

Contributors

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Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar, ordained in 2009, joined Congregation Ahavath Chesed–The Temple in 2018 after serving Temple B’nai Sholom in Huntsville, Alabama. While there, she promoted inclu-

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Cantor Chanin Becker graduated from Princeton University with a degree in English literature and drama and was ordained as a cantor by the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion. She has served as the cantor at Temple Isaiah in Lafayette, California, and at Scarsdale Synagogue–Temples Tremont and Emanu-El in Scarsdale, New York. Since completing the Manchim Training Program of the Mussar Institute, she has had a particular passion around facilitating Mussar practice groups and seeing the world through a Mussar lens.

Rabbi Barry H. Block serves Congregation B’nai Israel in Little Rock, Arkansas. A Houston native and graduate of Amherst College, Rabbi Block was ordained by Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion in 1991 after studying at its Jerusalem, Los Angeles, and New York campuses, and he received his DD, honoris causa, in 2016. A member of the CCAR Board of Trustees, Block has contributed to several previous CCAR Press publications, including “Unplanned Fatherhood” in *The Sacred Encounter*; “Marriage, Money, and Musar” in *The Sacred Exchange*; and “Welcoming Converts” in *Navigating the Journey*. With Dr. Alan Morinis, he co-authored “Mussar and the Development of Spiritual Practices” in *A Life of Meaning: Embracing Reform Judaism’s Sacred Path*, and he is a regular contributor to the *CCAR Journal*. Block currently serves as faculty dean at URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp, a role he held for twenty-one years at URJ Greene Family Camp. He is a past board chair of Planned Parenthood of South Texas. He is the proud father of Robert and Daniel.

Rabbi Mari Chernow is senior rabbi at Temple Chai in Phoenix, Arizona. She was drawn to Mussar study because of the opportunities it affords for reflection, personal growth, and the pursuit of depth. It is, she believes, an example of the exciting Jewish future

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Rabbi Jen Clayman is an independent rabbi in the San Francisco Bay Area. She was ordained from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, in 2003, and has served Jewish organizations in California, Washington, New Jersey and Maryland. She has also trained as a Jewish chant leader with Rabbi Shefa Gold. She specializes in adult Jewish learning and teaches for the Bay Area's HAMAQOM: The Place, as well as the URJ's Introduction to Judaism program.

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Rabbi Judith Edelstein, DMin, BCC, was ordained by the Academy for Jewish Religion in 1997. She has worked as the spiritual leader at various synagogues, as a chaplain, and as a teacher. Her Mussar studies began in earnest through the Mussar Institute under the direction of Alan Morinis. She has been involved with the institute in many capacities for the past ten years. Mussar has transformed her life.

Rabbi Amy Eilberg was the first woman ordained as a Conservative rabbi by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She serves as the coordinator of Jewish engagement for Faith in Action Bay Area,

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Rabbi Carol Glass, BCC, SD, has served in Hillel, congregations, hospitals, hospice and a rabbinical school. A spiritual director and a Mussar student of Rabbi David Jaffe, she has been facilitating Mussar groups since 2012. She has published chapters in two books on addiction and spirituality. She gardens avidly and misses the days when she had more time for biking and bird-watching. Rabbi Glass lives in Newton, Massachusetts, with her husband, Rabbi Michael Swartz. They have two grown sons and one daughter-in-law.

Rabbi Lisa L. Goldstein is the executive director of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality. Educated at Brown University and Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, she previously served as the executive director of Hillel of San Diego, where she was honored for her devotion to the students. She has taught meditation, prayer,

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Rabbi Brett R. Isserow was born and raised in Johannesburg, South Africa. Ordained in 1991 by Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, he served at The Temple in Atlanta, Georgia, and for the last sixteen years at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Virginia. He has been a Mussar student and facilitator since 2009. In retirement he continues to teach at Beth El and facilitate Mussar *vaadim*. He is married to Rabbi Jinny Isserow, an artist, and they have two adult children, Anna and Jesse.

Rabbi David Jaffe is the founder and dean of the Kirva Institute and leader of the Inside Out Wisdom and Action Project. His teaching, writing, and consulting integrate Jewish spiritual technologies with leadership and social change. He teaches Mussar and other forms of Jewish spiritual wisdom around the country with the Mussar Institute, the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, the Legacy Heritage Foundation, and others. Rabbi Jaffe is the author of *Changing the World from the Inside Out: A Jewish Approach to Personal and Social Change*, which won a 2016 National Jewish Book Award.

