
EXPERIENCE

Rabbi

2020 – Present

Congregation Emeth, Morgan Hill, CA

After joining 80-family congregation as solo clergy during the Covid-19 pandemic, helped foster connection with the community; provided meaningful worship leadership, pastoral support and adult education; and invested in Interfaith outreach to forge stronger civic alliances and provide a welcoming environment for interfaith families.

Community

- Built relationships with congregants and fostered strong community connections among congregants
- Produced online content for services, classes, including music videos, during the pandemic
- Develop and teach adult education classes in person & hybrid
- Work closely with students on preparation for B'nai Mitzvah
- Focus on being a community of belonging for Interfaith families and LGBTQ+. Member of *Keshet Shivyon* cohort in 2023-2024

Social Action

- Educate about Jewish values on issues
- Collaborated with social action *Tikkun Olam* Committee organizing food drives, interfaith outreach, environmental cleanup, Standing United Against Hate

Pastoral Care

- Provide spiritual support at home, hospital, rehab and nursing facility visits to congregants
- Pastoral Counselor on diverse issues, including health, faith, and relationships

Worship & Lifecycle Events

- Lead services with solo vocal music & collaborate with cantors and musicians for High Holy Days and select Shabbat services
- Introduced a Yom Kippur Healing Service
- Officiate at funerals, weddings, B'nai Mitzvah, baby namings, conversions and shiva minyanim

Associate Rabbi

2010 – 2020

Temple B'nai Abraham, Livingston, NJ

Helped strengthen and deepen Jewish communal life as part of three-clergy team of 850-family congregation, with full pulpit, pastoral, and engagement responsibilities.

Learning and Engagement

- Introduced new engagement programs, including an adult Civil Rights Trip; a Rosh Hodesh women's group and a women's seder that drew 80 participants
- Taught religious school and designed interactive adult education classes on Torah study and monthly "Lunch & Learn" with yearly themes (e.g., Mussar, Women in the Bible, Jews & Justice)
- Prepared 50 students annually for B'nai Mitzvah services, including teaching Torah and Haftarah, and discussing Divrei Torah

Social Justice

- Served as liaison to Social Action Committee, guiding program planning and engaging volunteers
- Organized synagogue's support of the resettlement of a Syrian refugee family
- Partnered with lay leaders to act against gun violence through *NJ Together Against Gun Violence*
- Worked closely with synagogue Green Team to achieve certification from GreenFaith
- Recruited congregants to arrange hospitality for unhoused families in the County

Pastoral Care

- Provided spiritual support at home, hospital, rehab and nursing facility visits to congregants
- Engaged in pastoral counseling on diverse issues, including health, faith, & relationships

Worship & Lifecycle Events

- Lead Shabbat, High Holy Day & festival services
- Sing at services, funerals & other lifecycle events, chant Torah and Haftarah at services
- Officiate at funerals, weddings, B'nai Mitzvah, baby namings, conversions and shiva minyanim

Special Publications

- Created a Family Machzor & Young Family Machzor for the community
- Wrote & designed a Haggadah for the annual Women's Seder

Regional Director of Admissions & Recruitment

2004 – 2010

Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, New York, NY

Directed all aspects of admission to Rabbinical, Cantorial and Education Programs at the New York campus of the premier Jewish seminary of Reform Judaism.

Organizational Leadership

- Partnered with lay leaders on the Board of Overseers to enhance the admissions process
- Collaborated with New York program directors and admissions teams across HUC-JIR's four campuses
- Managed and led entire recruitment and admissions process, including national outreach to prospective candidates, applicant interview process, and selection determinations

Communal Outreach and Engagement

- Engaged in extensive outreach to identify qualified applicants, and to cultivate and educate qualified candidates considering professional Jewish life
- Advised applicants on qualifications and readiness, and continued to mentor students and serve as a resource once they were admitted to and enrolled in the programs
- Represented HUC-JIR through teaching and speaking on college campuses, URJ summer camps, and throughout the NFTY youth region on the East Coast, and by participating in national conferences, including NFTY and Biennial
- Built relationships with alumni, university faculty, and Hillel professionals throughout the country to advance recruitment opportunities
- Programmed and managed innovative new Open Houses for prospective students
- Supervised Group Tours Intern and Recruitment Intern to welcome visitors and prospective students

Associate Rabbi

1993 – 2004

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills, NJ

Provided pulpit, pastoral and educational support as part of clergy team at 1000+ family suburban congregation.

Worship and Festival Programs

- Introduced new worship services and experiences including a Shabbaton, creative Erev Shabbat service for the Women's Association, a Healing Service on Yom Kippur, a Family Rosh Hashanah service, and a Tot Shabbat service for preschoolers and their families
- Planned and led festival celebrations, including: wrote a Purim spiel and led the Purim service and celebration; led the Women's Seder; introduced a congregational family *Chanukah* dinner

Learning and Engagement

- Served as rabbinic liaison for Religious School; taught religious school classes; facilitated sessions in the family education program and parallel parent programs
- Led adult B'nai Mitzvah class, and taught adult education programs, and shofar classes
- Supported Caring, Adult Education, and College Activities Committees, the Couples' Club, Women's Association, Renaissance Group, Seniors' Group, and Temple Youth Group

Special Publications

- Wrote a new Haggadah for the Women's Seder
- For the synagogue's 150th anniversary, researched, conducted interviews and wrote an extensive history of the synagogue: *Generations and Reflections: A History of Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Short Hills, New Jersey* (176 pp), 1997

