

**Rabbi Amy Joy Small**

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**Education**

Rabbi, Master of Hebrew Letters, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Wyncote, PA, 1987

Master of Arts in Educational Administration, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, 1986

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, 1980,

*Summa Cum Laude*; {completed freshman year of college as credit for senior year of Plymouth Whitmarsh High School}

Completed 60 credits toward Bachelor of Hebrew Literature, Gratz College, Philadelphia, PA

**Professional Experience**

Rabbi	Congregation Beth Hatikvah, Summit, NJ, 1998–present. Part-time Rabbi, March 1997-June 1998
Adjunct Faculty	Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT: “Building Abrahamic Partnerships” 8 day Intensive Course, annually 2006- present.
Dean of Academic Administration, Director of Education Program and Recruitment	Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Wyncote, PA, 1995-1998
Visiting Rabbi	Israel Congregation of Manchester, Manchester, VT, Sabbatical Replacement – Monthly, 1996-1997
Instructor	Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, Fall 1996 Semester
Visiting Rabbi	Dorshei Emet: The Reconstructionist Congregation of Montreal, Montreal, Canada, Holidays, Fall 1996
Rabbi	Temple B’nai Shalom, Benton Harbor, MI, 1989-1995
Midwest Regional Director	Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot, Wyncote, PA (Now: Jewish Reconstructionist Federation), 1988-1990
Rabbi	B’nai Yisrael Reconstructionist Congregation, South Bend, IN, 1987-1989, Student Rabbi, 1984-1987
Principal of Community Religious School	Kerem Torah School, Vineland, NJ, 1985-1987
Student Rabbi	Jewish Fellowship of Hemlock Farms, Hawley, PA, 1983-1986
Principal of Community Religious School	BJE Regional Religious School, Broomall, PA, 1983-1985
Campus Hillel Advisor	Jewish Campus Activities Board, (Now Hillel of Greater Philadelphia), in service at Community College of Philadelphia,

	Philadelphia, PA, 1982-1983
Educational Director	Beth Israel Congregation, Margate, NJ, 1980-1982
Teacher, Tutor, Curriculum Developer	Congregation Or Ami, Lafayette Hill, PA, 1975-1980, 1982-1983
Teacher and Tutor	Congregation Beth Or, Springhouse, PA, 1977-1980

### **Organizational and Board Service**

United Jewish Communities (national) Rabbinic Cabinet Executive Committee 2006-present, currently Vice Chair

Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, President, 2003-2005; First Vice President, 2001-2003; Board Member-at-Large, 1999 – 2001; Treasurer, 1993-1996; Secretary, 1989-1991

United Jewish Communities of Metrowest New Jersey, Executive Board, 2005-2007; Board 2005- present, Chairperson of Rabbinic Cabinet 2005-2007

Governor's Advisory Commission on Faith Based Initiatives, appointed by NJ Governor Corzine, 2009.

The Partnership for Jewish Learning and Life of Metrowest, 2006-present

Joint Chaplaincy Committee of Metrowest, 2000–present

Hebrew Free Loan of Metrowest NJ, 2007- present

Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, Board 2003-2005, Israel Committee 2006-present

Joint Chaplaincy Committee of Metrowest, 1999–present

Religions for Peace USA, Executive Council and Steering Committee (as representative of JRF), 2004- present; Delegate to World Assembly of Religions for Peace in Kyoto, Japan, 2006

National Interreligious Leadership Initiative (NILI) for Peace in the Middle East 2003- present

Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, the Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace, Rabbinic Cabinet, 2007-present

American Jewish Committee Task Force on Jewish Peoplehood, 2007-2008

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Board of Governors, 2003-2005

United Jewish Communities (national) Board and Executive Board 2003-2004

United Jewish Communities Renaissance and Renewal Pillar 2003-2007

JRF Commission on the Role of the Rabbi, 1998-2000

Jewish Reconstructionist Federation Education Commission, 1985–2003; Charter Commission Member, 2002- 2004 Commission Co-Chairperson

Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Michigan, 1991-1995; Board President, 1993-1995

Samaritan Counseling Center of Southwestern Michigan, 1989-1995, Vice President, 1993-1995

Women's Sexual Offense Services of Madison Center (South Bend, IN), 1988-1989

Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education, Eastern Region *Mazkirah*, National Coordinator for regional mini-conferences, 1986-1987

## Special Projects

*Makom* (formerly North American Coalition for Israel Engagement) educational trips to Israel 2004, 2005, 2007 (rabbinic participants with congregant teams.) **Upcoming**: presenter at Makom Conference at Hebrew University, December 2009

Other Professional Trips to Israel: JRF educator Israel Trip 2001; UJC Metrowest Mission to Israel the General Assembly, 2003; Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations Israel Mission (as RRA President) 2004, 2005; Congregational Trip 2006; Bar Mitzvah trip with congregant family 2006; Invited Guest to Board of Governors Meeting of Haifa University June 2008; Shalom Hartman Institute Rabbinic Study Institute 2008; General Assembly in Jerusalem 2008 (as Rabbinic Cabinet Officer.)