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Rabbi Debra Kassoff first served Hebrew Union Congregation in Greenville, Mississippi, in 2000 and has led the congregation continually since 2010. Upon ordination in 2003, she established the rabbinic department at the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute for Southern Jewish Life, an organization committed to supporting, connecting, and celebrating Jewish life in the South. Rabbi Kassoff lives with her family in Jackson, Mississippi, where she strives to create compassionate communities that bridge racial, religious, and cultural divides.

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Rabbi Richard M.C. Kellner is proud to serve as the senior rabbi of Congregation Beth Tikvah, in Worthington, Ohio. He has dedicated his rabbinate to building relationships, drawing meaning and purpose from our tradition, and engaging in *tikkun olam*. He serves on the leadership team of the Ohio Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, working to create a coalition across faith lines to build a

better Ohio. He also serves the chair of Continuing Rabbinic Education for the CCAR. Rabbi Kellner lives in Columbus along with his wife, Debra, and daughters, Zoe and Shira.

Rabbi Bonnie Koppell is a native of Brooklyn, New York. A 1981 graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC), she was the first female rabbi to serve in the U.S. Army. Chaplain (Colonel) Koppell was deployed numerous times to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait during her thirty-eight-year career. She received two Legion of Merit medals, in addition to numerous other awards. She holds an MA in religion from Temple University, a master of strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College, and a doctor of divinity from RRC. In 1994 she was named “Outstanding Young Leader” for the City of Mesa, and in 2004 she was the “Woman of the Year.” The *Forward* honored her in 2010 as one of the “The Sisterhood 50: America’s Influential Women Rabbis.” Rabbi Koppell currently serves as the associate rabbi of Temple Chai in Phoenix, Arizona, where she directs the Deutsch Family Shalom Center. She is a frequently requested speaker on military and spiritual themes. Married to Ron Kushner, she is the mother of Jessie Rubenstein and Dr. Sarah Wypiszynski. She adores being a *bubbe* to her growing family, including Helena, Michael, and Leon.

Rabbi Jonathan Kraus has served as the spiritual leader of Beth El Temple Center in Belmont, Massachusetts, since 1994.

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Rabbi Sharon Mars is the senior rabbi at Temple Israel, a Reform synagogue in Columbus, Ohio. She received her rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in 1998 and her master of Hebrew letters in her hometown of Los Angeles in 1994. She has served professionally as a rabbi for over twenty years in various settings, from Hillel and summer camp to hospice and prisons. Her social justice work focuses particularly on the areas of substance use disorder, trauma, and mass incarceration. She is a student of Mussar and seeks spiritual grounding through Torah, community choir, classic rock, college basketball, coffee, and people.

Rabbi Joseph B. Meszler is the spiritual leader of Temple Sinai in Sharon, Massachusetts, an educator, and an activist. Rabbi Meszler has been a Brickner Fellow through the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, is a member of the Hevraya of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, and served as a Global Justice Fellow with American Jewish World Service in 2017–18. His books include *Being Human (and Made in God's Image): Sermons on the Weekly Torah Portion, Jewish Holidays, & Topics of Today* (2018).

Rabbi Joshua Mikutis is the Jewish learning designer at JDC Entwine. He was ordained by the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion; he also graduated with a masters degree in Jewish nonprofit management from the Zelikow School of Jewish Nonprofit Management. Originally from Dayton, Ohio, he graduated from Haverford College with honors in religion and history and with a minor in Russian from Bryn Mawr College. Rabbi Mikutis lives in Brooklyn with his wife Anna.

Rabbi Michelle Pearlman places relationships at the center, helping people connect with Judaism, God, and one another. Currently rabbi of Beth Chaim Reform Congregation in Malvern, Pennsylvania, she has served Monmouth Reform Temple, Temple Shalom of Newton, Massachusetts, the Jewish Federation, and the Union for Reform Judaism. She delights in the power of interfaith connections, having worked with the St. Bernard Project, community partners, teens, and adults to help rebuild one hundred homes after Hurricane Sandy.

Rabbi Sonja K. Pilz, PhD, earned her doctorate from the Department of Rabbinic Literature at Potsdam University, Germany; she holds rabbinic ordination from Abraham Geiger College, Germany. Prior to joining the Central Conference of American Rabbis as the editor of the CCAR Press, she taught worship, liturgy, and ritual at Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, at the School of Jewish Theology at Potsdam University, and in many congregational settings. She has served as a rabbinic intern, adjunct rabbi, and cantorial soloist in congregations in Germany, Switzerland, Israel, and the United States.

