

# HUC-JIR Israeli Rabbinical Program Alumni: 1980-2007

**Mordechai Rotem ('80)** served as Rabbi of Or Hadash Congregation in Haifa for over twenty years and currently serves Temple Rodef Sholom in Waco, TX.

**Ze'ev Harari ('82)** is Rabbi of Congregation Am Echod (Conservative), Waukegan, IL.

**Gil Nativ ('82)** is Rabbi of Magen Avraham Congregation (Conservative) in Omer, near Beer Sheva.

**Moshe Yehudai ('83)** served previously in congregations in Israel and in the United Kingdom and is not currently involved in rabbinical work.

**Uri Regev ('86)** is President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism.

**Yehoram Mazor ('90)** recently retired as Rabbi of Darchei Noam Congregation, Ramat Hasharon, continues to teach at Bet Berl College and HUC-JIR/Jerusalem, and has founded an Institute of Reform Liturgy.

**Edgar Nof ('91)** is Rabbi of Or Hadash Congregation, Haifa.

**Zion Zohar ('91)** is Director and Chair of the President Navon Program for the Study of Sephardic/Oriental Jewry at Florida International University.

**Meir Azari ('92)** is Senior Rabbi at Beit Daniel Congregation in Tel Aviv and recently opened the Mishkenot Ruth Daniel complex in Jaffa.

**Naamah Kelman ('92)** is Associate Dean and Director of the Year-In-Israel Program at HUC-JIR/Jerusalem.

**Michael Marmor ('92)** is Dean of HUC-JIR/Jerusalem.

**Reuven Bar-Ephraim ('93)** is Rabbi of Or Chadash Congregation, Zurich, Switzerland, and previously served as Rabbi of Temple Beth Jehoeda, The Hague, Netherlands, and as Rabbi of the Nahariya Progressive Congregation.

**Sergio Bergman ('93)** has served in Buenos Aires, Argentina, since his ordination.

**Maya Leibovic ('93)** is Rabbi of Kehilat Mevasseret Zion in Jerusalem.

**David Ariel-Joel ('94)** is Associate Rabbi of The Temple, Louisville, KY, and previously served as Rabbi of the Har El Congregation in Jerusalem and Director-General of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (IMPJ).

**Dana Evan Kaplan ('94)** is Research Scholar at the University of Miami and has published numerous works on the American Reform Movement and other subjects.

**Michael D. Comins ('96)** directs Spiritual Wilderness Programs in Jackson Hole, WY, and is associated with Chochmat Halev Center for Jewish Spirituality in Berkeley, CA.

**Amir Wind ('96)** is a freelance rabbi and educator working in Israel.

**David Meridach ('97)** is Secretary of the New Giv'on Community, north of Jerusalem, and previously served as the Rabbi of the Sulam Ya'akov Congregation in Zichron Ya'akov.

**Ruben Sternschein ('97)**, was previously Rabbi of the Har El Congregation in Jerusalem, and is now Senior Rabbi at Congregation Israelista Paulista in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

**Miri Gold ('98)** is Rabbi of Birkat Shalom Congregation, Kibbutz Gezer.

**Ada Zavidov ('98)** is Rabbi of Har El Congregation, Jerusalem, and a member of the administrative and teaching team at HUC-JIR/Jerusalem.

**Dan Prath ('00)** previously served as Rabbi of Ohel Avraham Congregation, Leo Baeck Education Center, Haifa, and is Educational Projects Manager and Advisor at Tefen.

**Ma'ayan Turner ('00)** is a freelance educator in Jerusalem and Chair of Rabbis for Human Rights.

**Gregory Kotlar ('01)**, the first Russian-speaking graduate of the Israeli Rabbinical Program, currently serves as Coordinator of Maram, the Israel Council of Progressive Rabbis, and previously served as Senior Rabbi in Moscow.

**Mira Raz ('01)** is Rabbi of Netanya Progressive Congregation.

**Tamar Duvdevani ('02)** works as a freelance educator in Jerusalem, and has directed the Beit Midrash Program at Beit Shmuel.

**Dalia Sara Marx ('02)** teaches Liturgy at HUC-JIR/Jerusalem.

**Yelena Rubinstein ('02)** is Director of the New Immigrants Department of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism.

**Gilad Kariv ('03)** is Director of Social Action at the Israel Religious Action Center.

**Chaim Rechnitzer ('03)** is Assistant Professor of Modern Jewish Thought at HUC-JIR/Cincinnati.

**Galia Sadan ('03)** is Associate Rabbi at Beit Daniel Congregation, Tel Aviv.

**Vered Sakal ('03)** is a freelance educator in the Tel Aviv area.

**Michal Conforti ('04)** is Education Director at Beit Daniel Congregation, Tel Aviv.

**Aharon Fox ('04)** directs the IMPJ *Mechinah* Program in Jaffa, and directs Jewish Studies at the Givat Brenner High School.

**Alona Lisitsa ('04)** works with HUC-JIR in a variety of projects based in the Former Soviet Union and in Israel and serves as Rabbi of Kibbutz Yahel.

**Sa'ar Shaked ('04)** was until recently Director of the Carmel Program at the Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa, and is now the Director of Sulcha, an Israeli organization dedicated to peace and reconciliation.

**Adi Cohen ('05)** is a Rabbi/Educator in the IMPJ and Tali education systems in the center of Israel.

**Mira Regev ('05)**, currently researching a Ph.D in Jewish Mysticism in the United States, has worked in youth, education, and peace initiatives.

**Ofer Sabath Bet-Halachmi ('05)** is Rabbi of the Tzur Hadassah Reform Congregation, near Jerusalem.

**Ayala Sha'ashoua Miron ('05)** is Rabbi of the Bavat Ayin Reform Congregation in Rosh HaAyin.

**Ilana Baird ('06)** is a freelance rabbi and educator based in the Haifa area and serves congregations in the Former Soviet Union.

**Ezra Ende ('06)** is Associate Rabbi of Temple Sinai, Pittsburgh PA.

**Nava Hefetz ('06)** is Education Director of Rabbis for Human Rights, Israel.

**Ofek Meir ('06)** is Rabbi of the Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa.

**Stas Voichokovitch ('06)** is Rabbi of the St. Petersburg (Russia) Reform Congregation.

**Corrie Zeidler ('06)** is Rabbi of the Ma'aleh Tivon Congregation in Tivon, in the north of Israel.

**Golan Ben Chorin ('07)** is Director of Congregational Learning, Temple Emeth, Chestnut Hill, MA.

**Nir Barkin ('07)** is a Rabbi at Yozma Congregation in Modi'in, and Associate to the Dean, HUC-JIR/Jerusalem

**Yishai Ron ('07)** is Rabbi of Yedid Nefesh Congregation in Carmiel.

**Moshe Navon ('07)** is a lecturer at David Yellin Teacher's College and a member of the faculty at the Shrine of the Book, Israel Museum.

**Tania Segal ('07)** is Associate Rabbi of Beit Warszawa in Warsaw, Poland.

**Silvana Kandel ('07)** is an active partner in Kehillat Shachar in Yokneam, and works as a freelance teacher of Judaism in north Israel.