

RABBI DAVID EVAN MARKUS

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VISION Dynamic spiritual leader, musician, liturgist, innovator, teacher and nonprofit manager. Passionate pathfinder for a vibrant Judaism of heart, mind and soul. North America's only pulpit rabbi simultaneously holding full-time government office.

EDUCATION **COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL** **2018-2019**
Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Entrepreneurship **New York, NY**
Executive MBA affiliate in spiritual innovation and organizational development

ALEPH SEMINARY OF JEWISH RENEWAL **2008-2014**
Ordination, Rabbi **Philadelphia, PA**

Teshuvah: *The Halachic Duty to Vote*

Honors: President, ALEPH Student Organization

Chaplaincy: Stamford Hospital, Stamford, CT (Columbia Univ. affiliate)

Israel Term: Conservative Yeshiva, Jerusalem

ALEPH SEMINARY OF JEWISH RENEWAL **2011-2013**
Ordination, Mashpia (Spiritual Director) **Philadelphia, PA**

For secular education (law, policy and nonprofit administration), see secular resume.

LEADERSHIP **TEMPLE BETH EL OF CITY ISLAND** **2011-present**
Rabbi (2015-present), **Assoc. Spiritual Leader** (2013-14), **Intern** (2011-13) **New York, NY**
Pulpit leader of trans-denominational community of heart-centered spirituality.

- Led renaissance with increases in membership (30%), fund balance (60%), lay leader volunteerism (200%), and cultural programs (300%).
- Directed "Band by the Sea," composed original music and liturgies.
- Led trips to Israel and Cuba, multi-faith programs, and social justice initiatives.
- Created and taught 15 consecutive semester-based adult education courses.
- Anchored congregational and personalized independent *b-mitzvah* programs.

BAYIT: BUILDING JEWISH **2018-present**
Chair & Senior Builder, Board of Directors **Williamstown, MA**

Imagineer of emergent Jewish creative spirituality nonprofit for all ages and stages.

- Developed governance structure, ethics system and fiscal/strategic plans.
- Curated multi-denominational innovation initiatives for pulpit leaders.
- Crafted liturgies and high holiday platform for 35 synagogues in covid crisis.

CENTER OF THEOLOGICAL INQUIRY **2019-present**
Trustee, Board of Directors **Princeton, NJ**

Governor of global nonprofit adjacent to Princeton Theological Seminary at intersection of academic theology and global public policy.

- Anchor trustee for Jewish, next-generation and public-sector constituencies.
- Developed covid-era pivot to digital engagement platform.
- Committees: Trustees & Governance, Finance & Audit.

ALEPH: ALLIANCE FOR JEWISH RENEWAL **2012-2017**
Co-Chair, Board of Directors (2015-17) **Philadelphia, PA**

Vice Chair & General Counsel (2014-15); **Finance Chair** (2012-14)

Executive officer of Jewish Renewal's umbrella organization.

- Devised and led international listening tour / strategic plan after founder's death.
- Presided over institutional advancement initiatives and executive director search.
- Expanded year-to-year giving (25%) and seminary enrollment (20%).

PEDAGOGY

Faculty in Rabbinics and Theology, Academy for Jewish Religion (2019-present)

- Instructor in advanced courses for accredited clergy ordination and M.A. programs.
 - Character, Conflict and Community: Peace Studies II (spring 2021)
 - Illness and Healing: Sacred Text and Spiritual Practice (spring 2020)
 - Joy and Play: Spiritual Formation and Getting Real (spring 2019)
- Spiritual advisor for students and alumni.
- Presenter in schoolwide plenaries on antisemitism and spiritual response.
- Presenter for faculty meetings and alumni continuing education programs.

Faculty in Spiritual Direction, ALEPH Seminary of Jewish Renewal (2015-2020)

- *Mashpia* for students and alumni in clergy and spiritual director training programs.
- Chair of faculty committee to re-design faculty governance and student handbook.

Instructor in Rabbinics, ALEPH Seminary of Jewish Renewal

- Instructor in elective courses for clergy ordination program
 - Spirituality of Joy and Play (summer 2017)
 - Illness and Healing: Sacred Text and Spiritual Practice (summer 2016)
 - Angels in the Field: Sacred Text and Spiritual Practice (summer 2015)
 - Meditation and Esoteric Practice in Jewish Tradition (summer 2014)

PODCASTS

- “Renewing the Heart of Judaism,” *Crossroads*, WBFO (NPR) (May 2019)
- “Making Spiritual Innovation Real,” *Torah of Life*, ep. 14 (November 2018)
- “The Common Theographic Frontiers of Christianity and Judaism,” *Reports from the Spiritual Frontier* (March 2018)
- “Standing Together Against Othering,” *Greylock Glass*, ep. 54 (December 2016)
- “Jewish Renewal” (with R. Barenblat), *Judaism Unbound*, ep. 22 (June 2016)

