

Rabbi David Englander Bio



Ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1999, where he also received a Master of Arts in Jewish Education and was awarded the Lillian M. Lowenfeld Prize in Practical Theology.

While at the Seminary, Rabbi Englander taught in the Youth House of Temple Israel in Great Neck New York, served as student Rabbi of Congregation Etz Chayim in Huntsville Alabama, and was the rabbinic intern at Town and Village Synagogue in lower Manhattan. He was also senior USY advisor at Temple Beth El of New Rochelle, NY, and worked on the staff of Camp Ramah in the Berkshires for 10 summers as a counselor, division head, and advisor for staff training. Prior to entering the Seminary, Rabbi Englander studied for a year at Yeshivat Hamivtar in Efrat, Israel, and graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with a B.A. in History. While at the University of Michigan, he served as President of the Conservative Minyan and as vice-chair of IMPAC, the Israel-Michigan Political Action Committee. He taught b'nai mitzvah students through Beth Israel Synagogue, and was an elected representative to the Michigan Student Assembly, serving as chair of its External Relations Committee.

At B'nai Torah, Rabbi Englander conducts Shabbat and holiday services, including the participatory Shabbat morning service known as Havurat Shabbat, and the High Holy Day Family service, attended by over a thousand synagogue members. He directs and teaches in the Lillian and Philip Cooperman Academy for Adult Jewish Learning, and is a principal instructor and coordinator for the Basic Judaism and Conversion program. He is active in pastoral care activities and officiates at all lifecycle events. He also teaches in the high school and middle school programs, and is the rabbinic contact for the Sam Mandelker College Connection program, which keeps B'nai Torah's college students connected to their home congregation.

Recipient of the Rabbi Simon Greenberg Rabbinic Leadership Award by The Jewish Theological Seminary in December, 2004 and Past President of the Palm Beach County Board of Rabbis. He served as chair of the task force on Jewish Education for the Planning and Allocations Committee of the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, where serves as a trustee and on the Israel Overseas Committee. Rabbi Englander is on the Honorary Board of Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach, and is an active member of the Boca Raton Interfaith Clergy Association. He also sits on the Ethics Committee of Boca Raton Regional Hospital.

Rabbi Englander grew up in Spring Valley, NY. He attended the Prozdor Hebrew High School program of JTS for four years, and is a graduate of the Monsey Jewish Center Hebrew School. Rabbi Englander and his wife Stephanie are the proud parents of Yaffa, Zev and Ayal.