transgender member to serve on its Board of Directors, and Jeffrey Janis, trans ally extraordinaire. Learn about the history of gender construction, "trans" terminology, issues trans people face and how you can be an ally and activist for trans equality.

The Trans 101 class is the launch of a monthly "trans" text study. On the Third Thursday of the month (starting in December) our weekly Torah Study will devote the first 30 minutes to exploring text relating to gender and trans issues in Torah and other

sacred texts.

Intro to Judaism & Adult B'Nai Mitzvah. Tuesdays, November 29 and December 6, 13, 20 – 7-9pm.

(Members: Free / Non-Members: \$12 each class or \$36 for all 4; materials included)

New to Judaism? Missed out on having a bar/bat mitzvah? Now's your chance to stop wandering and starting wondering as we explore basic concepts, texts and rituals of Judaism with an optional B'Nai Mitzvah track focused on reading and chanting Torah.

The Adult Education Committee is also hard at work planning more classes around our favorite Jewish subject, food! Exciting things are happening with the committee and we can use your help! There are lots of ways to get involved – planning events, promoting events, or helping with greeting and registration at our many events. Our next committee meeting is **Tuesday, September 6th from 7-9pm.** If you have questions or ideas for classes, join in our meetings or email committee chair,

Kadin Henningsen –
kadinhenningsen@gmail.com.

BCC Book Group

Larry Nathenson

For more than fifteen years, BCC members and friends have gathered in private homes for monthly potluck brunches and discussion of books selected by the group. Fiction and non-fiction, historical and contemporary, American and Israeli, the books read by the group include something for everyone's tastes and interests. We welcome new members to the group, as well as occasional visitors who may be interested in discussing a particular book. We will not meet in September during the High Holidays. Our next meeting will be:



Sunday, October 30, 10:00 a.m.

Arts of the Possible: Essays and Conversation, by Adrienne Rich

This is the first non-fiction collection by the noted lesbian Jewish poet and author, covering some 30 years of her thinking on subjects as varied as feminism, politics, and the role of literature in social change.

BCC members and non-members alike are invited to attend. Because the discussions are held in members' homes, space is limited. Please RSVP to the BCC office early to guarantee your seat at the table, or contact [Larry Nathenson at LarryNath@aol.com](mailto:LarryNathenson@aol.com).

For Children and Families...

Ohr Chayim is Changing with the Times!

Leah Zimmerman, Education Director



September will mark the beginning of our fifth year of Ohr Chayim as a weekly program and our first full year in our new space. We continue to meet each Shabbat of the month excluding the third Shabbat of the month and holiday weekends. Because our program is in many ways a "one room

shul-house" each year we make slight adjustments and tweaks to our program so that we align it with the ages and experiences of our students. Because of our small size, we can work with each of our students at their own individual pace. We balance group needs with individual needs to provide a challenging environment while encouraging each student to reach for the next learning goal.

This year, our big shift will be moving our Family Service from its 12pm time to 10am. Instead of finishing with a service with student participation, we will all begin together. We welcome any other families or members who would like to join us for sharing, singing and learning. When Ohr Chayim falls on the first Shabbat of the month, we read from the Torah. We welcome Torah readers from our post B'nai Mitzvah students, from the parents, teachers, and

from members of the congregation. This is a great opportunity for those of you who have always wanted to read, and would like to learn a short Torah portion and read it in a non-threatening environment!

When Ohr Chayim falls on the second Shabbat of the month, we welcome all the Parent and Me families. A clergy member will lead the family service, and a teacher (most of the time Shari Charalambous aka Ms. Purple) will lead the Parent and Me group. Families with young children are welcome to drop by Ohr Chayim that week to schmooze, sing, eat and learn. We have a growing number of families with young children in our community and we look forward to bringing you together.

When Ohr Chayim falls on the fourth or fifth Shabbat of the month, our students help lead the service. We do a shorter version of the service and we take time together to explore the meaning of the prayers. BCC members who would like to share about a favorite prayer, or learn with us, are welcome to join us.

