

Eytan Hammerman – Visiting TBS – March 5-7



Eytan Hammerman is a 5th year student in the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary where he holds the Gladstein Fellowship in Entrepreneurial Rabbinic Leadership. His Rabbinical School concentration is in Jewish History. A native of Toms River, NJ and a graduate of the Solomon Schechter day school, Eytan was an active USY and Ramah participant and, later, youth leader. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from Columbia University and also holds a B.A in Israeli Society and Culture, with Honors and Distinction, from List College of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

During his two-year internship at Temple Israel Center, Eytan has been involved in a number of facets of synagogue life including adult education programs, the Havurat Torah Hebrew High School and various family programs and other special initiatives of the synagogue. Eytan also serves as rabbi to Kehillat Shalom, a small Conservative congregation in Skokie, IL. Since 2006, Eytan has directed the Student Placement office of the Rabbinical School at JTS.

Eytan has taught students of all ages in both formal and informal settings. He previously held several full-time positions including directing the Jewish Youth Philanthropy Institute in Washington D.C. (2 years) and working as a consultant to nonprofit organizations in the New York area (3 years). Eytan spent one year working on behalf of the Conservative Movement as a volunteer fieldworker with the Jewish community of Madrid, Spain. He serves on the Board of Directors of Mercaz, the Zionist Organization of the Conservative Movement and of Masorti Olami - World Council of Conservative Synagogues. With Rebecca, he is the parent of three daughters, Ary & Rena (2) and Ilana (1).

Benjamin (Ben) Goldstein – Visiting TBS March 12 -14



Ben is a fifth year student in the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies. He is a native of Rochester, New York and did his undergraduate work at Boston University where he received a Bachelor of Arts in a Joint Concentration of Philosophy/Psychology. Prior to his entrance into rabbinical school, Ben pursued a career in the theater where he performed in various venues for audiences up to 300 people and directed and produced various productions, oversaw cast and

crews as well as administered budgets of various sizes. During his tenure at Ziegler, Ben has had a variety of internships including the following:
Congregation Etz Hadar, Redlands, CA –

Cantor and Assistant rabbi.

Congregation Shearith Israel, Dallas Texas –

Scholar in residence working with teens and adults for all night Shavuot learning.

Beit T'shuva – Los Angeles - Beit T'Shuvah

Rabbinic Intern at a residential treatment center as well as a full service congregation offering religious services, holiday services, and study. The treatment center offers outreach to the entire community including prevention programs, family and alumni counseling, court advocacy and professional training.

Temple Beth Am, Los Angeles, CA

Rabbinic Intern - in an egalitarian Conservative synagogue that is devoted to spiritual and religious enrichment and that values Jewish tradition while embracing innovation for its multi-generational congregation.

Cecelia Beyer - Visiting TBS – March 19 - 21



Cecelia is a fifth year rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary who is also pursuing a concentration in sacred music as part of her studies. A Cherry Hill native, she is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the George Washington University Law School. She comes to JTS most recently by way of Connecticut, where she lived for three years and was an active teacher in the Jewish community. A graduate of Young Judaea, she has also spent significant time living and working in Israel, and is a life member of Hadassah. She is a classically trained soprano and a huge musical theater buff, who loves to sing and dance whenever (and wherever) possible. At JTS she has served on the Women's League Seminary Synagogue staff for three years and also served as one of two student co-chairs of Ishah El Ahotah - the Women's Center at JTS, in charge of women's programming for the seminary community. She has crafted and led services in many different settings at JTS, including the High Holiday "Kehillah Minyan," a creative and interactive service open to members of the general community.

Cecelia's first rabbinic intern experience was at Congregation Shomrei Emunah where she served as the Junior Congregation and Children's Service leader for a year and a half. After that internship, she served as a Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinical Intern at Congregation Beth Simchat Torah, the largest LGBT synagogue in the world. Cecelia is currently working at Congregation Shomrei Emunah as a part-time Cantor. Cecelia lives in Manhattan with her husband Gabe Rosenberg and their two black cats, Willow and Sabrina, and spends her summers at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires.