

Rabbi Myra Hovav today serves as Rabbi of the Ramot Shalom Congregation in Be'er-Sheva, one of the 25 new congregations established by the Israel Reform Movement over the past decade. Rabbi Hovav was born in Jerusalem and holds BA and MA degrees in Linguistics from the Department of English at Hebrew University, and an MA degree in Jewish studies from the Schechter Institute. She was ordained as a Rabbi at HUC in Jerusalem in 2010.

Myra was raised in a completely secular environment, but in a home that treasured the Jewish tradition. She eventually found her way to the Reform community – first as an active lay member and later in professional positions in diverse fields: early childhood education, leading musical services, Bar and Bat Mitzvah programs, training musicians, working with people with special needs, and many more.

Myra established Kehillat YUVAL in Gedera, a young and fast growing Reform Congregation, and was their Rabbi for 7 years.

Myra's main effort in her work is to open the doors of the liberal Jewish world to secular Israeli families and to integrate modern Israeli culture into Jewish traditional life. She sees music as a central aspect of Jewish life and has developed various projects, which integrate Israeli music from various traditions into Jewish liturgy. Her newest project is "Elul Hints" - a musical trio with composer Boaz Dorot - which will perform in many IMPJ congregations close to the High Holidays.

Myra is married to Gilad and mother of Yael (25), Allon (21), Naomi (18) and Mattan (14). The Hovavs live in Tzur Hadassah where they are members of the local Progressive Congregation "Shir Chadash".