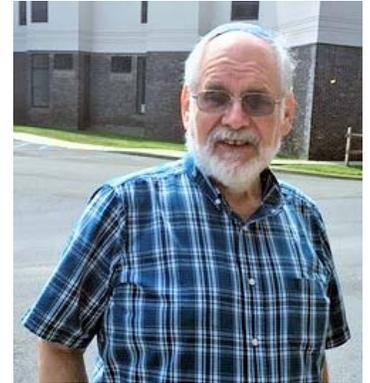


THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY WELCOMES NEW PULPIT RABBIS

Congregation Agudas Israel welcomes Rabbi Jacob Rosner. Rabbi Rosner previously served Congregation Or Shalom, Berwyn, PA as a part time rabbi for the past nine years. He has dedicated his life to bringing people close to God and Torah. Although quite capable as a baal tefilah and torah reader, he spends significant time educating and training congregants to participate as well.

At Congregation Or Shalom, Rabbi Rosner taught weekly adult education classes, including rabbinic literature, basic Judaism, and the weekly Torah portion. He initiated one-on-one study programs geared to the learning interests of individuals, including adult bar mitzvah lessons, Hebrew language studies, and Torah cantillation. Rabbi Rosner guided and taught individuals wishing to convert to Judaism through a year-long process. He taught Confirmation classes to high school students to foster a continuing relationship with synagogue life and the community. He hosted and prepared a once a month program of free Shabbat dinners held at the synagogue that attracted 30-40 congregants. He initiated yearly Martin Luther King observance and wrote a creative service for the program that was open to the larger community. In addition, Rabbi Rosner negotiated the successful merger of two local Hebrew schools and served on the newly formed joint Board of Directors. Rabbi Rosner received his Rabbinic Ordination and Master of Arts in 1981 and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity in 2015 from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City.



Rabbi Roger Lerner became the rabbi for Monroe Temple of Liberal Judaism / Monroe Temple Beth El in July. He grew up at Sha'arey Shalom in Springfield, NJ, where he enjoyed going to Temple and joined the choir. His parents who were (and still are) very active in the Temple, showed him and his siblings what it meant to be involved in the Jewish community and caring for others. When he was fifteen years old, his father took him on a sponsored mission to then Russia where they delivered American products (like Levi's jeans) to Refuseniks. He witnessed firsthand a people in such a bleak condition, no job, little money, can't leave the country, and watched by the KGB, who, in spite of this, were grateful, generous and joyful. He learned so much there that has influenced his life even to today. For ten years he served as Rabbi and for the last six years, principal at Temple B'nai B'rith of Kingston, PA. Rabbi Lerner is currently serving on the staff of Camp Harlam, where he teaches children his love of Judaism combined with his love for the outdoors. He was ordained by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, OH in 2007, receiving a Masters of Hebrew Letters in 2005. His children Lily (age 23), Noah (age 17) and Ziva (age 9) are his world. Lily has global special needs and has taught him so much in how she approaches life in general

and through all of her struggles. When he's not in the synagogue, you might find him with his children, hiking, camping, biking, watching movies, crocheting, or playing guitar.

Temple Beth Jacob welcomes Rabbi Douglas Kohn. He is eager to contribute to study and prayer, and help to make our Jewish lives fulfilling and meaningful. Rabbi Kohn is excited to know our community, those who have been coming through TBJ's doors for decades, and those who are just beginning to stick a toe over the threshold.

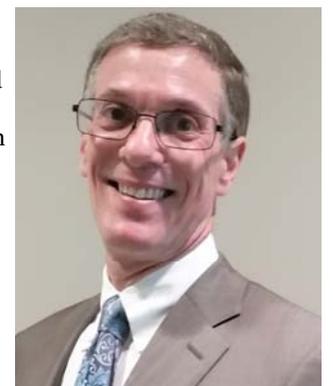
Rabbi Kohn served for five years as a rabbinic transition specialist, leading several synagogues in San Pedro, CA, Birmingham, AL, Wayland, MA, and in Nyack, NY. Previously, he was Rabbi in San Bernardino/Redlands, CA and earlier, Rabbi Kohn was Rabbi in Hoffman Estates, IL, and as Associate and Assistant Rabbi at large congregations in Buffalo and Baltimore.

