

Rabbi Rachel Zerin

Rabbi Rachel Zerin is excited to join Beth El Temple as Assistant Rabbi. She is driven by her passion to cultivate sacred community, and to enable people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to access the wisdom of Jewish texts and traditions as sources of support when confronting life's joys and challenges.



A native of Massachusetts, Rabbi Zerin joins us after serving at Temple Emanu-El in Providence, RI for five years, where she grew youth and family programming, oversaw adult learning, created holiday programs for people of all ages, led spirited services, and more. In the broader community, Rabbi Zerin served on the RI Commission on Prejudice and Bias, worked for the Cambridge Inter-Faith Programme's Summer School at Cambridge University, and was founder of If We Serve, an interfaith service-learning retreat.

Rabbi Zerin was ordained from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 2015, where she also received her MA in Talmud and completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). Prior to that, she studied at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem, where she first fell in love with Talmud; and earned her BA in Voice Performance and Religion from Syracuse University.

When she isn't helping people connect to each other and our texts and traditions, Rabbi Zerin is usually spending time with her spunky six year-old Rivkah, cooking, playing board games, or drinking coffee. She hopes you will join her for one of those activities soon!