Rabbi Marcia R. Plumb has studied and taught Mussar for over twenty-five years, in the United States and the United Kingdom. She teaches several Mussar *vaadim* (groups), founded an annual Mussar conference in Boston, and trained with and worked for the Mussar Institute. She teaches an international online Mussar group and an

online group for Jewish clergy. She is embedding Mussar into the life of her synagogue, Congregation Mishkan Tefila, in Brookline, Massachusetts, as a path for cultural transformation.

Rabbi Ted Riter began formally weaving Mussar teachings into the fabric of his synagogue community in 1997. He is proud that since that time, many of his students have become Mussar facilitators and teachers in their own right. Ted continues to draw upon Mussar teachings as he brings “ancient wisdom and modern design” to individuals and organizations facing crises and going through transitions.

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Rabbi Samuel J. Rose is a native of Norfolk, Virginia. He is the rabbi at Temple of Israel in Greenville, South Carolina. Before moving to South Carolina, Rabbi Rose served as the associate rabbi at Congregation Beth Israel in Austin, Texas for six years. He is a graduate of HUC-JIR (Cincinnati) and Temple University. When Rabbi Rose is not diving down a rabbinic rabbit hole of research, he loves playing with his daughter and watching the Philadelphia Eagles play.

Cheryl Rosenstein, DD, is rabbi emerita and former Mussar guide of Temple Beth El in Bakersfield, California. She now practices her Mussar and yoga in her “happy place,” Santa Rosa, California. “Mussar,” she writes, “has helped me develop the *g’vurah* (“courage”), the *koach* (“strength”), the *emunah* (“faith”) and *bitachon* (“trust”) to open myself to change. I am grateful and honored to be included in this anthology. I hope to continue to share the power of Mussar practice with others.”

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Rabbi Judith Lazarus Siegal was ordained by Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in 2006. She has served as a rabbi at Temple Judea in Coral Gables, Florida, since her ordination, becoming the senior rabbi in 2015. She has a master's degree in social work from the University of Texas, Austin. She

enjoys teaching students of all ages, and Holocaust and Israel are two of her areas of expertise. Rabbi Siegal is married to Brian Siegal, who is the director of the American Jewish Committee of Miami and Broward, and they have three children.

Rabbi Marla Joy Subeck Spanjer, DD, is a native of Chicago. Ordained by Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, she has led congregations in Chicago and its suburbs, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was vice president of the Greater Carolina Association of Rabbis. She is married to Marc Spanjer and has a daughter, Michal Shoshana Spanjer.

Rabbi Samuel L. Spector is the rabbi of Congregation Kol Ami in Salt Lake City, Utah. Previously, he was the associate rabbi of Temple Judea in Tarzana, California. Rabbi Spector attended the University of California, San Diego, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and cum laude with a BA in Judaic studies. He received his MA in Hebrew letters and rabbinic ordination from the Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles.

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mentary offered by the Institute for Jewish Spirituality in 2015–2016, and is the author of a teen Mussar curriculum through Chai Mitzvah.

Rabbi Nancy Wechsler was ordained by Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, New York campus, in 1990. She has served Congregation Beth Shalom in Carmichael, California, since 2003. “Mussar has been perhaps my most powerful lens into Judaism. Not only has it paved a defined path for my Jewish spirituality, but it has become foundational to my rabbinate. Earliest teachers of *middot* were trailblazers, whose efforts I have been honored to join.”

Rabbi Max Weiss serves as the rabbi of Oak Park Temple B’nai Abraham Zion in Oak Park, Illinois, where he has served for the last ten years. Prior to that he served congregations in Hoffman Estates, Illinois, and Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. He currently volunteers on the Rabbinic, Educator, and Cantorial Advisory Committee of Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI), where he has volunteered for the last eighteen years. He serves on the board of the Community of Congregations and of the Leaders Network. He is also on the core team for the Illinois Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. In the past Rabbi Weiss has served on the board of OSRUI, on various committees for the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and on the Institutional Review Board for a local hospital. His interests include community building, working for justice, and American Jewish history. Rabbi Weiss and his wife, Leslie, have three children and live in Oak Park, Illinois.

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Rabbi Cantor Alison Wissot's deepest mission as a teacher is to make the beauty and joy of Jewish texts and liturgy accessible to all. One of the first to be doubly ordained as both rabbi and cantor by Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion, Rabbi Cantor Wissot has served Temple Judea in Tarzana for the past sixteen years. Prior to her cantorial career, Alison worked as an actress in New York and London, and continues to teach Jewish theater at events worldwide.

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