We continue to welcome families to participate in holidays at BCC throughout the year and once again will have a 7pm start time for some of the more child friendly holidays (Simchat Torah, Chanukah and Purim) so that families can be with us for the festivities.

This year we add an exciting new addition to our spring calendar. We will be hosting with the Shalom Institute a Jewish Gay and Lesbian family weekend for families in Southern California April 20-22nd. We hope you will join us!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Ohr Chayim and family events!

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The skylight in the new sanctuary illuminates Torah reading on August 20, left to right: Estaire Press, David Krieger, Steve Sass, Mark Brown, Dave Parkhurst, Barry Wendell.

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BCC's Men's Havurah

Do you like delicious dinners, wine tastings, game nights, trips to museums, movies, lectures, and Jewish holiday celebrations? How about meeting other BCC men and making new friends? Then make sure you're connected to the Men's Havurah. We have a variety of social events throughout the year, at members' homes and in different locations. The Havurah is open to members and non-members alike. So if you're thinking of becoming a member of BCC, this is a great way to get to know our men's community. To get on our e-mail list, contact the Men's Havurah directly at bcc.menshavurah@gmail.com or look for us on Facebook.

BCC's Men's Havurah sponsored the following very successful events during July and August 2011:

Movie Outing at OUTFEST 2011 on July 10th

More than 20 BCC men went to see the Israeli musical *Mary Lou* by acclaimed director Eytan Fox (The Bubble and Yossi & Jagger) at the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Film Festival at the Director's Guild in West Hollywood. About half of us also enjoyed a pre-movie brunch at Greenblatt's Deli across the street from the Guild. Also since BCC co-sponsored the movie, the Men's Havurah was given an opportunity to promote BCC in front of the movie audience and so we got one minute of fame before a captive crowd.

Disney's Fantasia at the Hollywood Bowl on August 20th

About 25 men attended and thoroughly enjoyed the Hollywood Bowl's production of Disney's *Fantasia* together with a potluck dinner and Havdalah service led by our own Cantor Juval in a beautiful outdoor picnic area before the show.

The Men's Havurah Planning Committee is planning more events in the next several months. In September we call our event



Cantor Juval Porat and Neal Weisenberg at the Hollywood Bowl.

Elvira on Alvira – Saturday, September 10 - To be held at our new home at 6090 Pico Blvd. – on the corner of Pico and Alvira – we'll have a catered vegetarian/dairy dinner with scrumptious desserts and show *Elvira – Mistress of the Dark*, a hilarious and campy movie – *Elvira's* first and possibly her best. Festivities begin at 6:30pm and the cost is \$15.

Announcements have already gone out to the Men's Havurah e-mail list. RSVP to bcc.menshavurah@gmail.com no later than September 6 if you're interested in attending.

As soon as details are finalized for October and subsequent events, announcements will be sent out via e-mail, BCC's e-bulletin, and Friday evening's seat bulletin.

There are two ways you can stay in touch with us:

- Through e-mail: bcc.menshavurah@gmail.com.
- Through our Facebook page ("BCC Men's Havurah") where we post event details and share pictures from events



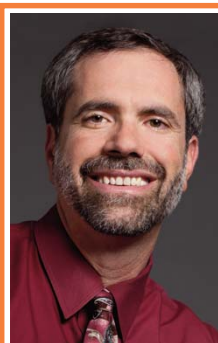
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Michael Sarid, Larry Nathenson, Adam Barron, and Henry Wudl in the Hollywood Bowl picnic area, August 20, 2011.

We can use everyone's help and very much encourage

- Your ideas for additional types of events that would be of interest to the Men's Havurah, and
- Volunteers to plan and host events naturally tailored to the size of your home.

BCC Men's Havurah Planning Committee: Mark Miller and Neal Weisenberg (Co-chairs), Mark Brown, Ira Dankberg, Jay Jacobs, Adam Kulbersh, and Richard Lesse



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Getting to Know You

BCC offers many opportunities for socializing and networking, including our Men's Havurah (see previous page), Women's Havurah (next page), and 20s/30s Havurah. This page presents other ways we can get to know one another.

