

## Professional Experience

**Assistant Rabbi · July 2011 to Present**

**Sabbatical Rabbi · July 2010 to June 2011**

**Director of Congregational Services · July 2009 to June 2010**

Temple Beth Emeth · Ann Arbor, MI

Proudly serve a 650 household congregation, providing pastoral care, attending to life cycle events, building meaningful and participatory Shabbat services, and creating innovative learning experiences for both adults and children.

Responsibilities also include creating the strategy, groundwork, and implementation of multi-generational programming.

### Worship and Life Cycle

- Oversee all caring community activities, including Families with Young Children, Care Givers Support, Nachamu (shiva minyan leaders), Generations After (family members of Holocaust survivors), and Bikkur Cholim volunteers.
- Developed a Shabbat Service for upper elementary school-aged children using aspects of Visual Tefilah. In its first year, participation grew from six regular families to twenty families.
- Planned an Adult Purim Party which drew a crowd of 200 for an evening of hors d'oeuvres and dancing.

### Education and Social Action

- Organize annual Mitzvah Day for 150 participants, providing support to local non-profit organizations.
- Teach Introduction to Judaism class as part of conversion curriculum.
- Manage adult education programming, including hiring teachers and administering a community-wide adult Hebrew program.
- Teach 9th Grade Madrichim training.
- Developed a quad-annual adult education night, *Beit Café*, featuring experts from the local community and clergy in areas of Jewish interest.
- Introduced and organized the first Religious Action Center-led advocacy Shabbaton, bringing three members of the RAC to TBE to lead activities for both adults and teens.
- Created new curriculum 10th Grade Confirmation.
- Efforts have raised adult education participation by 50%.

### Youth and Family

- Serve as Senior Staff Youth Coordinator; overseeing youth group advisors and broad planning of youth activities within the congregation.
- Facilitate parent education classes on topics such as daily blessings and discussing God with children.
- Lead the annual 8th Grade trip to New York City.
- Created and currently advise the Youth Engagement Task Force with the responsibility to create long-range goals for congregational youth engagement.
- Planned and implemented the first teen Alternative Spring Break for high school students working with We Repair in inner-city Detroit.

**Outreach and Community**

- Design and organize programming for 20's and 30's in the Ann Arbor area. Events have included an Iron Chef Cook-off, Shabbat dinners, volunteering at a local shelter, and a community-wide Purim celebration.
- Actively participate on local Federation committees such as "Sukkah Arbor" an architectural sukkah design competition, a community spirituality retreat, and the annual Celebrate Israel event.
- Serve on an interfaith strategic planning committee, supporting the shared grounds of the Temple and Church.

**Administrative and Financial**

- Plan and implement all congregation programming.
- Lead the congregation's social media efforts, creating and growing the Temple's online presence to over 600 Facebook followers.
- Manage and mentor Youth Advisor, Program Assistant and Jewish Communal Social Work Intern.
- Raised \$250,000 in a "Year of Torah" campaign to support the Spiritual Life Fund.
- Recipient of Darim Online social media grant.

**Early Career Progression**

**High Holiday Rabbi** · University of Michigan Hillel · Ann Arbor, MI

**Student Rabbi** · Temple Ohev Israel · Newark, OH

**Student Rabbi** · Temple Beth El · Muncie, IN

**Chaplain Intern** · Riley Children's and Indiana University Hospitals · Indianapolis, IN

**Student Rabbi** · Congregation B'nai Israel · Grand Forks, ND

**Formal Teaching Experience**

**B'nai Mitzvah Tutor** · Isaac M. Wise Temple · Cincinnati, OH

**Teacher** · Cincinnati Reform Jewish High School · Cincinnati, OH

**Religious School Teacher** · Valley Temple · Cincinnati, OH

**Camping/Counseling Experience**

**Faculty** · Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI) · Oconomowoc, WI

**Israel Trip Leader** · Israel Outdoors · Taglit – Birthright Israel

**Site Director** · URJ Mitzvah Corps of the South · New Orleans, LA

**Director of Education** · Crane Lake Camp · West Stockbridge, MA

## Leadership & Social Action

**Conference Co-Chair**, Program Directors of Reform Judaism  
**HUC-Appointed Delegate**, National Joint Commission on Social Action at the Religious Action Center  
**Delegate**, American Jewish World Service Rabbinical Student Delegation to Ghana  
**Participant**, Union for Reform Judaism's Consultation on Conscience Conference  
**Shlichah (Leader)**, Former Soviet Union Pesach Project to Belarus  
**Elected Representative**, HUC-JIR Student Administrations Committee

## Education

**Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion** · Cincinnati, OH  
**Rabbinic Ordination 2009**  
**Master of Arts**, Hebrew Letters 2008  
 Capstone: "Thinking Outside of the Tzedakah Box" <http://thinkingtzedakah.org>

**University of Cincinnati** · Cincinnati, OH  
**Bachelor of Arts**, Sociology 2004  
 Mortar Board National Honor Society

## Communal Activities and Affiliations

**Central Conference of American Rabbis** · Member, 2009-Present  
**Women's Rabbinic Network**, Member · 2009-Present  
**Program Directors of Reform Judaism** · Member, 2009-Present

## Published Work

**Contributor** · Women of Reform Judaism Centennial Shabbat Service · 2013  
**Monthly Blog Contributor** · Kol Isha · Women's Rabbinic Network  
**Guest D'var Torah** · Toldot & Va'etchanan 5773 · Israel Religious Action Center  
**Contributing Author** · Barkin, Josh. GOD: Jewish Choices Struggling with the Ultimate · Torah Aura Productions, 2008.  
**Research Assistant** · Prinz, Rabbi Deborah R. On the Chocolate Trail: A Delicious Adventure Connecting Jews, Religions, History, Travel, Rituals and Recipes to the Magic of Cacao · Jewish Lights Publishing, 2013.