

**Brandeis National Committee
Conejo Valley Chapter
Invites you to
A Discussion on American Judaism
Panel and Presentation**



Justin Regan of the *American Rabbi Project* podcast talks about his quest to interview at least one rabbi in every state. He will also facilitate a live panel discussion with Rabbis Lisa Bock, Michele Paskow, and Ari Averbach.

Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Agoura/Calabasas Community Center
27040 Malibu Hills Road, Calabasas, CA**

Refreshments will be served.



Justin Regan has been a journalist for seven years including five for Arizona Public Radio where he was the local host for *All Things Considered*. He has also had news stories air on NPR. Additionally, he's an Eagle Scout, Emcee and an amateur standup comedian. The topic of American Judaism is close to him, because he sees himself as a product of it. Regan is from an interfaith family and grew more into his Jewishness as he got older. American Rabbi Project is in its second season and has published interviews with rabbis from more than a dozen states.



Rabbi Michele Paskow is the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Emet in Simi Valley and also teaches Jewish Studies courses at CSUN (Cal. State University Northridge). Michele is active in the Hartman Institute's pluralistic rabbinic leadership and learning programs and was thrilled to attend their Rabbinic Torah Seminar in Jerusalem this past summer. Michele is an avid traveler. Her adult sons, Aaron and Jonathan, live in Northern California.



Rabbi Lisa Bock is the spiritual leader of Ojai Jewish Community in Ojai. After working in the business world for 25 years she pursued the rabbinate and received a Master's in Rabbinic study and ordination from the Academy of Jewish Religion in California. She's a hospice chaplain, an interfaith and conversion mentor, a Mussar leader and facilitator with the Mussar Institute and joined the team of the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning Instructors in 2014.



Rabbi Ari Averbach is the spiritual leader of Temple Etz Chaim in Thousand Oaks. He has previously worked in the film industry and Jewish World Watch, a non-profit organization fighting genocide in Darfur and Congo. He has taught at places around L.A. including Hebrew High School and Camp Ramah. Rabbi Averbach is a graduate of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts and was ordained at AJU's Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in L.A. He previously served at Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook, IL, the largest Conservative synagogue in the Midwest.

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Directions to Agoura/Calabasas Community Center from north of Calabasas: From the 101 Freeway take exit 34, Liberty Canyon offramp. Turn right on Liberty Canyon. Turn left on Agoura Road. Turn right on Malibu Hills, just past the Lost Hills Sheriff Station. The Center will be on your right.

Questions? Contact Sue at 805-587-8550

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