BCC Inaugurates the "BCC Professionals Series"

BCC is proud to inaugurate the "BCC Professionals Series" as part of our ongoing efforts to provide opportunities for members and non-members to come together around areas of common interest, as well as to facilitate networking among professionals. One Sunday each month, a BCC member will be invited to provide insights within his or her area of professional expertise. The format will be designed to stimulate conversation, as well as to allow for interaction among the participants. The series will focus on a different area of interest each month and will be held in various geographic locations, so as to maximize community involvement.

The inaugural meeting will be devoted to economics and finance, with member Brett Trueman discussing the state of the U.S. economy and stock markets. This meeting will be held at BCC on Sunday, September 18, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Brett is a distinguished faculty member at the UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management and is a long-time BCC member as well as current treasurer and former president.

Our second meeting of the series will be devoted to psychology, with member Meiram Bendat speaking on the role of psychoanalysis in American and Israeli cultures. This meeting will be held at BCC on Sunday, October 16, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., with refreshments provided in BCC's sukkah. Meiram Bendat is a West Hollywood-based psychotherapist and ethics consultant. He is a faculty member at Antioch University and at the New Center for Psychoanalysis, where he serves as Chair of the Ethics Committee. Mark your calendars!

Let Someone Else Do the Dishes!

Join us for a delicious kosher, vegetarian Mediterranean buffet on the last Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah. This will be a delightful way to gather with others as you prepare your spirit and soul for the start of the High Holy Days. Bring a friend, this dinner is open to all. Please RSVP by Wednesday September 21 so that we can order the right amount of food: bcc@bcc-la.org. Friday, September 23, **Mediterranean Buffet** 6:30 pm at BCC, \$15 per person

New and Potential Member Dessert Reception

Have you joined BCC since 2009? Are you considering joining BCC this year? If you are contemplating joining, you will learn more about the benefits of membership and get all of your vital questions answered by the board and clergy. If you have joined recently, this is

a time to schmooze with the board and clergy as well as your fellow new members. If you are considering membership, we will tell you all about the

process of joining. Oh, and did we mention that fabulous desserts and delicious cheese platters will be on hand? Need we say more? It's happening on Sunday, September 18, 1:30 to 3:00 pm, at BCC. Please RSVP to BCC's Executive Director, felicia@bcc-la.org.



Coffee 'n Schmooze

On Monday, October 24, 10:30am to noon, join us for our bi-monthly Coffee 'n Schmooze. Moving from 'virtual' to 'reality' we'll kibitz again at a café in West Los Angeles. Open to everyone!



BCC Women's Havurah

Donna Quigley Groman

BCC's Women's Havurah is a very active group that plans and organizes a variety of social and educational events for the women of the BCC congregation. Some events are "women only," while others are open to the entire congregation. We welcome your participation and ideas.

We have three events scheduled during September and October:

Monday, September 5 (Labor Day), 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – **Women's Havurah at the Annenberg Community Beach House,** in Santa Monica. Bike, walk, relax, swim, play

mah jongg! Check it out at www.beachhouse.smgov.net. This event is for women only. Please RSVP to dlgroman@hotmail.com.

Sunday, September 18, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – **Women's Havurah Museum Hop at Exposition Park.** We start at 10:00 a.m. at the California Science Museum for "1001 Inventions," - discover the scientific contributions made by men and women during the Golden Age of Muslim civilization. We'll grab a bite to eat, then head over to the California African American Museum to view "Changers: Less Known, Here Celebrated" - paintings,

photographs and other art works that celebrate achievements by African-American women. Followed by a screening at 2:00 p.m. of "Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders"- a documentary which highlights the efforts of black female activists in the Civil Rights Movement. Everyone is Welcome! Admission is free. Parking is \$10 at Figueroa and 39th St. RSVP to dlgroman@hotmail.com.