The Shalom Hartman Institute: participant in Rabbinic Torah Seminar, July 2008 and 2009.

JRF: Presenter at several conventions and events for Educators and the movement.

UJC Metrowest Rabbinic Award (recognized at the GA in Jerusalem.)

UJC Metrowest Mission to Ukraine (Cherkassy), Rabbi in residence, 2004

Invocation speaker for Governor Jon Corzine, Democratic Convention 2005, Special Session of Joint Legislature 2008.

“Tuesday Talmud” regular faculty member (volunteer) for private class for West Orange lawyers/professionals, 2001-present (sponsored by atty. David Schechner)

Interfaith Dialogue Center, invited guest for interfaith trip to Turkey, 2007, and speaker at various events.

American Jewish Committee: Speaker in Jewish Identity Series, 2000 and 2002

JESNA (Jewish Education Service of North America): Participant in National Think Tank on Congregational Education, December 2001. Committee Member, Board Committee on Congregational and Communal Jewish Education, 2000- present. Member of Advisory Board for National Jewish Diffusion Network, December 2000-2002. Participant in National Task Force on Congregational and Communal Jewish Education 1998-2000. Chairperson of Workgroup on Program, Content and Structure.

Jewish Education Association of Metrowest Hirschorn Adult Education Program: Lecturer, 2000- 2003

Mifgash Harabbanim: Participant in first intra-denominational rabbinic conference, 2000; Current RRA representative to 2002 Mifgash Harabbanim Steering Committee

Metrowest JCC Culture Shuk: Teacher, Spring 1999 and 2001

CAJE (The Conference for Alternatives in Jewish Education): Presenter at CAJE 2002 and 2006, August 1997 – taught several sessions, including presenting to the College Student Program, a position paper delivered for the Lay Leader’s Institute. Organized and led Reconstructionist services for the Conference at several conferences.

“Women and Judaism: A National Conference at Yale University:” March 1997, Presented several workshops on text and ritual through a Reconstructionist approach.

Hillel: Presented lectures at various Hillel Foundations, including University of Michigan, University of Chicago, Brandeis University, Brown University and Cornell University, 1996-1998 while serving as Director of Recruitment for RRC.

Lutheran Theological Seminary: Presented "Black Jews," Spring 1997

Philadelphia Jewish Federation Jewish Heritage Day: Presenter, 1996

RRC Community Outreach Adult Education: Instructor for courses, "An Introduction to Reconstructionism," Fall 1995, "The Ethics of Speech," Spring 1996

Hillel Leader's Assembly: Faculty 1996

CLAL (Center for Learning and Leadership): Invited Participant in exclusive Rabbinic Leadership Seminar, 1994

RRA Convention: Convention Chairperson, 1993 and presenter of workshops at other conventions.

*Machshavot*, the Journal of the Chicago Board of Rabbis: Charter member of Editorial Board, 1992-1993

Rotary Club of Benton Harbor/St Joseph: Chairperson of Essay Contest, 1993

Delaware Valley Regional "Mini-CAJE:" Initiator and Chairperson of first regional interdenominational educator's conference, 1985 (over 1000 educators attended)

General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations: Delegate, 1985

Reconstructionist Educator's Conference: First conference, Steering Committee Member, 1984

Interfaith Programming: Initiator and organizer of several programs in South Bend, IN and Benton Harbor/St. Joseph MI, 1987-1995

### **Publications:**

*Divrei Torah* and columns in UJC Rabbinic Cabinet Orchard (publication for rabbis) and *Mekor Chayim* (on-line weekly devar Torah sent to the entire UJC system.)

"Haftarah Bereshit" chapter in *A Women's Haftarah Commentary*, edited by Rabbi Elyse Goldstein. Jewish Lights Publishing. 2004

"Miriam's Well" story in the collection, *Three Times Chai: 54 Rabbis Tell Their Favorite Stories*, edited by Laney Katz Becker. Berhman House. 2007

Various *Divrei Torah* and Op Eds for the New Jersey Jewish News

Winter 1998, *Gesher V'Keshet*, "A Review of the Book 'A Congregation of Learners'"

Winter 1995, *Machshavot*, "A Review of Herbert Freudenberger's "Rabbinic Burnout: Symptoms and Preventions"", solicited articles and edited Journal, entitled solicited articles and edited Journal, "Avoiding Burnout – Paths to Spiritual Renewal and Health in the Rabbinate"

Spring 1992, *Machshavot*, "The Small Town Synagogue and the Unaffiliated"

- 1991, Reaching into Prayer, A Guide to Kol Haneshamah, Shabbat Eve Prayerbook (with Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso)
- 1989, Reconstructionist Educator's Manual, (co-edited with Rabbi Jeffrey Schein)
- 1987, The Activity and Discussion Guide to Exploring Judaism, A Reconstructionist Approach (with Rabbis Jeffrey Schein, Cynthia Kravitz and Steven Stroiman and Edward Levenson)
- September 1986, Reconstructionist Magazine, Volume LII, "A New Mikveh Ritual" (co-authored with Rabbi Barbara Penzner)