



Congregation Sha'are Shalom
Gates of Peace

Sha'are Shalom Welcomes New Rabbi

Congregation Sha'are Shalom ("Gates of Peace") of Waldorf welcomes Rabbi Arnold Saltzman as its spiritual leader. Rabbi Saltzman is a well known figure in the Washington, DC area and adds a new dimension to Sha'are Shalom's ability to provide pastoral leadership for Reform Jews in Southern Maryland. He will celebrate his first Saturday morning Torah service on Sept 10 at 10 am.



Rabbi Saltzman, now in his seventh year as rabbi, is a rabbi of three area congregations. Since 2005 he has served Congregation Beit Chaverim of Calvert County, Md as its Rabbi and Director of Religious Education. In 2007 he began his association with Hevrat Shalom Congregation of Gaithersburg, Md as Rabbi and Educational Director. His responsibilities at Sha'are Shalom will include Shabbat Morning Services, Adult Education, Confirmation, Life Cycle, and advising the Educational Director on curriculum.

He leads services at these congregations and specializes in creating a connection between religious education and Jewish worship services. He works with interfaith couples and families, involving them in Jewish religious services and study. The rabbi has been recognized for his work in the community and created a distinguished guest speaker program at Hevrat Shalom.

A graduate of Columbia University's Teacher's College, Rabbi Saltzman did additional post-graduate and doctoral work at Teachers College. He received a Bachelor of Arts from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, a Masters Degree from Columbia University, and graduated with a Bachelor of Sacred Music and Diploma of Hazzanut from Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Rabbi Saltzman then had a long career as a cantor, serving for many years as cantor of the Adas Israel Congregation in Washington, DC.

Rabbi Saltzman one of the best known spiritual leaders of the greater Washington, DC community. Serving as rabbi, cantor, composer, and recording artist, he has been profiled by leading newspapers, magazines and television, including the New York Times, Washington Post, The New Republic, Opera News, ABC, NBC, PBS, and TV-2 of Denmark.

Rabbi Saltzman is active in the DC area, performing weddings, officiating at life cycle events, preparing bar and bat mitzvah students, conducting services, and maintains an active role as spiritual guide throughout the region. He is married to Carol Nissenson, an actor and director of a professional musical comedy improvisation troupe, NOWTHIS! Their adult sons are Josh and Michael.