Saturday, October 22, 7:00 p.m.– 10:30 p.m. – **Women's Havurah Game Night** at BCC. Lots of fun and laughter as we play board

games, card games, word games, mah jongg, accompanied by much light-hearted laughter. This event is for women only. Bring a beverage and snacks to share. Please RSVP to dlgroman@hotmail.com.



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Left side back to front, left to right: Karen, Denise, Linda, Jeanelle, Estaire, Monique, Lisa, Ronnie, Marsha, Donna. Right side back to front, left to right: Tracy, Arlene, Ziva, Paula, Lisa, Kenna, Bracha, Davi, Susan, Devora, Everlyn, Cecilia

L'Chayim Legacy Circle Update

The "L'Chayim Legacy Circle" was founded at BCC by Ray Eelsing and has been a vehicle for our members to leave "gifts that keep on giving" in the form of bequests to BCC. We want to thank all of our members who have included BCC in their wills and trusts and to honor them with a special reception at Rabbi Lisa and Tracy's home on December 11, 2011. The time and details will be forthcoming.

This is a good time for other interested congregants to consider leaving a legacy to the synagogue that has helped to shape your life, a legacy that will help nourish and guide future gay and straight Jews who enter our doors.

If you would like to be part of our group, please contact me at vicepres2@bcc-la.org or leave a message at the BCC office.

Sincerely,

Hannah Theile, BCC Vice-President; Co-chair, L'Chayim Legacy Circle

From the Director

Renewing Ourselves and our Temple

Felicia Park-Rogers, Executive Director

PHOTO: KENNA LOVE



The Fall is a busy season. Back to school frenzy is imprinted on all of us, even those of us who don't return to school in the fall. At

BCC the new fiscal year is starting. And for our tribe, it is our season of return. The High Holy Days offer opportunities for deep personal reflection and introspection in a communal atmosphere. While many of us initially participate in the Days of Awe out of a sense of responsibility or tradition, by the time they are done, I doubt any of us walk away without a new insight or "a-ha" moment that helps us steer our lives in a direction that is more meaningful or thoughtful.

This is also the time of year when we examine and renew our commitment to our synagogue. It is your financial contribution, along with the many non-financial contributions of expertise and dedication that so many of you lavish upon this sacred and special community, that make it possible for Beth Chayim Chadashim to exist. Our grandparents could never have imagined a place like BCC existing, a community that is both social and religious, that celebrates and makes ordinary that which was once verboten or outlaw. We are LGBT, we are feminist, we are unique, or we are none of those things, yet we find ourselves drawn to the values, substance, and ruach of this tenacious little shul.

This year we are asking a lot of ourselves. We are asking each of us to give an extra dollar a day to help make it all possible. For some this is impossible, for some it is a stretch, for some, it is possible, yet remains a

question—should I give that much to a temple? It is my sincere hope that all will give according your capacity with the recognition that our leadership would not request this unless it was truly needed. In my six years with BCC, I have seen each Board of Directors grapple with the responsibilities of leadership and stewardship of this community with an incredible sense of conscientious integrity. Nobody is here for their own ego—all are here to serve and contribute. This is a precious gift no synagogue should take for granted. In that spirit of extending your trust and your faith in BCC, I encourage you to give what you can, and maybe even a little bit more, to help BCC reach our 40th anniversary in June on sure footing.

This year for High Holy Days we will again be making tickets available for pick up at the door rather than mailing them in advance. However, we ask that you have at least your first 1/12 of membership for the New Year, as well as any outstanding balances, paid by September 9. Non-members and guests can purchase tickets in advance or at the door. The treasurer will be available just prior to the major services to discuss any issues that


may arise. But, I strongly recommend working out everything in advance to allow yourself to focus on the holy days and your community.

