

BENJAMIN AARON ROSNER

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Experience

Congregation Beth Shalom, Cantor

Pittsburgh, PA • 2010 - present

- Lead variety of dynamic weekday, Shabbat and holiday services in range of styles and settings, including but not limited to,
 - Traditional Shabbat or weekday minyan service (leading alone or with lay leaders, with emphasis on congregational singing)
 - Shabbat Alive Friday night service (with band and/or choir participation during Kabbalat Shabbat)
 - Shababababa Friday night service (playing guitar or mandolin; co-lead with another rabbi)
- Teach davening and leining skills to B'nei mitzvah and adult students
 - Provide extensive support to B'nei mitzvah students and their families
- Plan and deliver adult education programs and private lessons in Jewish culture and music
- Read Torah and holiday megillot or assign readings as needed
- Collaborate with lay leaders to produce a range of community musical experiences, including pre- and post-shabbat concerts and open mic series
- Engage unaffiliated and/or unengaged young professionals through collaboration with local Young Professionals' group and personal outreach, including hosting events in my own home
- Participate in range of life-cycle events and actively pursue pastoral care opportunities
- Represent synagogue at community functions

Temple Beth Rishon, Cantorial Intern

Wyckoff, NJ • 2007-2010

- Led dynamic Shabbat services in collaboration with other clergy, choir, and assorted musicians
- Performed range of musical settings, including original compositions, in synagogue and community services and concerts
- Taught prayer melodies, and Torah and Haftarah trope to B'nei Mitzvah students
- Educated Sunday School students about holiday, traditional, and folk music
- Developed Sunday School music curriculum for future synagogue use
- Created advanced teen choir and coached individual students for participation in services

Door To Door Tutoring, Tutor

New York, NY • 2006-2010

- Taught Hebrew language, liturgy, holidays, and culture to students age 6 to 13
- Prepared students in all areas leading up to their B'nei Mitzvah
- Engaged and educated unaffiliated families

The Jewish Center of Sussex County, Visiting Cantor

Newton, NJ • High Holidays 2007, 2009

- Led traditional Shacharit, Musaf, and Maariv services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
- Collaborated with Rabbi and lay leaders to provide warm services for intimate Congregation

Ohel Ayalah, Cantorial Student

New York, NY • 2006-2007

- Led in-demand High Holiday services designed for unaffiliated Jews
- Conducted large, community-wide Passover Seders
- Helped envision and launch independent Friday night minyan geared toward young adults

The Great Synagogue, Chorister

Jerusalem, Israel • 2005-2006

- Participated in this internationally-known choir, under the direction of Naftali Hershtig and Eli Jaffe
- Performed in televised tour concerts in Holland and Germany

Hartford Hillel Foundation, Jewish Campus Service Corps Fellow

West Hartford, CT • 2002-2003

- Created educational, social, and religious programming tailored to Jewish students' interests

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Education

Jewish Theological Seminary, H.L. Miller Cantorial School/College of Jewish Music New York, NY
Masters in Sacred Music; Diploma of Hazzan, May 2010

Honors: Arlene Levy Cantorial Scholarship; Sara and Samuel Katz Memorial Prize in Liturgy and Nusach

Israel: Conservative Yeshiva (2005-2006)

University of Miami Coral Gables, FL

Bachelor of Music in Classical Guitar; minor in Jewish Studies, May 2002

Honors: Phi Mu Alpha (professional music fraternity)