

Rabbi Amy Joy Small

Rabbi Amy Joy Small has been the rabbi of Reconstructionist Congregation Beth Hatikvah in Summit, NJ, since 1997.

She co-chairs a committee within the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation that is working on creating and nurturing partnerships between Israelis involved in pluralistic Jewish expression and American progressive Jews.

Rabbi Small is a Vice Chair for the National Rabbinic Cabinet for the Jewish Federations of North America. She also serves on the leadership of the National Interreligious Leadership Delegation for Peace in the Middle East, the JRF (Jewish Reconstructionist Federation) Israel Committee, and the board of the Metrowest Partnership for Jewish Learning and Life, and the Metrowest UJC Board. She is a fellow in the CLAL program, "Rabbis Without Borders." Among her interfaith activities, she has been a co-teacher for an intensive course, *Building Abrahamic Partnerships* at the Hartford Seminary.

Rabbi Small served the board of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association for many years and is a past president. She has chaired the Rabbinic Cabinet of Metrowest, and served on the board of the national United Jewish Communities; chaired the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (JRF) Education Commission, and has served on committees of the Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA) and the American Jewish Committee. She has served on the boards of the American Zionist Movement and Religions for Peace USA (representing the JRF.) She has also served on the boards of the JRF and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, and the national board of the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE). She was president of Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Michigan and has chaired conferences for CAJE (Delaware Valley Regional Educator Conference), JRF Educators, and the RRA.

Rabbi Small previously was Dean of Academic Administration and Director of the Education Program at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Prior to that she was the rabbi of Temple B'nai Shalom in Benton Harbor, MI and B'nai Yisrael Reconstructionist Congregation in South Bend, IN. Early in her career she was the education director for religious schools in Margate, NJ; Broomall, PA; and Vineland, NJ.

She was ordained from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1987 with an M.A. in Hebrew letters and the title Rabbi, and received an M.A. in Education from Villanova University and a B.S. in Education from Temple University, *summa cum laude*.

Recent publications include columns and *divrei Torah* in UJC Rabbinic Cabinet Orchard and *Mekor Chayim*, a chapter in *A Women's Haftarah Commentary* (edited by Rabbi Elyse Goldstein), and a story in the collection, *Three Times Chai: 54 Rabbis Tell Their Favorite Stories* (edited by Laney Katz Becker).