

Rabbi Clifford B. Miller - Curriculum Vitae



I was born in Detroit, Michigan. For a year or two, I studied Latin. I graduated from the public schools of Detroit and suburban Oak Park, Michigan, and from United Hebrew Schools, and Hebrew High School, and attended Midrasha College of Jewish Studies. I spent nine summers at Ramah Camps in Wisconsin, Connecticut, Ontario, and Pennsylvania. I studied Hebrew language and grammar for some 20 years and Aramaic for about 10 years. I never formally studied Yiddish or Ladino, Judeo-Italian, or Judeo-Arabic.

While studying at Teachers Institute and Seminary College of Jewish Studies, from Columbia College in the City of New York, I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Religions, concentrating on Oriental studies. In college, I studied Spanish for six weeks, Greek for 90 minutes, and German for 2 years.

At JTSA, I earned the degree of Master of Hebrew Literature in Talmud and Rabbinic ordination and later was granted the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

I served as an Air Force Jewish chaplain in Wichita Falls, Texas, and in Bangkok, Thailand, and at Headquarters, Strategic Air Command, in Nebraska. I did not learn to read Thai.

Over a span of nearly 50 years, I served as Rabbi in Beth Tikva, the Rockville-Wheaton Synagogue in Maryland; in Germantown Jewish Centre in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; in the Jewish Center of Bayside Hills, in Queens, New York; in Temple Israel of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, New Jersey; in Congregation Bnai Yeshurun in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Beth El Synagogue of East Windsor, New Jersey; and in Temple Emanu-EL of Bayonne, New Jersey.

For 57 years, I have been married to the former Deborah Uchill of Denver, Colorado. For 42 years, we have lived in New Jersey in Scotch Plains, East Windsor, Bayonne, and Caldwell. We are parents of two daughters, Arielle, on the East Coast, and Adinah, on the West Coast. We have three grandchildren.

I earned the degree of Master of Library Service from Rutgers University in about 1990 And was immediately employed by the Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America where I am now, Senior Cataloger of Rabbinics.

I joined the Association of Jewish Libraries and taught at their national convention about x's and o's, and how to determine the ritual of a Jewish prayerbook.