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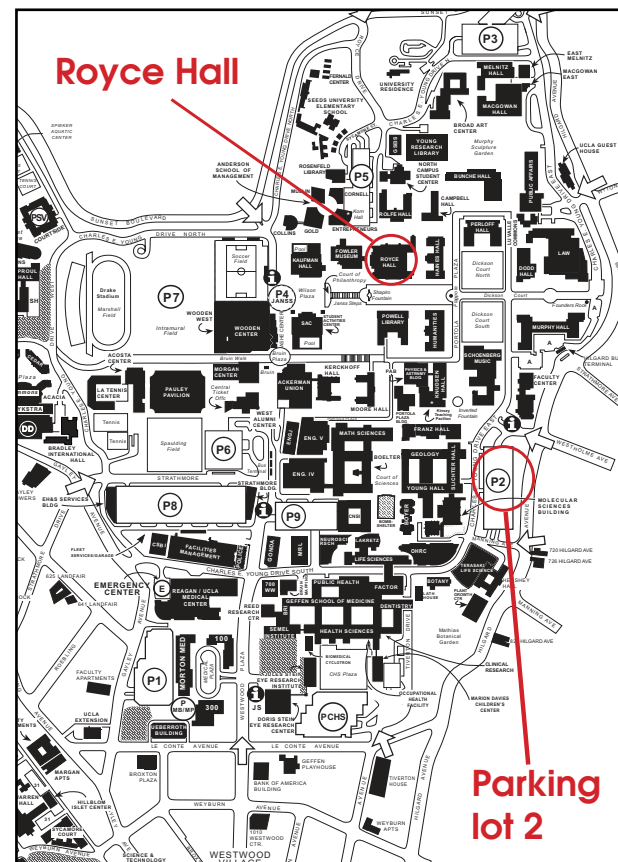
Registration: This conference is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required.

To RSVP, please call (310) 267-5327 or email cjsrsvp@humnet.ucla.edu

Parking: Parking on Sunday will be available at lot 2 at the kiosk on the corner of Hilgard and Westholme from 2pm - 4pm and from 6pm to 8pm. Parking for Monday will be available at most kiosks, such as the one on Hilgard and Westholme. For maps and parking information, please visit: www.transportation.ucla.edu

Meals: Please note that a list of UCLA and Westwood restaurants open for lunch/dinner will be distributed at the symposium.

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about the symposium

What are the prospects for American Judaism in the 21st century? Liberal Jewish religious movements are experiencing profound change in the wake of the recent economic crisis, with declines in religious school enrollment, synagogue affiliation and philanthropic giving. For rabbis, Jewish educators, and communal leaders, it is a difficult moment. Jews are flourishing in America, but organized, institutional Judaism appears to be in deep trouble.

Indeed, profound change is not limited to Jewish religious movements. American religious institutions across the spectrum have weakened and are more fragmented. Simultaneously, independent religious gatherings, both Christian and Jewish, have sprung up, charting their own course. As a result, the task of studying organized religion in this country has become exceedingly complex.

This conference will examine the significance of the transformations for American Jewish religious communities. Leading scholars engaged in the study of issues related to current trends in U.S. religious communities will probe the strength of commitment to the Reform and Conservative movements and examine the efforts to create a religious life beyond them—including emerging pockets of energy and innovation in Los Angeles.

Sunday, February 12, 2012
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3 PM • Session I

"Trans and Post-Denominationalism in American Judaism"

Sylvia Barack Fishman (Brandeis)

Realigning the Boundaries:

Emerging Adults, Cultural Creativity, and the Jewish Future

Naomi Levy (Nashuva)

Nashuva: "We Will Return" – A Model for Jewish Outreach

Stephen Warner (University of Illinois)

Religious Minorities in the U.S. Today

Steven M. Cohen (HUC)

From Peoplehood to Purposefulness:

The Generational Shift in American Jewish Identities

7 PM • Public Forum

"Are Jews Still in the Pews? Jewish Religious Life in Twenty-First Century America"

Moderated by: **Jack Wertheimer** (JTS)

David Eliezrie (Congregation Beth Meir HaCohen)

Laura Geller (Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills)

Daniel Bouskila (Sephardic Educational Center)

Ed Feinstein (Valley Beth Shalom)



American reggae and alternative rock musician, Matisyahu, is known for blending traditional Jewish themes with reggae, rock and hip hop beatboxing sounds.

Rabbi Alysa Stanton was ordained as the first African-American female rabbi and began work as a rabbi at Congregation Bayt Shalom in Greenville, North Carolina.

Monday, February 13, 2012
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9:30 AM • Session II

"Judaism in Los Angeles"

Sarah Benor (HUC-LA)

Guardians, Rebooters, and JConnectors: Young Jewish Leaders and Social Class in Los Angeles Today

Gerardo Marti (Davidson College)

Spiritual Entrepreneurship: The Inevitable Relationship between Diaspora and Innovation

Shawn Landres (Jumpstart, Los Angeles)

Cactus Flowers: What Innovation in Los Angeles Tells Us about the Future of Organized Jewish Life

Ari Kelman (Stanford)

Everything was a Start-Up:

The Pre-History of the Independent Minyan Movement

11:30 AM • Session III

"New Trends in Jewish Religious Life"

Shaul Magid (Indiana)

(Re) Constructing Jewish Identity in Postethnic America

Jack Wertheimer (JTS)

The Impact of Orthodox Outreach

Bruce Phillips (HUC-LA)

Over the Rainbow and Under the Radar:

Non-formal Jewish Engagement in California

David N. Myers (UCLA)

Kiryas Joel, New York: A Shtetl at Home in America

1 PM • Lunch Break

2:30 PM • Session IV

"Reflections on the Conference"

Moderated by: **Carol Bakhos** (UCLA)

Jonathan Sarna (Brandeis)

William McKinney (Pacific School of Religion)

Diane Winston (USC)

Dana Evan Kaplan (University of the West Indies & the United Congregation of Israelites Synagogue)