



As the Associate Rabbi of Temple Micah in Washington, DC, **Rabbi Josh Beraha** spends his time pondering ways to develop and sustain a culture of radical passion for Jewish identity. He has a BA in History and Hebrew Literature from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an MA in Education through the New York City Teaching Fellows Program. He spent five years teaching students with special needs at a public school on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. In rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Rabbi Beraha was awarded the prestigious Bonnie and Daniel Tisch Rabbinical Fellowship which brought him to Temple Micah as an intern in 2012. He was ordained in 2014 and moved to Micah full time. When he's not at Temple Micah, you can find him running around town with his wife Nani, and their three very loud and lively children, Raphael, Maya, and Lily, listening to music, brewing fancy coffee, and searching for the city's best bread.



Rabbi Scott Bolton is rabbi at Or Zarua in New York City. He had the privilege of learning at both the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, where he was ordained; at the Davidson School of Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary where he was a post-rabbinic fellow in the educational Leadership Training Institute; and at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He is passionate about living Jewishly, cultivating a life of intellect, body, and spirit in the framework of Jewish tradition. While at American University, before his rabbinical training, he studied Communications Theory and Criminal Justice. In addition to his experience as a rabbi, he worked in marketing, communications, and government relations for the International Association of Fire Chiefs and owned and operated an art and design business. His wife, Rabbi Amy Bolton, and their four children are delighted to be part of the Or Zarua community.



Cantor Arianne Brown of Adas Israel in Washington, DC, loves her work in this dynamic community where she has a large musical, educational, and pastoral portfolio. Her primary goal is to inspire people to love and connect to Judaism through prayer, education, and the beautiful music of our tradition. Fluent in Hebrew and Yiddish, Cantor Brown is an expert Torah and Megillah reader, pianist, composer and arranger, and theatre director. A renowned specialist in Yiddish music, Cantor Brown performed in off-Broadway productions of the Folksbiene Yiddish Theater, and has appeared at Carnegie Hall, Safta Hall, Disney Hall, the Krakow Jewish Music Festival, and Warsaw's Ida Kaminska State Theatre. Cantor Brown previously served at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles. She graduated from Mason Gross School of the Arts with a Bachelor of Voice/Music Education and JTS with a Master of Sacred Music and Jewish Education. She is featured in the Cantors Assembly's New Voices of the Cantorate video series. Arianne's recordings include a Yiddish theater album entitled Eternal Flame and her trio Ashira's Suddenly Spirited - available at www.cantorari.com, and Shabbat Sing! with her very own Gan students. She is married to Rabbi Randy Brown and loves spending time with her three young sons.



Rabbi Serena Eisenberg is the Director of Regional Engagement at American Jewish Committee (AJC), following five years as the Director of AJC's Northern California region. Previously Eisenberg was the Executive Director of Hillels at Stanford University and Brown University. She is a member of both the Reform and Reconstructionist Rabbinical Assemblies and is an alumnus of several fellowships, including Wexner Graduate Fellowship, Mandel Jerusalem Fellows, CLAL Rabbis without Borders, the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, Chautauqua Interfaith Clergy, and AJWS Global Justice Rabbis. She now serves as a trainer and mentor for the Clergy Leadership Incubator and the Mandel Institute for Nonprofit Leadership. Before entering the rabbinate, she received a JD/MSW from UC Berkeley and a B.A. from Brown University and worked for a decade as child-welfare advocate in the Bronx, Oakland, and in West Africa. Serena is married and blessed with five sons, and currently lives in Philadelphia.



Rabbi Roy Feldman serves as Associate Rabbi at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun in New York City. He believes that a rabbi's primary role in the twenty-first century is to articulate, embody, and exemplify the reasons why traditional Judaism remains relevant today. He obtained a BA from Columbia College and his ordination and MA in Jewish Philosophy from Yeshiva University, where he is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Jewish History. For several years, Rabbi Feldman served as rabbi of the Modern Orthodox congregation in Albany, NY, and he is a member of the Executive Committee of the Rabbinical Council of America. He is married to Rachel Minkin, and they are proud parents of Charlotte and Millie.



Rabbi Chaim Galfand works for the Perelman Jewish Day School in Philadelphia as its school rabbi. After his ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2001, he was part of the the Perelman (Saligman) middle school team for its first two years and has since worked exclusively with Perelman's two elementary schools. He teaches tefilah (prayer) and synagogue skills to all grade levels, works with the faculty on tefilah, and coordinates the tefilah curriculum. Chaim also was involved as a tefilah leader at Camp Ramah for several years and was a participant in the Aleinu Leshabe'ach think-tank in 2015.



Rabbanit Bracha Jaffe is the Associate Rabba at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale in NY. Her role includes all the responsibilities of a pulpit rabbi: delivering sermons, facilitating tefillot, accompanying people pastorally, teaching classes, guiding and orchestrating lifecycle events such as funerals, shiva houses, and baby namings. She is responsible for following up on all B'not Mitzvah celebrations, Women's Tefillah, and women's leyning, as well as creating Halachik guidelines throughout the year, and planning and teaching the conversion program. There is room for creativity as well, the Niggun Circle, "One Community | Celebrating Diversity" (Jews of Color), Yom Yerushalayim Israeli song celebration, and Bat-Mitzvah LeBogrot (adult Bat-Mitzvah). She has spoken openly from the pulpit regarding mental health issues; she is passionate about bringing this topic out of the shadows to help remove the social stigma and enable individuals and families to receive empathy and support. She has taught many to leyn and is the voice of the JOFA

Megillat Esther and Megillat Rut Apps.



Cantor Jenna Mark is the cantor at Woodlands Community Temple in White Plains, NY, where she began her cantorate. She earned a BFA in Theatre Performance from Nebraska Wesleyan University. Ordained from the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in May 2022, Jenna also holds a Masters in Sacred Music. As an HUC Year-In-Israel student, she served as intern at Kehilat Har-El in Jerusalem, Israel's oldest Reform congregation. She then joined Temple B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills, NJ, as their cantorial intern. She was also the cantorial intern at Temple Shaaray Tefila in Manhattan. Jenna received a Masters Concentration in Israel Education as part of iCenter's iFellows Israel Education Fellowship Program and was part of the ARZA's HUC-JIR Clergy Fellowship, prior to her return to Woodlands.



Rabbi Mara Nathan is the Senior Rabbi at Temple Beth-El in San Antonio, TX, where since 2014 she is the first woman to serve as senior rabbi of a major congregation in the State of Texas. Rabbi Nathan has made community building, social justice, worship innovation, and community outreach her main priorities. Previously, she served as the Associate Rabbi and Director of Congregational Learning at Larchmont Temple in Larchmont, NY, from 1994-2014. Rabbi Nathan was ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in 2000. She was a recipient of the Steinhardt Fellowship, a scholarship awarded to rabbinical students to further informal education with teens and college-age students and received academic awards for Hebrew, History, and Talmudic Studies. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History, as well as certificates in Jewish Studies and Women's Studies from Northwestern University in 1993. As a high school student, she studied flute at the Juilliard Conservatory Pre-College Program. Her extensive musical training and experience enables her to incorporate her voice, flute, and guitar into her service leading and other programs. She has served on the board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and most recently served as co-chair for the CCAR Chief Executive Search Committee. She is a member of the Women's Rabbinic Network and has served on the faculty of URJ's Greene Family Camp in Bruceville, TX, and Eisner Camp in Great Barrington, MA. Rabbi Nathan and her husband, Larry, have three children: Isaac, Solomon, and Miriam.