

## Ron Li-Paz

Rabbi Ron Li-Paz is the Spiritual Leader of Valley Outreach Synagogue in Calabasas. He was ordained at the Academy for Jewish Religion, California. He has been on the pulpit at Valley Outreach Synagogue since 1996. Prior to synagogue leadership, Rabbi Li-Paz served in the United States Air Force. He subsequently completed a bachelor's degree at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London before working in theater, broadcasting for the BBC, and management consultancy throughout Europe.

Rabbi Li-Paz was a vocal student of two great bass-baritones, his father, Michael Li-Paz, Israel's first leading basso in the United States, and the great American opera singer, Giorgio Tozzi. Li-Paz made his concert debut in a Royal Gala Concert for the late Diana, Princess of Wales. Operatic performances have included Sarastro in *Die Zauberflöte* in Los Angeles, Strasbourg, Schwetzingen, and televised on Arte, Don Alfonso in *Così fan tutte* in Houston, Angelotti in *Tosca* in San Jose, Kommissar in *Der Rosenkavalier* in Spoleto, Ramfis in *Aida* at the Royal Albert Hall, London, Larkens in *La Fanciulla del West* in Los Angeles, Figaro in *Le Nozze di Figaro* in Brussels, Antwerp, and at the Concertgebouw in Amsterdam. Li-Paz sang the basso solo in Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* at Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles and the bass solo in *Jeanne d'arc Au Bucher* in Spoleto, televised on RAI. He starred in London's West End as Whitelaw Savory in Kurt Weill's musical, *One Touch of Venus* after a successful run of the show with Opera North in Leeds, and at the Ravenna Festival, Italy.

His concerts for the Jewish Community in Los Angeles have been numerous including collaborations with Maestra Noreen Green and the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony in Gindi Auditorium and Walt Disney Concert Hall. Rabbi Li-Paz was honored to sing the anthems of the United States and Israel in Washington DC, before President Obama, Prime Minister Netanyahu, most members of Congress and an audience of more than ten thousand people. In 2019, Rabbi Li-Paz was part of a United States delegation to the International Forum on Intercultural Dialogue in Baku, Azerbaijan. He was subsequently honored as a special guest of Pope Francis at the Vatican.

Rabbi Ron Li-Paz can be found at [www.vosla.org](http://www.vosla.org).