

Cantor Juval Porat

I am a spiritual leader devoted to building communities and sacred spaces within Jewish life through music, creativity, empowerment and friendship.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cantor — Temple Beth Sholom, Miami Beach, FL

JUNE 2023 - PRESENT

Cantor — Beth Chayim Chadashim, Los Angeles, CA

JUNE 2009 - May 2023

Cantorial Soloist; Educator — Jewish Community of Erfurt, Germany

SEPTEMBER 2007 - OCTOBER 2008

Cantorial Soloist; Educator — Jewish Liberal Community of Hannover, Germany

JANUARY 2007 - DECEMBER 2007

Cantorial Soloist; Educator — Gescher LaMassoret, Cologne, Germany

SEPTEMBER 2005 - OCTOBER 2007

Cantorial Soloist; Educator — Jewish Community of Mönchengladbach, Germany

FEBRUARY 1998 - SEPTEMBER 2001, JUNE 2002 - JUNE 2005

Youth Counselor — Jewish Community of Aachen, Germany

SEPTEMBER 1997 - OCTOBER 2000

EDUCATION

Master of Cantorial Arts

SEPTEMBER 2009

Abraham Geiger College, Berlin, Germany

Thesis - "The Development of the Friday Night Service in Germany from the 17th Century to the 21st Century"
First ordained Reform Cantor in Germany since 1945

Master of Architecture

SEPTEMBER 2004

Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule, Aachen, Germany

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Cantor, teacher, composer, arranger, guitarist, and choral conductor, who aspires to engage others in meaningful, accessible and relatable worship and lifecycle experiences.

Committed to team building and collaborative planning, music and Judaic teachings for all ages, pastoral care, and uplifting worship.

Dedicated to empowering and cultivating partnership with lay leadership.

Experienced in creating, producing and executing concerts of various genres, including Temple fundraisers.

Core values include integrity, creativity, honesty, strong work ethic, openness and curiosity.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Musical programming and collaboration
- Choral Conductor for junior and adult choirs
- Pastoral Care
- Fundraising and development
- Adult Education
- B'nai Mitzvah tutoring and program development

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

Certified NVC (Non Violent Communication) Counselor

2021- PRESENT

Coaching with certified NVC counselors

Tot Shabbat and Early Childhood Music

2018

Private sessions with Ellen Allard

Clergy Leadership Program

2017

Institute for Jewish Spirituality, New York, New York

MUSICAL EXPERIENCE

Directing Adult Volunteer, Junior and Teenage Choirs for High Holy Day services, Shabbat services and Music Festivals.

Coordinating and implementing Religious School music program

Creating and managing Purim shpiels, providing musical offerings to Bar/Bat/B'rit Mitzvah ceremonies, Babynamings, weddings, funerals, anniversaries and more.

Arranging music for various musical ensembles (strings, pop band, Jazz band, etc.)

Performing Chazanut, Yiddish, Ladino, American Classics, Jazz, and Broadway music at self produced concerts and as an invitee at other Synagogues

Recording 4 albums of original material as a Cantor and singer/songwriter

PUBLICATIONS

Acknowledging the Good - Jewish Telegraphic Agency, 2021

Yih'yu L'ratzon - Shabbat Anthology IX, Transcontinental Music, 2019

Here I Am - Ruach 5777, Transcontinental Music, 2016

Hineh Mah Tov: Creating Togetherness That is Pleasant and Good - reformjudaism.org, 2015

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Web/graphic design & programming; Video editing; music production
Fluent in Hebrew & German

References available upon request.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (HIGHLIGHTS)

July 2022 -

Joined the Executive Committee of the ACC

Co-chaired the installation weekend for BCC's new rabbi

December 2021 -

Produced Years & Years - an oral history/musical celebration of Beth Chayim Chadshim in honor of its 50th anniversary

December 2020 -

Produced an entirely virtual Hanukkah concert featuring Cantors from across North America

Produced "My BCC" - a series of online interviews with congregants on their experience of the global pandemic

May 2019 -

Co-produced a weekend dedicated to Non Violent Communication workshops with scholar Kathy Simon

June 2018 -

Co-chaired the Programming Committee for the 2018 ACC/GTM Convention in Dallas, Texas

Founded a monthly Healing Havdalah Service

2017 -

Trained and volunteered at the JQ Helpline, dedicated to support LGBTQ+ Jews and allies

December 2016 -

Co-produced the Dating Lab - a speed dating experience for BCC's young adults

2015 -

Spoke on LGBT Liturgy and lead Shabbat services at Congregation Shirah Chadashah in Melbourne, Australia

June 2010 - June 2014 -

Led groups as Clergy in Residence for A Wider Bridge trips to Israel