Concerned with social justice, community relations and Israel, Rabbi Kohn was on the Reform Movement's National Commission on Social Action and was a member of the National Board of ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America, where he was a delegate to the 35th World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem. A speaker at national and regional conferences, especially on Israel matters, health, and teaching Hebrew, Rabbi Kohn also has taught "Judaism" and "The Holocaust" at local colleges.

Rabbi Kohn graduated from Antioch College in Ohio and received his Master's Degree in Hebrew Letters from the Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles. Rabbi Kohn was ordained at HUC in Cincinnati, where he also received an honorary doctorate in 2012. He has published numerous articles in the press and Jewish scholarly and general periodicals in his academic interest, American Jewish history, and has written several feature series on his frequent travels to Israel and Europe.

After his diagnosis and treatment for cancer in 2004, Rabbi Kohn focused on writing and teaching about Judaism and health. He has traveled broadly to speak and to bring support to the Jewish and wider cancer communities.

Rabbi Kohn is the father of two children, Benjamin and Elena. He resides in Beacon, and is lovingly engaged to his fiancée, Susan R.S. Wertheim.



GITTELSON FAMIL Y ENDOWMENT INSPIRED BY BEN GITTELSON

A number of years ago an endowment was created by my family to pay tribute to my father's lifetime of commitment to Jewish causes and in particular the State of Israel. The statement introducing the endowment focused primarily on some clandestine activities apparently conducted by my father during Israel's war of independence in 1946 or 1947. My sister Helen, who is ten years my senior, recalls an event that occurred when she was 15 that caused my father to admonish her in no uncertain terms and never to reveal the substance of that conversation or the revelations that inspired it. As the story goes, my sister, being inquisitive by nature, on a day prior to my father's departure for a trip to sell his line of ladies hats, decided to look into the large black cylinder boxes where the hats were stored for transporting. To her surprise, what she found were parts of weapons secretly ensconced among the pretty hats she expected to find. Her examination of the contents were interrupted by my father who was clearly upset by her prying. The result was a conversation which in tone and seriousness was one that has impacted my sister's memory throughout the years, but has been kept hidden in the deep recesses of her mind.

Many years later a book or a chapter in a book was written devoted to telling of the events surrounding the creation of the State of Israel. The name of the book or the chapter that my sister recalls is entitled "The Ten Men". Mention is made of periodic gatherings at the house of a "Mister G", ostensibly for the purpose of conducting prayer meetings. In reality, the house was used as a place where parts of weapons could be delivered for subsequent distribution to other collection places with its ultimate destination intended for Palestine.

Whether my father was the Mister G depicted in the publication or whether the publication even exists, has not been authenticated by me. My sister was the only witness to the events and while my brother in law saw and read the book that revealed these circumstances, he has no knowledge of the title or author of the book which cannot now be located.

While certification of the story may be disputed what is not subject to debate are certain observations made by me and events that occurred of which I had personal knowledge. As a child I remember men coming to my house and meeting for prayer in my basement. I remember going into restaurants with my father where millinery associates would congregate and would come to his

table and tip their hats or shake his hand. I remember his employees, as well as others, always referring to him as Mister G. And then there is the picture of him being honored among a number of dignitaries, including the famous entertainer Eddie Cantor for their contribution and support in the fight to make Israel a homeland for the Jewish people. I ask myself how a milliner of modest means can command such extraordinary respect among his peers without having done something extraordinary.

This is an edited version of my original statement about my father. I would commend the reader to refer to the original for more details by visiting the webpage: jewishorangeny.org/donate/endowments.



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Hannah Shinder shared this photo of her first day at URJ Camp Harlam in PA. Hannah was among the 18 children from 14 Orange County families who received Summer Camp Scholarships from the Jewish Federation this year.

It's never too early to start planning for your child's summer. Visit our website, www.jewishorangeny.org/scholarships for more information.

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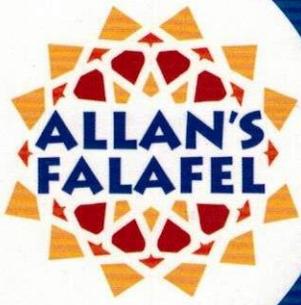
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