We will once again have our outstanding catered buffet luncheon following the Rosh Hashanah morning service. This lunch receives rave reviews every year and is a convenient and fun way to enjoy an outstanding meal following hours of intense prayer! Tickets for this, as well all services, the Yizkor memorial book, flower and oneg donations, and all information related to the Days of Awe is now available on our website:

<http://www.bcc-la.org/content/days-of-awe-with-bcc-57712010/>

I am deeply honored to be returning for another year with BCC, in our new house of new life, and for this season of return. Thank you for the honor of grappling with life's deepest and most interesting questions together. The exploration of spirit and community is boundless and I am grateful to be pursuing it together with you and all of Beth Chayim Chadashim. Shana Tova, a sweet new year to all.

Felicia Park-Rogers



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News from the Tzedakah Council

Robin Baltic

Since Purim of 1998, when the Tzedakah Council made the first purple pushkes available to the congregation, our BCC community has used, recycled and used again well over 2100 pushkes to transport coins to BCC during the Tzedakah Council's semi-annual coin drive.

In the last 14 years the BCC community has generously contributed the equivalent of 2,734,600 pennies or \$27,346 in spare change. On behalf of the congregation, the Tzedakah Council has selected and distributed 100% of our communal tzedakah donations to 77 charities worldwide helping those in need here at home, in Israel and around the world. Those programs reach out to people, often when they are experiencing considerable vulnerability, and through a variety of programs and services offer some form of help and hope.

The most recent donation last March was in response to the massive earthquake and devastating tsunami that hit Japan. A donation of \$1500 (\$1000 from the Tzedakah Council and \$500 from a Purim "pass the hat" collection) was made on behalf of the BCC congregation to the Jewish Federation's Japan Relief Fund. 100% of our donation was used to help support immediate disaster relief such as distribution of food, water and other supplies.

Join us in our ongoing work of repairing the world. Please return your pushke, however full, to services on Yom Kippur. Newly designed pushkes are available for pick-up at BCC and will be available during Rosh Hashanah services held at Temple Isaiah.

For information about becoming involved in the activities of the Tzedakah Council please contact Robin Baltic or Steve Hochstadt.

L'shanah tovah tikkateyvu v'tichatemu,
-The Tzedakah Council

Life Transitions Group

Shirley Hirschberg

For the last 9 years BCC has been at the forefront in offering the Life Transitions Group to the LGBTQ community. This unique and successful program has been an integral part of BCC's caring spirit. It has become an extended family committed to helping people grow by sharing experiences, strength and hope in a safe and confidential environment.

This group is open to members and non-members of BCC. Anyone dealing with changes and/or challenges in relationships, family, health, career, economic or personal loss issues is welcome.

The following comments are from current members of the Life Transitions Group.

"For the past four years this group has been my rock. It has been a safe place for emotional intimacy and a place to learn acceptance of myself as a lesbian woman. Shirley, our facilitator, has always been at the helm leading and guiding us as a mentor, friend and counselor. The group has completely changed the way I think and feel. I no longer find it so difficult to cope..."

"The Life Transitions Group has gotten me through the loss of employment and several personal problems along the way. I feel we are an extended family. The group is full of kind, caring, warm and supportive people. This tone has been provided by our leader..."

"The most profound help the Life Transitions Group has given me was to help me deal with major health issues. Through extensive dialogue, support and practical help, it was instrumental in helping me make critical decisions

and provided me with emotional and physical support. The Life Transitions Group embodies BCC's caring spirit, and it's comforting to know it's here to help us in our most difficult times..."

"There are times in life when we're unable to depend on our own thoughts and feelings to navigate the uncharted waters of traumatic change. Mine came when my life partner of 22 years passed away. I was devastated, confused and hopelessly struggling to comprehend what had just occurred and how I'd be able to continue. I desperately needed to share my thoughts and feelings with others — to try and find some form of hope and encouragement to move ahead.

"I found that invaluable resource in BCC's then 'Bereavement Group' facilitated by Shirley Hirschberg, a trained social worker and bereavement counselor. I can't begin to express the comfort and support I felt from those within the group and Shirley's deep compassion, understanding, wisdom and gentle advice and encouragement. It was a priceless lifeline that I'll be forever grateful for..."

