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# EAST & WEST

**A Concert of Jewish Cantorial Music**

**FEATURING**

*Hagay Batzri | Yaakov Lemmer | Shai Bachar  
Yair Dalal | Frank London | Dror Sinai*



CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDIES  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

## LOCATION

**Wednesday, March 25 at 7<sup>PM</sup>, 2015**  
**Congregation B’Nai Israel**

3830 NW 16 Blvd.  
Gainesville, FL 32605, (352) 392-9247

**Thursday, March 26 at 7<sup>PM</sup>, 2015**  
**Jacksonville Jewish Center**

3662 Crown Point Road  
Jacksonville, FL 32257, (904)292-1000

**Admission is free and open to the public.**

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## CANTORS



### RABBI HAGAY BATZRI

Born in Jerusalem into a family of rabbis and cantors. In 1997 he received his rabbinical ordination from Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu, Chief Rabbi for the State of Israel. Rabbi Batzri balances his rabbinical duties with concert performances throughout Southern California, Israel, and occasional guest appearances in other parts of the world. His musical technique is unique and eclectic: a blending of Iraqi *khazanut* and various international influences. He is currently rabbi at Kahal Joseph Congregation in Los Angeles.



### CANTOR YAAKOV LEMMER

Born and raised in Borough Park, Brooklyn, Cantor Yaakov “Yanky” Lemmer’s lyric tenor voice, dramatic color, and precise coloratura have garnered him enormous praise. He began his singing career as the star soloist of the Young Israel of Bethel Choir, where world renowned Cantor Ben Zion Miller took him under his private tutelage. He received a scholarship to the Belz School of Jewish Music at Yeshiva University, where he studied with Cantors Joseph Malovany and Bernard Beer. He also studied with the legendary cantor Noach Schall. As a concert artist, Yaakov Lemmer has appeared on the stage and at synagogues throughout the world. He currently holds the position of Cantor at the Lincoln Square Synagogue in Manhattan.

## MUSICIANS



### SHAI BACHAR

Classically trained pianist and composer. After studying at the Jerusalem Academy of Music, Bachar moved to New York in 1998, when he began producing, performing and creating new material with musicians from around the world. His career has included performances at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Merkin Concert Hall and the Kremlin in Moscow.



### YAIR DALAL

World renowned Israeli composer, violinist, oud player and singer. His music is inspired by an Iraqi-Jewish descent. In 1994 Dalal performed at the Nobel Peace Prize gala concert in Oslo. Dalal was nominated in 2000 for a Grammy as part of Jordi Savall’s ensemble and by BBC world music awards in 2003 as best musician from the Middle East.



### FRANK LONDON

Recording jazz and modern Jewish music since the 1980s, London has performed with a wide variety of renowned musicians. As composer and arranger, London has created works for film and theatre, and even composed the score for a marionette production of *The Golem!* London has been a member of Les Miserables Brass Band and the Klezmatics, and leads his own group Hasidic New Wave.



### DROR SINAI

International performer, educator, and guest artist, as well as the founder of Rhythm Fusion, Inc. in Santa Cruz, CA. In 2002, he received the Gail Rich Award for supporting the arts, and is a founding member of the World Music Committee for the Percussive Arts Society.

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