BLOGS

- Builders Blog*, Bayit’s flagship platform for trans-denominational Jewish innovation, spiritual research and development, and multi-faith collaboration (2018-present)
- Torah From the Desk*, national spirituality platform of faculty, alumni and stakeholders of the Academy for Jewish Religion (2018-2020)
- The Wisdom Daily*, national contributor to blog on spiritual wisdom in association with CLAL: Center for Jewish Life & Leadership (2016-2018)
- The Jewish Studio*, staff blog for flagship cultural initiative (2015-2018)
- My Jewish Learning*, contributor to national blog on Jewish ideas (2014-2018)

PUBLICATIONS

- Holy at Home: A Machzor for the High Holy Days* (2020)
- “Will Jewish Denominations Survive the Pandemic?” *The Forward* (May 2020)
- “Ask the Rabbi: How To Respond to Antisemitism?” *Moment Magazine* (Feb. 2020)
- “When Antisemitism Becomes Us – And What We Must Do About It” (book chapter), in Creditor (ed.), *Loud, Proud & Jewish: Responses to Antisemitism* (2020)
- “The Pulse of Revelation,” in Creditor (ed.), *And None Shall Make Them Afraid: A Rabbis Against Gun Violence Anthology* (2019)
- “The Spiritual Duty to Vote,” in Frost (ed.), *Kolot: Living Jewishly on a Daily Basis*, vol. 4. Valley Beit Midrash (Sept. 2019)
- “Ask the Rabbi: Is There Anything We Can’t Forgive?” *Moment Magazine* (Sep. 2019)
- “Jewish Ethics Demands Independent Path Forward,” *Jewish Week* (Feb. 13, 2019)
- “Transpersonal Vidui,” in Barenblat (ed.), *Beside Still Waters: A Journey of Comfort and Renewal*. Ben Yehuda Press (2019)

- PUBLICATIONS** (continued)
- “A Most Humble Servant,” in Milgram & Wiener (eds.), *The Wisdom of Reb Zalman*. Reclaiming Judaism Press (2018)
 - “Siddur for Tu B’Shevat” (with R. Barenblat). Auburn Theological Seminary (Jan. 2018)
 - “Leave God Out of Your Election Commentary,” *The Forward* (Dec. 17, 2017)
 - “The Spirituality of Just Hanging Out: On Shmini Atzeret,” JTA (Oct. 2016)
 - “And I Will Bless Them: Becoming Channels for Divine Flow” (with S. Wiener), in Blech & Cohen (eds.), *Birkat Kohanim*, vol. 4. New Matrix Publ. (2016)
 - “The Pulse of Revelation,” in Creditor (ed.), *Not By Might: Channeling the Power of Faith to End Gun Violence* (2016)
 - “Short Takes: The Girl Who Knew Only Female Rabbis,” in Schorr & Mendelson (eds.), *The Sacred Calling: Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate*. CCAR Press (2016)
 - “Ask the Rabbi: Are We Commanded to Vote?” *Moment Magazine* (May 2016)
 - “Forgetfulness: The Human Condition,” *The People & The Book: Jerusalem Report*, Jerusalem Post 26:21 (Jan. 2016)
 - “Seminary and Soul: Spiritual Education Without Walls for the 21st Century,” in Herring & Roscher (eds.), *Keeping the Faith in Rabbis: A Community Conversation About Rabbinical Education*. Avenida Press (online ed. 2015)
 - “Denominational Ins and Outs: The New Mishkan,” *Kol ALEPH* (Feb. 2015)
 - “Joseph’s Jailor and Gideon’s Trumpet: The Scourge of Wrongful Conviction,” *Torah for T’ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights* (Dec. 2014)
 - “Four Eclipses: Four Worlds, Four Holidays, Four Holy Perspective Shifts” (with R. Barenblat), *Kol ALEPH* (Apr. 2014)
 - For the Sake of Ascent: A Siddur for Tisha b’Av* (2014)
 - “Embodying the Guidance of Spirit: A Conversation with Eve Ilsen” (with S. Wiener), *Presence: International Journal of Spiritual Direction* 20:2 (2014)
 - “Congregational Hineni,” in Barenblat (ed.), *Days of Awe: A Machzor for the Jewish High Holy Days*, Velveteen Press (2014)

