

## Rabbi Howard Avruhm Addison

Having served congregations in Chicago, Sunrise, Florida, and the Philadelphia area—culminating in his spiritual leadership of Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El during the past 10 years—Rabbi Howard Avruhm Addison will retire at the end of June following 40 years in the active rabbinate. Rabbi Addison will continue teaching at Temple University where he serves as an Assistant Professor in the Intellectual Heritage Program.

Rabbi Addison holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Illinois and an M.A. in Philosophy from Hunter College. He was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary, which also awarded him an M.A. in Hebrew Letters and a Doctor of Divinity (H.C.) degree. There he studied Kabbalah and Hasidism with Professors Abraham Joshua Heschel and Seymour Siegel. Rabbi Addison has also earned a D.Min. in the Sociology of Urban Religion from the Chicago Theological Seminary of America, and a Ph.D. in Theological Studies from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana, where he serves as its Scholem Professor and Director of its new D.Min. program in Jewish Spirituality.

The author and co-editor of four books, Rabbi Addison was a contributor to the *Etz Hayim Humash* and served on the Ideological Commission that authored the Conservative Movement's Statement of Principals, *Emet V'Emunah*. Over the course of the last 30 years he has regularly written the *Sedra* column for the Chicago Jewish Sentinel, the Broward Jewish Journal and the Philadelphia Jewish Exponent.

He has served as President of the Rabbinical Assembly, Southeast Region, and the North Broward and the Philadelphia boards of Rabbis. A former Chair of the Ft. Lauderdale Jewish Community Relations Committee, Rabbi Addison also is a former Vice President of the Labor Zionist Alliance.

A pioneer in introducing Contemplative Spiritual Practice to the contemporary synagogue, Rabbi Addison has been certified as an Enneagram teacher by Helen Palmer and as a Fellow in Contemplative Group Leadership by the Shalem Institute. Recently, Rabbi Addison completed his certification in Dream Group Leadership at the Haden Institute and has been lecturing, presenting workshops and offering seminars on *Kabbalah*, Judaism and Dreams, Personality Type and Projective Dream Work. Rabbi Addison was a founding teacher and co-director of Lev Shomea, the first institute in North America for training spiritual directors in the Jewish tradition, affiliated with the Elat Chayyim Center for Jewish Spirituality at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center in Falls Village, Connecticut.

Rabbi Addison lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Dr. Barbara Eve Breitman, a psychotherapist, author and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Counseling at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, where she trains and supervises its Spiritual Directors. Between them they have six children, a variety of sons-in-law, five grandchildren (with one on the way), two dogs and a lovebird. Rabbi Addison looks forward to being “a Jew in the Pew,” celebrating *Shabbat* and *Yom Tov* with Bobbi, their loved ones in Israel, here in Greater Philadelphia and back among our friends at MBIEE.

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**Rabbi Howard Avruhm Addison**

Retirement Gala

May 31, 2015

Testimonial Program

National Anthem and *Hatikvah* . . . . .Cantor Joshua H. Gordon

Welcome . . . . . Irv Gellman, President MBIEE

Rabbi David Glanzberg-Krainin, Senior Rabbi,

Beth Sholom Congregation

Dr. Barbara Breitman

Leora Addison

Gunther Kirchheimer, representing the founding members of CMBI

Cantor Joshua H. Gordon, MBIEE

David A. Reif, Baal Koreh, MBIEE

Ariana Burrows, representing all past presidents of MBIEE

Dr. Rebecca Alpert, Professor of Religion, Temple University,

if she is unable to be in attendance, will be read by Larry Shipper

Rabbi William H. Lebeau, Senior Consultant for Rabbinic and

Institutional Leadership for the Rabbinical Assembly,

cannot be with us, and will be read by Jacob A. Goldberg, Esq.

Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom, Distinguished Service Rabbi,

Congregation Adath Jeshurun

Introduction of Rabbi Howard Addison . . . . .Warren C. Nachmann

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Catering by Boscov's ALa Carte Catering

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Music by Golden Medina

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Rabbi's Gala Committee

Ariana Burrows

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**Honoring  
Rabbi Howard Avruhm Addison  
as he completes 40 years in the  
rabbinate and 10 years at  
Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El**



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**13 Sivan 5775**



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