

We Welcome our Special Guests



Rabbi Jerome P. David, DD

Rabbi Jerome David is Rabbi Emeritus at Temple Emanuel, a position he has held since 2021. Rabbi David joined Temple Emanuel in 1974 as Assistant Rabbi and was promoted to Associate Rabbi in 1977. He became the Senior Rabbi in 1987.

Rabbi David is active in a wide range of community and social service organizations. He is treasurer of the Tri-County Board of Rabbis and is a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) and the Delaware Valley Area Reform Rabbis (DVARR). He is presently chair of the Rabbis' Division of the Allied Jewish Appeal. He serves on the boards of the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey and the Susan G. Koman Foundation. He is an instructor for the Union for Reform Judaism's course on "Introduction to Judaism."

Rabbi David holds an M.A.H.C degree from Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion, and a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Cincinnati. He and his wife, Peggy, have three married sons, Benjamin, Jonathan, and Adam and seven grandchildren. Peggy David, MSW, LCSW, is a psychotherapist with the Centra Group in Marlton, NJ.

Rabbi Benjamin David is honored to be have his father, Rabbi Jerome David, on the bimah with him during his Service of Installation.



Michael S. Friedman, Senior Rabbi

Rabbi Michael S. Friedman has been Senior Rabbi of Temple Israel since 2014. Prior to coming to Westport he served for six years as Associate Rabbi at Central Synagogue in New York City. Rabbi Friedman graduated with a BA in History from Yale University in 1999 and received his ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 2004. He has also served as a rabbi at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills, New Jersey and at the Union for Reform Judaism.

Rabbi Friedman serves as Vice-Chair of the Ethics Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and serves on the board of CONECT (Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut).

Rabbi Friedman is married to Haley Lieberman, a costume designer, fashion stylist, professor, and entrepreneur. They are proud parents of twins Goldie Rose and George Nolan.

Michael is a close friend and former classmate of Rabbi David's. They were in New York together as students and Michael remains a trusted ally and partner.



Cantor Sandra Messinger-Aguilar

Cantorial Soloist Sandra Messinger-Aguilar was born in Montgomery County, PA and raised in Willingboro, NJ. She attended Rowan College at Burlington County, Rowan University and the International Academy in Rome, where she studied Voice Performance concentrating on opera. While attending Rowan University, at the age of 19, she performed the role of Pamina in The Magic Flute. She had gone on to perform in Israel, Spain, Italy, England, Manhattan, Philadelphia and Arizona.

Sandra has been a member of Adath Emanuel since 1975, serving as Cantorial Soloist since 2001. Sandra teaches bar/bat mitzvah lessons, conducts youth and adult choirs, leads the music during services and oversees the musical life of the congregation. She takes great joy in getting to know our congregants and watching the youth of our congregation flourish. In the community, Sandra is a member of the Guild of Temple Musicians and is active with the Delaware County Choral Festival.

Sandra is married to David Aguilar who works making life better for people with Alzheimer's and Dementia. Though they met in Manhattan, David now lives in Burlington County and attends services regularly at Adath Emanu-El – occasionally adding to the richness of the service by playing percussion.

Sandra worked with Rabbi David at Adath Emanuel in Mt. Laurel, NJ.

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Rabbi Stacy Rigler, RJE

Rabbi Stacy Rigler, RJE is Executive Director of the Association of Reform Jewish Educators. A lifelong learner, Stacy is passionate about inspiring excellence, advancing the field of Jewish education, and supporting fellow educators and students.

Stacy has worked in Jewish Education at the Foundation for Jewish Camp and URJ Camp Harlam. She served as Rabbi Educator for 17 years at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, PA. Stacy is on the volunteer leadership team of RAC-PA and #Onward Hebrew and serves on the URJ Camp Harlam Camp Council. She received her MAJE and Rabbinic ordination from HUC-JIR and her undergraduate degree from Emory University.

Stacy lives in suburban Philadelphia with her husband, Rabbi Peter Rigler and their three children. When not at work Stacy loves to exercise, travel, and enjoy amazing pescatarian food.

Stacy is a longtime friend, a Camp Harlam alum, and a master educator. She is part of KI's extended community now and always.



Dr. Andrea Weiss

Dr. Andrea Weiss is the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Provost at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Previously, she served as Associate Professor of Bible at HUC-JIR/New York.

Dr. Weiss was ordained at HUC-JIR and received her doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. She served as Associate Editor of *The Torah: A Women's Commentary* (URJ Press, 2008), which won the Jewish Book Council's 2008 Everett Family Foundation Jewish Book of the Year Award. She also created a highly innovative response to the emerging political landscape known as *American Values Religious Voices: 100 Days, 100 Letters*, which was published by the University of Cincinnati Press.

Dr. Weiss's leadership within HUC-JIR has helped reshape curriculum for the rabbinical program across the campuses and built a deeper sense of community at the New York campus. She developed the Worship Working Group in 2003. She has played a leadership role in major initiatives such as the Spirituality Initiative of the New York School, the Mandel Initiative in Building Capacity for Visionary Leadership, and the annual New York *Kallah*. Dr. Weiss is a gifted teacher and an integral part of the HUC-JIR leadership. She is helping to steer the institution into the future with thoughtful decision-making and intention.