

RABBI CRAIG H. AXLER

EDUCATION

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

Rabbinic Ordination, May 2003

Jerusalem and New York, NY

Master of Arts in Hebrew Literature, May 2002

Rabbinic Thesis: "Liturgical Aspects in the Poetry of Yehuda Amichai"

- Awarded Prizes in Interfaith Relations, Talmud, Homiletics and Preaching, Modern Hebrew Literature, Human Relations and Midrash.

The State University of New York – The College at New Paltz

Bachelor of Science, *magna cum laude*, Spring 1994

New Paltz, NY

Major: Music Therapy

- Academic Year Program in Israel, Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, 1992-1993

CONGREGATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Temple Isaiah, Fulton, MD

2012-present

Senior Rabbi

Congregation Beth Or, *Maple Glen, PA*

Rabbi

2003-2102

Temple Beth Shalom – Hickory Jewish Center, *Hickory, North Carolina*

Student Rabbi

2000-2003

Woodlands Community Temple, *White Plains, NY*

Rabbinic Intern

Summer 2002

Additional Synagogue Experience:

- Temple Emanuel (Cherry Hill, NJ) High Holy Day Intern
- East End Temple (NY,NY) Youth Advisor
- Rodeph Sholom Congregation (NY, NY) Prayer Coordinator and Music Specialist
- Larchmont Temple (Larchmont, NY) Youth Advisor and Music Specialist

ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Jewish Federation of Howard County – Board member 2016-2018
- Howard County Board of Jewish Clergy 2014-2016
 - President/Board Chair
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Howard County 2024-present
 - Member, representative of the Board of Jewish Clergy
- Baltimore Board of Rabbis 2018-2022
 - Executive Board, President
- Howard County Clergy Alliance – member 2020 - present
- Interfaith Advisory Council – Howard County – member 2024-2025
- Zionist Rabbinic Coalition – member 2018 – present
- Jewish National Fund – Rabbis For Israel, chair 2018 - 2023