- CONFERENCES**
- Song Leader Boot Camp (SLBC) National Convocation**, St. Louis, MO (2020)
 - Insights and Innovations: *Shema* for Spiritual Up-leading
 - Bayit Clergy Innovation Retreat**: Reisterstown, MD (2020)
 - Spiritual Innovation Process: Reverse Engineering for Results
 - Limmud Toronto**: University of Toronto, ON (2019)
 - How ‘Why’ Grew Up: The Divine Call for Sacred Relationship in Genesis
 - The Devil You Know: The Evolution of *Ha-Satan* in Jewish Textual History
 - Bayit Clergy Innovation Retreat**: Reisterstown, MD (2019)
 - Labbing Micro-Innovations in Spiritual Community
 - Kenissa Convocation**: Reisterstown, MD (2018)
 - Making the Old New and New Holy: Practical Innovation for Emergent Communities
 - Rabbis Without Borders**: Reisterstown, MD (2018)
 - Making Spiritual Innovation Real for All Ages and Stages
 - OHALAH (Association of Rabbis for Jewish Renewal)**: Broomfield, CO (2017)
 - The Future of Jewish Renewal: Report from the International Listening Tour
 - National Havurah Committee**: Palmer, MA (2016)
 - Core Faculty, New England Winter Retreat
 - Limmud New York**: Stamford, CT (2016)
 - The Devil You Know: The Evolution of *Ha-Satan* in Jewish Textual History

- CONFERENCES** (continued)
- Rabbis Without Borders:** Reisterstown, MD (2016)
 - The Innovation Ecosystem: Strategy and Serendipity
 - Routes Convocation:** University of Maryland, College Park, MD (2015)
 - Jewish Angelology: Sacred Text and Spiritual Practice
 - The Devil You Know: The Evolution of *Ha-Satan* in Jewish Textual History
 - NewCAJE-6:** University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT (2015)
 - Sounds of Silence: Texts and Textures
 - Story and Spirit: Modern Maggidut for the Jewish Educator
 - Prayer, Not Performance: *Shema* as Spiritual Ascent
 - Routes Convocation:** American University, Washington, DC (2014)
 - The Duty to Vote: Jewish Law in History and Modernity
 - Imagery and Prayer in Jewish Tradition
 - OHALAH (Association of Rabbis for Jewish Renewal):** Broomfield, CO (2013)
 - The Internet Pastoral Toolkit for Modern Clergy
- ENGAGEMENTS**
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| Scholar in Residence | My Jewish Learning: Online (2020, 2021) |
| Scholar in Residence | Bend The Arc Jewish Social Justice Convocation: Online (2020) |
| Shabbaton Anchor | Shir Chadash (Renewal): Ashland, OR (2020) |
| Shabbaton Anchor | The Jewish Studio (Independent): Rockville, MD (2018, 2019) |
| Mission Leadership | Multi-Congregation Social Service Mission: Cuba (2019) |
| Scholar in Residence | Temple Beth Zion (Reform): Buffalo, NY (2019) |
| Scholar in Residence | University of Richmond Hillel: Richmond, VA (2019) |
| Scholar in Residence | Randolph-Macon College: Ashland, VA (2019) |
| Scholar in Residence | Bethesda Jewish Congr. (Independent): Bethesda, MD (2017, 2018) |
| Mission Leadership | Multi-Congregation Pilgrimage: Israel (2018) |
| Shabbaton Anchor | Congregation Beth Israel (Reform): Berkshire County, MA (2018) |
| Adult Educator | Temple Beth El (Conservative): Stamford, CT (2017, 2018) |
| Scholar in Residence | Kol HaNeshama (Reconstructionist): Sarasota, FL (2017) |
| Scholar in Residence | Temple B'nai Chaim (Reform): Georgetown, CT (2017) |
| Scholar in Residence | Congregation Bet Ha'Am (Reform): Portland, ME (2017) |
| Leadership Seminar | Yeshivat Maharat (Orthodox): New York, NY (2017) |
| Retreat Leadership | Isabella Freedman Retreat Center: Falls Village, CT (2016, 2017) |
- AFFILIATIONS**
- Collaboratory / UpStart (UJA-New York, Shusterman Foundation)
 - Kenissa Network (Hazon)
 - Rabbis Without Borders (CLAL)
 - New York Board of Rabbis
 - Westchester County (New York) Board of Rabbis
 - OHALAH: Association of Rabbis for Jewish Renewal
 - Spiritual Directors International
- SKILLS**
- Music** – voice, keyboard, guitar, *nusach*, composition
 - Spiritual Direction** – individuals and groups, theological pluralism
 - Kabbalah** – mysticism, meditation, esoteric practice
 - Education** – instruction, curriculum design, digital best-practices
 - Governance** – nonprofit administration, strategic planning, ethics, legal
- PERSONAL**
- Functional in Hebrew and Spanish. Former semi-professional *a cappella* vocalist, composer and conductor. Modest but enthusiastic tennis player.

SECULAR / JUDICIAL RESUME UNDER SEPARATE COVER