Because this group is supported exclusively by the Alan Balsam Fund-Life Transitions Group, donations made out to BCC earmarked for the "Alan Balsam Fund/Life Transitions Group" would be great appreciated.

The group meets two Wednesday evenings each month. For more information and to find out if this group is for you, please contact Victoria in the BCC office - (323) 931-7023, ext. 205.



(Excerpted Press Release)

World Congress Board meets in Paris

The annual board meeting of the World Congress of GLBT Jews took place in Paris at the end of June, 2011, attended by delegates from France, the UK, Netherlands, Israel, Mexico, and the US. In its first board meeting in Europe since 2001, the World Congress approved a plan for European development, coordinated by Paris-based Beit Haverim, including intergenerational housing and networking between groups. The World Congress board members were pleased to hear that for the first time in 2011, the Chief Rabbi of France, Rabbi Gilles Bernheim, signed a statement against homophobia and in support of the International Day Against Homophobia.

The board made the following decisions:

- Postponed the proposed 2012 Tel Aviv World Conference of GLBT Jews
- Tentatively accepted a bid from Winnipeg to host a 2013 World Conference of GLBT Jews
- Re-elected Howard Solomon as president, Luis Perelman as vice president, Lo Woudstra as officer at large eastern hemisphere, and Sandy Warshaw as officer at large western hemisphere.
- Voted to support the decision of the International LGBTQ Youth & Student Organisation (IGLYO) to hold their annual board meeting in Israel in December 2011, hosted by IGY, the Israeli Gay Youth.

After the close of the formal board meeting, World Congress president Howard Solomon, Vice President Luis Perelman, Secretary Jonathan Falk, and Beit Haverim spokesperson Franck Giaoui were pleased to be able to meet successively with three officials of the French Jewish Community: Richard Prasquier, president of CRIF, Rabbi Michael Azoulay, assistant to Chief Rabbi Bernheim and Simone Rodan-Benzaquen, representative of the American Jewish Committee in France. All three appreciated the opportunity to become more familiar with the concerns of the Jewish GLBT community. Members of Beit Haverim and of the World Congress board also joined together to celebrate the city's Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade on June 25. In November 2011, Beit Haverim plans a joint trip to Israel and the Palestinian territories, including meetings with the GLBT community and a Member of Israel's Knesset.



(left to right): Luis Perelman, Howard Solomon, Richard Prasquier, Franck Giaoui, Jonathan Falk (BCC member and World Congress secretary)



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Mazel Tov

We wish a hearty mazel tov to the following BCC members.

The Honorable Donna Quigley Groman, BCC Board member and Women's Havurah chair, received the Youth Advocacy Award from the Stonewall Young Democrats at their Annual Heroes Ceremony on Saturday, August 20, 2011. BCC is very proud of Donna's recognition as a hardworking advocate on a national level and especially her distinction as a hero for LGBTQ youth.

Kathleen Early and Hannah Roth, on the birth of their son Noah Ambrose Roth-Early, on July 25, 2011.

Diane Goodman has received her B.A. in Psychology and will be starting an M.A./Ph.D. program in Psychology at Pacifica.

Ohr Chayim student **James Falk-Garcia** on his mikvah and conversion ceremony this summer, under the supervision of Rabbi Lisa, Cantor Juval, and Cantor Ari Isenberg of Shaar Shalom Synagogue, Halifax, Canada. His proud parents are **Jonathan Falk and George Garcia**.

Marjorie Rothman, on her new job at Step Up On Second in Santa Monica.

