

# Contributors

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**Rabbi Karen Deitsch** attained her bachelor's degree in psychology in 1996 from the University of California, Los Angeles, and was ordained by Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in May 2004. In between her BA and her ordination, she received certification as a clinical hypnotherapist, classical homeopath, and Aura-Soma color therapist, trained in Chinese medicine at the Emperor's College in Los Angeles, and worked as an educator and adviser at schools in both California and Sydney, Australia. Following her ordination, she served Congregation Ahavat Shalom in Northridge, California, taught at the Milken Day School and the American Jewish University, and was a contributing writer for the *Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*. She has since been working in Venice Beach, California, as a spiritual adviser/educator for individuals, couples, families, and conscious businesses and as a ritualist and holistic facilitator with the members of her growing community.

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**Loui Dobin** is the executive director of the URJ Greene Family Camp, beginning as camp director in 1978. Prior to his arrival in Texas, Loui attended New York University. As a musician, Loui was one of the founding members of the Jewish musical group Kol B'seder, and participated in a number of recording projects. He's been a composer, song leader and performer. He has also found time to become a licensed pilot and emergency medical technician. Loui lives in Temple, Texas with his wife Sheila, a geneticist, and his dog Shayna. Loui and Sheila are the proud parents of Jonathan and Zachary, both longtime campers and staff members at Greene, now all grown up.

**Cantor Ellen Dreskin** ([www.ellendreskin.com](http://www.ellendreskin.com)) is an innovative leader in today's Reform Movement. Her expertise extends from music to synagogue transformation, from experiential education to enlivened liturgy and mysticism. She has worked as a scholar-in-residence with Jews of all denominations from Houston to Chicago and Los Angeles to Boston, has served as cantor and educator for congregations in Cleveland and New York, and has taught for many years at URJ Summer Kallot, Hava Nashira, URJ Kutz Camp Leadership Academy, and numerous other national conferences and educational seminars. Ellen is a graduate of Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion's Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music, has a master's degree in Jewish communal service from Brandeis University, and is proud to have received her honorary doctorate of music from HUC-JIR in 2011. She is a synagogue consultant and clergy coach in the areas of liturgical innovation, personal prayer practice, and communal worship skills. She is married to Rabbi Billy Dreskin and is extremely proud of their joint projects: Katie, Jonah (*z"l*), and Aiden.

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**Rabbi Scott M. Nagel** is senior rabbi at Congregation Beth Ahabah in Richmond, Virginia. His love and passion for Judaism was fueled by the Union for Reform Judaism's youth and camping programs. He graduated from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and took a position as assistant director of the URJ's Kutz Camp, NFTY's National Leadership Center. He went on to Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, where he met his wife, Rabbi Randi Chudakoff Nagel. During his rabbinical training, he worked for HUC-JIR's Depart-

ment of Youth Programs and had student pulpits in Rapid City, South Dakota, Selma, Alabama, and Piqua, Ohio, before coming to Temple Oheb Shalom in Baltimore, which he proudly served for twelve years until he was elected as the eleventh senior rabbi in the 225th year of Congregation Beth Ahabah in Richmond, Virginia. Rabbis Randi and Scott Nagel live in Richmond and have three sons, Daniel, Lev, and Ari.

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**Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner** has served as the director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism since 2015. Rabbi Pesner also serves as senior vice president of the Union for Reform Judaism. Named one of the most influential rabbis in America by *Newsweek* magazine, he is an inspirational leader, creative entrepreneur, and tireless advocate for social justice. His signature accomplishment has been to encourage Jewish communities in efforts to reach across lines of race, class, and faith in campaigns for social justice. In 2006, he founded Just Congregations (now incorporated into the Religious Action Center), which engages countless clergy and professional and volunteer leaders in interfaith efforts for the common good. Ordained at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion in 1997, he was a congregational rabbi at Temple Israel in Boston and at Temple Israel in Westport, Connecticut. A graduate of Wesleyan University and the Bronx High School of Science, Rabbi Pesner is married to Dana S. Gershon, an attorney. They have four daughters: Juliet, Noa, Bobbie, and Cate.

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**Rabbi Kinneret Shiryon, DD**, is the first woman to function as a rabbi in the history of the State of Israel. She was also the first woman to be elected as the head of a rabbinical organization; she served as the chairwoman of MARAM for two terms. She is the founding rabbi and leader of the community of YOZMA (Yahudut Z'maneinu Moreshest Ha'Am—Judaism of Our Time, Heritage of Our People). YOZMA is a progressive synagogue, community center, early childhood educational center, and elementary school in the city of Modi'in, Israel. It is one of the largest centers of Progressive Jewish life in the country. Rabbi Shiryon has also served communities in North America, Australia, New Zealand, and Thailand. She was married to Baruch Shiryon, ז"ל, and is the proud parent/grandparent of four children and three granddaughters.

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**Rabbi David E. S. Stein** has been committed to enhancing American Jewish life via providing good tools for rabbis and supporting their efforts throughout his more than twenty-five years in the rabbinate. The most visible result is the stack of prominent books that he has

helped to shape, most famously the *JPS Hebrew-English Tanakh* and the revised *The Torah: A Modern Commentary* (the Plaut *chumash*). Meanwhile, his well-honed analysis of texts has prompted original scholarship on a wide range of Jewish topics. Most recently he has been producing pieces on Biblical Hebrew for academic publications, displaying an abiding interest in the nouns *איש* and *אשה*. He lives in Culver City, California, with his wife, Carole.

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