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an annual concert series

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A NEW LIGHT

2022-2023 SEASON

DECEMBER 11
MARCH 12
JUNE 11

Produced by
Cantor Jacqueline Rafii

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(Encino, CA; November 18, 2022) -- Valley Beth Shalom announces its first annual season of concerts for the 2022-2023 year. The first of its kind, Valley Beth Shalom plans to introduce a new theme each year for the concert series. This year's theme for the concerts is titled "A New Light."

"We don't think a concert series of this depth, variety, and scale exists in any other synagogue in Los Angeles," says Cantor Jacqueline Rafii, Cantor at Valley Beth Shalom and producer of the series. "Our goal at VBS is to be at the forefront of musical and cultural innovation. We want to be pioneers in this space -- going beyond the traditional understanding of what it means to present music in the synagogue. We aim to present music from a hugely diverse and broad array of genres and artists; always maintaining a connection to Judaism and the Jewish people, and always offering a new expression of what that means. Come celebrate this exciting, new and uncharted musical landscape that we are building here at VBS and ONLY at VBS."

The “A New Light” 2022-2023 season will consist of three separate concerts taking place throughout the year at Valley Beth Shalom inside of the Niznick Sanctuary.

- **Sunday, December 11, 2022 – Bringing A New Light to the Memory of Abraham Joshua Heschel**

“*Amazed: Heschel’s Sabbath*” – World premiere of a groundbreaking program featuring 14 new works by composers of the Max Helfman Institute, under the direction of Cantor Phil Baron. Abraham Joshua Heschel’s masterwork “The Sabbath” is brought to life through extraordinary musical interpretations and performances by acclaimed cantors and musicians from all across Los Angeles. The program will also include the intimate reflections of his daughter Susannah Heschel. “Amazed: Heschel’s Sabbath” is produced with the support of the Lowell Milken Center for Music of Jewish American Experience, and has been created to honor the 50th yahrtzeit of our great teacher, Rabbi Heschel.



- **Sunday, March 12, 2023 – Shining A New Light on our VBS Cantors**

“*The Three Cantors*” – For the first time together in concert, Valley Beth Shalom’s three dynamic cantors—Jacqueline Rafii, Phil Baron, and Herschel Fox—will perform a dazzling array of music that spans genres and generations.

- **Thursday, June 15, 2023 – Sharing the Light of our VBS Stage**

“Distant Cousins presents: *Sounds of the Tribe*” – An uplifting night of music with LA’s finest Jewish musicians.

“We are so excited to be bringing this brand new initiative to Valley Beth Shalom,” says Matthew Weintraub, Executive Director of VBS. “We hope to make our synagogue the epicenter of Jewish music and culture in the San Fernando Valley and beyond for many years to come.”

Season packages are now available to purchase through Valley Beth Shalom, which include tickets to all three concerts, at several pricing tiers.

- General Admission: \$125 VBS members / \$160 non-members
 - VBS members can purchase packages for their children under 18 at half price
- Orchestra: \$175 VBS members / \$225 non-members
 - Includes: reserved seating
- VIP: \$360 VBS members / \$500 non-members
 - Includes: reserved seating closest to the stage and a dessert reception with artist "meet and greet" after each show

Individual tickets to “Amazed: Heschel’s Sabbath” are also available, only at the General Admission tier for \$30.

Season packages and individual tickets may be purchased by visiting vbs.org/music.

About Valley Beth Shalom

Valley Beth Shalom is a synagogue community committed to the quest for a Jewish life that is Godly, meaningful, and purposeful. VBS is the largest Conservative congregation in the heart of the San Fernando Valley, and we have gained a national reputation for our programs in Jewish learning and living. We offer a variety of prayer services, courses of learning, ongoing commitments to service and acts of kindness for those in need, and celebrations of Jewish culture. Our schools provide outstanding Jewish education for children from infancy through high school. We invite you to visit and learn more about VBS.

For more information about Valley Beth Shalom, visit vbs.org. Follow us on social media to keep up with the latest news: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube](#).

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