



High Holy Day Services at NLPJC

An Introduction to our Leaders & Singers 5771 / 2010

Rabbi Shulamit Ambalu will be leading all Services except Rosh Hashanah morning

Rabbi Shulamit Ambalu was born and grew up in London. She concluded her happy career as a speech and language therapist working in the NHS, in 1994, when she began her studies at Leo Baeck College in London and in Jerusalem. She began serving North London Progressive Jewish Community in the final year of her studies, was ordained in 2004, and has been here ever since. She is a passionate learner and teacher, with interests in progressive Jewish law and the study of classical rabbinic texts. Rabbi Shulamit feels that it is a great honour to work with such a dynamic, friendly and diverse community.

Dr Annette. M. Boeckler will be leading the singing during Rosh Hashanah morning Service

Dr Annette M. Boeckler is librarian of the Leo Baeck College and lecturer for Bible & Jewish Liturgy. Her scientific areas are Jewish Liturgy and the Bible and her studies cover themes such as Bible literature, interpretation-history of the Bible, the development and structure of the Jewish Liturgy, and Theology of the Prayer book. She was instrumental in establishing the library of Abraham Geiger College in Potsdam and has been actively involved in Progressive Judaism in Germany. She has translated the liturgy of the British Reform Movement into German which is now the standard liturgy of the German Reform Movement. Annette has led the singing at our HHD services for the past two years, and was the inspirational teacher of NLPJC's 'Learning to Leyn' course last year.

Rebekka Wedell will be leading the singing during the Rosh Hashanah evening and Kol Nidre Services.

Rebekka Wedell has been leading singing at the High Holydays for many years at Beit Klal Yisrael, a Liberal Jewish community based in West London, and for the past four years with NLPJC. Her love of cantorial music began as a young adult, when she first heard recordings of some of the great cantors and was moved to tears. This led to her learning Jewish 'Soul' music: the vocal melodies (Nigunim) of the Hasidim. Since then she has become familiar with Klezmer music, Yiddish and Ladino song. Alongside the folk music, she developed her relationship with Judaism - through liturgical music, attending the Progressive Cantorial Summer Schools at Leo Baeck College, where she learnt about Nusakh and expanded her musical knowledge of different congregational traditions.

Rebekka completed a Masters in Composition at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, followed by a year of further composition study in Jerusalem. In 2009, her first liturgical composition was commissioned by the Movement of Reform Judaism and 'premiered' at Alyth Gardens Reform synagogue.

It is a pleasure and privilege to lead the singing at NLPJC once again.

Visiting Rabbi and Cantor

This year we are delighted to welcome:

Rabbi Harry Jacobi, Vice-President of Liberal Judaism, who will be leading the Rosh Hashanah Morning Service and

Cantor David Baker who will be leading the singing at Yom Kippur.