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & RECOGNITION

Civic Leadership

- Spoke at UnXeptable Rally for a Jewish and Democratic Israel, March 2023
- Led Interfaith Thanksgiving Service for Interfaith CommUNITY of South County, November 2022
- Spoke at Interfaith Vigil Morgan Hill after Uvalde, Laguna Woods and Buffalo shootings, May 2022
- Spoke at Governor Phil Murphy's March 2019 press conference announcing NJ's signing of the Do Not Stand Idly By campaign against gun violence
- Spoke at a rally organized by US Senator (in NJ) June 2018 to reunite separated immigrant families
- Planned September 2017 community interfaith vigil to Unite Against Hate
- Led June 2016 community interfaith vigil after Orlando massacre

Organizational Affiliations & Leadership:

- Women's Rabbinic Network (Secretary, 2024-Present, Member 1993 – Present; NJ Representative 1996 – 2000; Convention Committee 2011)
- Interfaith Clergy Alliance (Morgan Hill and Gilroy) (2020-Present; past facilitator)
- NorCal Board of Rabbis, Exec Board Member (2024-Present; Member 2020-Present)
- CRAGSJ (Cantor and Rabbis of Greater San Jose) (2020-Present)
- Central Conference of American Rabbis (1993 – Present)
- JCRC Bay Area Advisory Council (2022-Rep for CRAGSJ and JCRC Bay Area)
- Faith in New Jersey (2017 – 2020; elected to Board in 2019)
- NJ West Hudson Valley Association of Reform Rabbis (1994 – 2020; Secretary 2018-2020)
- Metro IAF Do Not Stand Idly By Campaign against Gun Violence (2014 – 2020)
- NJ Interfaith Coalition (2016 – 2020)
- Garden State Equality (2004 – 2020)
- Livingston Clergy Association (2010 – 2020)
- Chair, Central Conference of American Rabbis Committee on Women in the Rabbinate (2001 – 2005)
- Millburn-Short Hills Clergy Association (1994 – 2004; President 1997 – 1999)

Community Recognition:

- "Rabbi Faith Joy Dantowitz Day" declared by Mayor of Livingston, NJ (6/20/20)
- Star of Essex Award, Jewish Heritage Month, Essex County, NJ (2014)

EDUCATION

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

Rabbinic Ordination, 1993; Master of Arts in Hebrew Literature, 1992

Thesis: "God's Revelation to Women as Seen Through the Midrash"

University of Pennsylvania, Moore School of Electrical Engineering & Applied Science

Bachelor of Applied Science, Systems Engineering, 1987

Continuing Education

Leadership

- Resetting the Table Training (2020; 2025)
- One America Movement: Eilu v'Eilu Seminar (2021)
- CCAR Mentor (2008 – 2019; 2025)

- Rabbi as Supervisor, with Larry Dressler (2018)
- Interim Ministry Network Training (2018)
- HUC-JIR Mentor (2006 – 2016)
- Hartman Rabbinic Summer Program, Jerusalem (2012)

Pastoral/Spiritual

- Resilience and Hope: CCAR’s Journey to Israel (2024)
- Mussar Clergy Group taught by Rabbi Pamela Wax (2023-Present)
- Institute for Jewish Spirituality, 4th Rabbinic Cohort, Hevraya & Ongoing Retreats (2007 – Present)
- Red Cross Disaster Spiritual Care and Psychological First Aid (2017)
- Clinical Pastoral Education Unit at Overlook Hospital, 2004
- Prepare/Enrich Certificate for pre-marital counseling, 2003

Social Justice

- American Jewish World Service (AJWS) Advocacy in Washington DC (2024)
- JOIN (Jewish Organizing Institute & Network) Clergy Fellow (2017 – 2019)
- AJWS Global Justice Rabbinic Fellow (2014 – 2015)
- Metro IAF Community Organizing Training (2014)
- Brickner Fellow, Religious Action Center (2010 – 2011)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- “[A taste of Freedom](#),” Morgan Hill Times, April 2025
- “[Grief and Joy on Simchat Torah](#),” Morgan Hill Times, October 2024
- “May God Be with Us On Our Journeys” (Lech L’cha) in [Prophetic Voices: Renewing and Reimagining Haftarah](#), CCAR Press, 2023
- “Welcoming Guests, Visiting the Sick” (Vayeira) in [Prophetic Voices: Renewing and Reimagining Haftarah](#), CCAR Press, 2023
- “[On the shoulders of trailblazers](#),” Morgan Hill Times, June 2022
- “[Saying Yes When Others Say No](#),” Torah from T’ruah, June 2018
- “[You Shall Not Oppress a Stranger](#),” RAC blog, February 2018
- “[Syrian Refugees find a home in New Jersey](#),” interview on WNYC radio, June, 2016
- “[‘Smart’ technology makes firearms safer](#),” NJ Jewish News, OpEd, June 2015
- “Hashkivenu Meditation,” in *Good Noticing* edited by Zena Shulman, October, 2014
- “*Generations and Reflections: A History of Congregation B’nai Jeshurun*” *Short Hills, New Jersey* (176 pp), 1997
- “The Ethics of Animal Experimentation,” in *Reform Jewish Ethics & the Halakhah*, edited by Eugene Borowitz, 1993

References Available Upon Request