

Rabbis Weiss and Rank to visit TBT March 15-17

The Search Committee is eager for us to meet Rabbi Raysh Weiss and her husband, Rabbi Jonah Rank (and their children Ariana & Meital Weiss-Rank). Rabbis Weiss and Rank are a joint candidate for the pulpit.

Friday, March 15

6:00 pm Congregational dinner
(reservations required)
7:00 pm Shabbat Services
(**please note start time**)
8:00 pm Q&A w/congregation
Oneg Shabbat to follow

Saturday, March 16

9:00 am Shabbat Services,
(followed by Kiddush lunch)
1:00 pm Q&A w/congregation
6:45 pm Mincha/Seudah
Sh'lisheet and Ma'ariv
(w/ teaching)

Sunday, March 17

8:30 am Minyan
9:30 am Q&A w/congregation
10:30 am Outstretched Arm

Rabbi Raysh Weiss is rabbi of Shaar Shalom Congregation in Halifax, Nova Scotia (she also serves as associate chaplain at Dalhousie Univ.). She is an honors graduate of Northwestern Univ., was a Fulbright fellow (Ethnomusicology) in Germany; has a Ph.D. from the Univ. of Minnesota in Cultural Studies & Comparative Literature; and was ordained by JTS in 2016. Rabbi Weiss was a Wexner Graduate Fellow at JTS and served on the boards of T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights and the National Havurah Committee. In 2001, she was a [Bronfman Fellow in Israel](#).

Rabbi Weiss brings to her rabbinate her passions for building vibrant and inclusive community, encouraging spiritual and intellectual inquiry, and promoting social justice. At Shaar Shalom, she initiated a communal Jewish loss support group; introduced social justice and community-building programs (i.e. first-ever Tikkun Olam Committee and work with youth to create their own social action projects); and she has spearheaded new educational initiatives (incl. a Communal Beit Midrash, a year-long, weekly Introduction to Judaism class, and [Chai Mitzvah](#) – an adult education curriculum, as well as unique experiential youth educational opportunities).

Rabbi Weiss has written and published many pieces in various national publications. She is a vocalist and saxophone player

and enjoys bringing music into all facets of life. Other hobbies include [cartooning](#), [film-making](#), and cycling. Most of all, she enjoys connecting with people and helping them connect with one another in order to discover their potential together.



Rabbi Jonah Rank serves Shaar Shalom as Maskil ("teacher of tradition"). He holds BAs in Music/Jewish Music from Columbia Univ. and JTS, where he later received his ordination and a M.A. in Jewish Thought. While at JTS, Rabbi Rank served Congregations Beth Israel of Gulfport, MS and Sons of Israel in Amsterdam, NY; and, as rabbinic intern, United Synagogue of Hoboken.



The child of a rabbi and a Jewish educator, Rabbi Rank has long been passionate about education. Rabbi Rank previously taught Jewish studies at the Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan, and served for three years as a Community Educator to model artistic Jewish communal living at BIMA--the Brandeis Institute for Music and Arts--in Waltham, MA.

A multi-instrumentalist and singer whose Jewish music has been recognized by The Forward's "Soundtrack of Our Spirit," Rabbi Rank is a composer and performer of a variety of music genres. His writing has appeared in academic journals and he proudly served as secretary for Conservative Jewry's most recent prayer books: Mahzor Lev Shalem and Siddur Lev Shalem. In his spare time, he enjoys comedy and spending time with Rabbi Weiss and their family.