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**Current Activities**

Adjunct Instructor in Theology, HUC-JIR, Interfaith Doctor of Ministry Program, New York City

Instructor in Disaster Spiritual Care Fundamentals and ICCT for the American Red Cross.

Chair of the ethics Board of Appeals of the of the Central Conference of American Rabbis

Data Manager of the National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis

Member of Israel Engagement Committee, Temple Emanuel, Kensington, MD.

Member of Landscape Committee, Vantage Point West, Leisure World, Silver Spring, MD

**Congregational Experience**

**7/2011-6/2019 Rabbi, Bet Aviv, Columbia, Maryland**

**1986 – 2011 Rabbi, Temple Sinai, Worcester, Massachusetts; Rabbi Emeritus 2011-**

*Served as Rabbi for this 225-family congregation founded in 1958. Key accomplishments and major program development work included:*

* Revitalized Shabbat worship through STAR Synaplex® programs and Torah study.
* Co-founded HEART, an afternoon tutorial program for urban African American students which received the UAHC Kuhn Social Action Award in 1995. Built the team of temple and church leaders who inspired and recruited volunteer tutors.
* Co-founded Rachel’s Table, a Jewish Federation sponsored program that gathers food from restaurants and life cycle events to distribute to food pantries.
* Chaired Worcester Area Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless when OASIS, a respite for chronic mentally ill individuals with grant of $20,000,000 of State and Federal funding.
* Helped create Worcester Interfaith, a coalition of churches and synagogues that support youth, elderly, and crime prevention initiatives. Served as rabbinic leader and Co-Chair bringing Jewish presence and commitment to community organizing.
* Inspired and helped train three local physicians to become URJ certified *mohelim*.

**1977 – 1986** **Associate/Assistant Rabbi, Rodeph Sholom, New York, New York**

*Served as Associate and Assistant Rabbi for this 1400-family congregation. Key achievements included:*

* Co-founded *Shadchanut* Bureau, UJA-Federation of New York for single Jews to meet other Jews for the purpose of marriage. Program received 1981 UJA General Assembly award.
* Collaborated with DOROT, an intergenerational social service agency, to institute the first conference call seder for home-bound disabled Jews in New York City.

**Executive and Leadership Experience**

**2005 – 2007** **President, Jewish Family Service of Worcester**

**2000 – 2011 President, Worcester Pastoral Counseling Center**

Negotiated contracts with both Executive Directors on behalf of two budget-constrained organizations. Motivated agencies to seek grants to benefit both agencies.

**2003 – 2009 Executive Board Member, Youth Opportunities Upheld, Inc.**

Served on Human Resources Committee & chaired Nominating Committee, 2007-2009.

**2004 – 2005 Strategic Planning Committee Member, United Way**

**1995 – 2000 Strategic Planning Committee Member, City of Worcester**

Selected as local clergy representative for ability to “see the big picture.”

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**Counseling and Chaplaincy Experience**

**2003 – 2017 Contact Person, CCAR’s National Rapid Response Hotline**

Counseled rabbis and families in crisis in collaboration with CCAR’s Rabbinic Support Services.

**1999 – present Member, CCAR Ethics Mentoring Team (99-01); Chair, Ethics Investigation Team, (06-07)**

**Member of the CCAR’s Ethics Board of Appeals (2013-‘18)—Chair of BOA (2018-Present)**

**2001 – 2017 Member, HUC-JIR and CCAR Joint Commission Rabbinic Mentoring Committee**

**2011-present HUC-JIR, Rabbinic Supervisor 2011-13; DMIN Adjunct Theology Instructor (‘13-Present)**

**2019-present Data Manager, National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis (NAORRR)**

**1991 – 2011 Jewish Chaplain, UMASS-Memorial Hospital**, Member of UMASS-Memorial Treatment Issues (Ethics) Committee, Taught in Medical School, Ethics and Patient, Physician & Society

**2013– present Disaster Spiritual Care District and Regional Volunteer.** Lead administrative spiritual care officer for American Red Cross, New York City 9/11 response, December 15-30, 2001. Chief of Disaster Spiritual Care for Superstorm Sandy, New York, November 14-28, 2012. DSC Advisor Mid-Atlantic Division, 2013-2017. DSC Responder to Pittsburgh Synagogue shooting October 2018. DSC Co-Lead for National Capital & Greater Chesapeake Region, 2014-21. Instructor, Disaster Spiritual Care Fundamentals and Integrated Condolence Care Team (Present)

**1999 – 2022 Certification Committee Member, Chair, N.A.J.C. Certification Commission, 2009-**

**2011. Association of Professional Chaplains (APC)** (Board Certified 1996), retired.

***Neshama*: Association of Jewish Chaplains (NAJC)** (Board Certified 1998), retired.

Chair, Presenter & Member for Certification Panels, 1998-’16. 1 C.P.E. Supervisory Unit.

**1998 – 2001 Vice-President/Board Member, National Association of Jewish Chaplains *(Neshama*)**

Chaired NAJC’s Continuing Education and Peer Review Committee. Reinstituted Continuing Education and instituted required triennial Peer Review process.

**2006-2011 Director of Spiritual Care, Jewish Home Hospice, Worcester, MA**.

**1999 – 2015 A Founding Partner of the Kalsman Institute for Healing and Health Matters**

Served as NAJC representative to HUC-JIR’s Kalsman Institute for Healthcare Initiatives.

**Education**

**2010 CCAR/Interim Ministry Network Partnership - Intentional Interim Training.**

**2000 Doctor of Ministry, Andover Newton Theological School**

Dual track degree in Chaplaincy and Family Systems Theory. D. Min. Project emphasized systemic implications of serious illness on the family system at life cycle events.

**1977 Rabbinic Ordination, HUC-JIR, Cincinnati**

**1974 Master of Arts, Hebrew Letters, HUC-JIR, Cincinnati**

Rabbinic Internship at Temple Micah and INTERMET Seminary, Washington, DC, 1974-5.

**1971 Bachelor of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University,** Major in History

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