Adam Barron has completed editorial, graphic design and production work for the posthumous release of a CD, "Anais Nin reads her prose poem House of Incest". Adam's parents, Louis & Bebe, recorded and edited the work in 1949, which was not fully released.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>All events at BCC unless otherwise noted</i>				<p>4:00 pm Virtual Minyan Torah Study 6:30 pm Torah Study 7:00 pm Class on Kol Nidre service Rabbi Edwards</p>	<p>6:00 pm Pre-Shabbat Dinner 8:00 pm Shabbat Service Rabbi Edwards Cantor Porat Guest Speaker PJA Intern Robin Podolsky</p>	
	<p>LABOR DAY (BCC Closed) 10:00 am Women's Havurah, Annenberg Beach House</p>			<p>4:00 pm Virtual Minyan Torah Study 6:30 pm Torah Study 7:00 pm Class on Teshuvah (return) Rabbi Heather Miller</p>	<p>8:00 pm Shabbat Service Rabbi Edwards Cantor Porat</p>	<p>10:00 am Ohr Chayim 6:30 pm Men's Havurah Elvira on Alvira Dinner and movie</p>
<p>8:00 am cook, 11:30 deliver Project Chicken Soup 3975 Landmark 6:30 pm Hebrew Reading Todd Shotz</p>		<p>7:00 pm Aaron Belkin on "Dismantling Don't Ask, Don't Tell"</p>	<p>7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting</p>	<p>4:00 pm Virtual Minyan Torah Study 6:30 pm Torah Study 7:00 pm Class on Yom Kippur confessions Dr. Rachel Adler</p>	<p>8:00 pm Shabbat Service Rabbi Edwards Cantor Porat</p>	<p>10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service and dairy potluck</p>
<p>10:00 am Women's Havurah Museum Hop Exposition Park 1:30 pm Reception New/Potential Members 3:00 pm BCC Professionals Series Brett Trueman</p>		<p>7:00 pm Hebrew Reading Todd Shotz Drumming Workshop Marla Leigh</p>	<p>7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting</p>	<p>4:00 pm Virtual Minyan Torah Study 6:30 pm Torah Study 7:00 pm Class on Music as midrash Cantor Porat</p>	<p>6:30 pm Mediterranean Buffet 8:00 pm Shabbat Service Lay Leaders (TBA)</p>	<p>10:00 am Ohr Chayim 10:00 pm Selichot Rabbi Edwards Cantor Porat Dr. Rachel Adler</p>
<p>Project Chicken Soup (see Sept. 11) 2:30 pm 20s/30s Havurah at Abbey 6:30 pm Hebrew Reading Todd Shotz</p>		<p>7:00 pm Hebrew Reading Todd Shotz</p>	<p>8:00 pm EREV ROSH HASHANAH Service at Temple Isaiah</p>	<p>ROSH HASHANAH 9:30 am Service at Temple Isaiah 10:30 am Family service Catered lunch 4:00 pm Virtual Minyan Service</p>	<p>10:00 am at BCC SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH 4:00 pm Tashlich and Shabbat Shuvah Venice Beach BCC clergy</p>	<p>October 1 SHABBAT SHUVAH 10:00 am Ohr Chayim</p>

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<p>11:00 am Build and Decorate BCC Sukkah</p>			<p>6:00 pm Erev Sukkot and Study Service, study, Potluck dinner Dr. Rachel Adler</p>	<p>FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT 4:00 pm Virtual Minyan Torah Study 7:00 pm Torah Study Rabbi Edwards (in the sukkah)</p>	<p>7:00 pm Shabbat Service (in the sukkah) Rabbi Edwards Cantor Porat (bring own dinner)</p>	<p>10:00 am Shabbat Morning Service and dairy potluck 4:00 pm (?) Art exhibit and Havdalah in BCC sukkah</p>
<p>3:00 pm BCC Professionals Series Meiram Bendat</p>		<p>7:00 pm Class Liturgy and Talmud Dr. Rachel Adler</p>		<p>4:00 pm Virtual Minyan Torah Study 6:00 pm Ohr Chayim 7:00 pm Simchat Torah Rabbi Edwards Cantor Porat</p>	<p>SIMCHAT TORAH 8:00 pm Shabbat Service Lay leaders (TBA)</p>	<p>10:00 am Ohr Chayim 7:00 pm Women's Havurah Game Night</p>
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<p>10:00 am (private home) BCC Book Group <i>Arts of the Possible</i> by Adrienne Rich 3:00 pm Meet the Members</p>		<i>All events at BCC unless otherwise noted</i>				