

Rabbi Annie Lewis is a passionate weaver of community, compassionate listener, and teacher of Torah of the heart who serves as Associate Rabbi of Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel (BZBI) in Center City Philadelphia. Rabbi Lewis was ordained by The Jewish Theological Seminary in 2012, where she received a master's degree in Jewish women's and gender studies and was awarded a Wexner Graduate Fellowship. She served as Assistant Rabbi of Germantown Jewish Centre in Philadelphia and as Visiting Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel in Gulfport, Mississippi. Before joining the BZBI clergy team, Rabbi Lewis held the role of Director of Rabbinic Formation at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, where she oversaw professional development and field education for students.

Before setting out on her path to the rabbinate, Rabbi Lewis studied linguistic anthropology at Brown University and at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, and delved into Torah at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Lewis has been in training as a couples and family therapist and brings this relationship toolkit to her rabbinic work supporting individuals and families through life transitions and officiating at life cycle events. Rabbi Lewis is a singer and poet with roots in the Storahelling ritual theater company. Her writing has been published by Ritualwell, Lilith and Kveller. She was recently selected as a David Hartman Center Fellow for the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, as an emerging thought leader in the North American Jewish community. She serves as Co-President of the Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia and Co-Chair of the Rabbinical Assembly's editorial committee for a new Rabbi's Manual.

Rabbi Lewis lives in Philadelphia with her husband, Rabbi Yosef Goldman, and their children, Zohar Lieba and Shir Emet.

Rabbi Yosef Goldman is a facilitator of prayer, a musician and composer, a pastoral caregiver and educator. Raised in a mixed Orthodox Ashkenazi and Mizrahi home, Yosef has taught and led prayer in communities of every Jewish movement. Yosef received rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2013, with a concentration in pastoral care and counseling, and was awarded a Master of Sacred Music. Yosef honed his practice of pastoral care as a chaplain resident at Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia's busiest Level I trauma center, before joining the clergy team at Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel, where he served as Rabbi and Director of Sacred Music, reviving the music program and enriched prayer life, and launching an engagement initiative that resulted in unprecedented growth in membership.

As co-director of [Hadar's Rising Song Institute](#), alongside Joey Weisenberg, Yosef initiated the year-long Jewish Music Residency program for emerging musical-spiritual artists, serving as spiritual advisor and teaching prayer, spiritual development and Jewish music. Under Yosef's leadership Rising Song expanded its staffing, programming and engagement and established its record label, Rising Song Records. Yosef continues to serve Rising Song Institute as its Senior Advisor.

For over a decade, as a consultant, Yosef has advised synagogues and prayer communities seeking to deepen the communal spiritual experience through musical prayer. He has served as a *ba'al tefillah* for some of the most spiritually vibrant and creative prayer communities in the United States and Israel, including Romemu and B'nai Jeshurun in Manhattan, the Kitchen in San Francisco, and Beit Tefila Yisraeli in Israel.

Yosef's original Jewish music is sung at synagogues, schools, and camps across the country. His first album of original music, [Open My Heart](#), was released by [Rising Song Records](#) in winter 2019. As a sought-after vocalist, Yosef performs and records with a wide range of Jewish artists. He is a longtime featured vocalist in the Hadar Ensemble and a founding member of the Middle Eastern Jewish music ensemble the [Epichorus](#). Along with

trombonist Dan Blacksberg, Yosef was selected by the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts for its 2018–19 [Jazz Residency](#).

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