



Rabbi Alan W. Bright


Upon completion of his Cantorial Studies and Cantorial ordination at The Jews' College, London, Rabbi Bright at age 19, became the youngest Cantor appointed to Congregation, under the auspice of The Chief Rabbi of Great Britain and the Commonwealth.

In 1991, Rabbi Bright returned to Yeshiva to obtain his Rabbinical ordination, after which he served congregations both the United States, The Dutch Antilles, South America and Canada. He was accepted to JTS Rabbinical which he attended in 2007 and 2008, traveling between his congregation in Montreal and NY City.

His Studies in both the Rabbinate and Chaplaincy prepared Rabbi Bright for what would become one of the most rewarding times in his rabbinical history, that of becoming a Chaplain in the United States Airforce, wherein he served for 7 years in the United States Airforce. Upon completion of Officers training School the Rabbi was deployed under the Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In September of 2001, Rabbi Alan W. Bright, became the Senior Rabbi and spiritual leader of Shaare Zedek Congregation.

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In 2005 Rabbi Bright was elected Deputy Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and in 2019 became the first Jew to be elected Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Quebec one hundred and fifty year history.

Throughout his ministry, Rabbi Bright has been involved in interfaith activities, including the Association of Christians and Jews of Montreal.

Rabbi Bright brings with him an intellect and a philosophy of inclusiveness that have allowed us to welcome and embrace individuals from all aspects of our community and reach out to many who have found their home in our Synagogue. While some may be attracted by the eloquence and compassion he exhibits at Life cycle events, for us at Shaare Zedek, it is the concern and commitment he has for our entire synagogue family.

Rabbi Bright has made a substantial contribution to the broader community including, but certainly not limited to, his leadership roles with March of the Living and the Board of Rabbi's, and his bridge building with other cultural groups.

Several additional titles held by Rabbi Bright:

Certified Mohel

Captain Alan W. Bright (USAFR)

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