

## **Rabbi Amy Joy Small**

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

She serves in leadership with the National Interreligious Leadership Delegation for Peace in the Middle East, the JRF (Jewish Reconstructionist Federation) Israel Committee, the board of the Metrowest Partnership for Jewish Learning and Life, and the Metrowest UJC Board.

Rabbi Small has served many boards, both national and local. Among them, she was a Vice Chair for the National UJC Rabbinic Cabinet, and served on Executive Council leadership for Religions for Peace USA, and the board of the American Zionist Movement. She served on 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 and executive board of the national United Jewish Communities; chaired the JRF Education Commission, and has served on committees of the Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA) and the American Jewish Committee.

Among her varied interfaith activities, she has been a co-teacher for an intensive course, *Building Abrahamic Partnerships* at the Hartford Seminary.

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).

Her blog is found at [www.raviva.org](http://www.raviva.org).