

Rabbi Adam Lavitt, BCC

SPIRITUAL AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- Jewish Studio Project** | Berkeley, CA/Remote 2022-Present
Director of Learning. Design curricula for our core programs and partner institutions. Serve as faculty for Creative Facilitator Training, retreats for Jewish communal leaders, and a new fellowship for Jewish educators. Offer creative coaching to Facilitators and communal leaders. Steward organizational partnerships and facilitate in-person programs in Greater Philadelphia.
- Hebrew College (Boston), HUC-JIR (Cincinnati) Rabbinical Schools & Private Practice** 2017-Present
Spiritual Director. Warmly guided the spiritual formation of future rabbis by providing counseling, teaching spiritual practice, and offering mentorship. Continue to work with spiritual direction clients in a small private practice.
- Orchard Cove, Hebrew SeniorLife** | Canton, MA 2017-2022
Rabbi-Chaplain. Collaborated with administration to support religious and spiritual needs of community within a primarily Jewish geriatric care setting. Led warm and intimate religious services; led weekly Torah study, and spirituality groups; offered cross-cultural staff trainings; provided pastoral care to residents, family and staff; led didactics for CPE students; supervised rabbinical intern.
- Moving Traditions** | Jenkintown, PA 2016-2018
Curricular Consultant, Group Leader. Researched and designed national curriculum for *Shevet*, a Jewish mentorship program for teen boys. Formed chapter at a local synagogue, and facilitated meaningful conversations about masculinity and Jewish tradition that supported participants' emergence into Jewish adulthood.
- Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA** 2015-2017
Jewish Advisor. Designed and led creative and participatory holiday programming. Gave student leaders guidance and skills to shape Jewish life on campus through relational engagement, and peer programming. Worked with administration and faculty to advocate for Jewish students' religious and spiritual needs. Bolstered campus religious life by collaborating with Muslim and Christian Advisors on interfaith events. Hired staff for special events. Provided pastoral support.
- Hillel of Greater Philadelphia** | Philadelphia, PA 2016-2017
HIP (Hillels in Philadelphia) Network Coordinator. Coached and supervised Jewish Advisors from area campuses, and promoted creative cross campus collaborations. Supervised Jewish Advisors at Haverford and Bryn Mawr colleges. Implemented fellowship program to build constructive Israel discourse.
- Lankenau Medical Center** | Wynnewood, PA 2016-2017
Chaplain Intern. Provided pastoral care to patients, family and staff in a level two trauma hospital. Completed fourth unit of Clinical Pastoral Education toward certification as a chaplain.
- Gratz College Jewish Community High School** | Melrose Park, PA 2014-2016
Lead Educator. Designed and taught college and high school courses. Wrote and taught curricula on teen leadership, education, practice and theology, text skills, social and environmental justice within a Jewish framework (2015-2016). Revitalized and administered local branch (2014-2015).
- Visiting Nurse Association – Hospice** | Philadelphia, PA 2014-2015
Rabbi Chaplain. Provided spiritual support to families, staff, and patients in home and in-patient hospice settings; conducted outreach to local Jewish community, and trained staff on Jewish cultural competence.
- Syracuse University Hillel** | Syracuse, NY 2013-2014
Reform Rabbi. Led collaborative process to engage fellow clergy and student leadership in shaping intimate and warm High Holiday experience for students and wider community.
- Congregation Dorshei Tzedek** | Newton, MA 2011-2014
Assistant Rabbi (2012-2014); Community Educator (2011-12). Worked with clergy and education teams, and in collaboration with 1st-5th grade families to translate communal values into Jewish life at home and in world; used community organizing to form groups and create resources around shared interests; led Shabbat morning services, designed and implemented pre-Shabbat learning, adult education, family education, and conducted evaluation of program. Planned, hired staff for, and facilitated holiday programming, taught 5th and 7th grades, and offered pastoral care.

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- Providence West End Community** | Providence, RI 2013-2014
Rabbi/Consultant. Built community amongst 60 young unaffiliated Jews and the Jewish-adjacent community. Collaborated with members to run creative holiday programs. Facilitated 1-on-1s to clarify communal visions. Received half million grant to restore historical synagogue in which group met.
- Hebrew SeniorLife** | Roslindale and Dedham Campuses, MA 2011; 2012-2013
Chaplain Intern. Led weekly Torah study sessions, facilitated memorial services, and provided pastoral care to Jewish and non-Jewish residents, family and staff in a Jewish geriatric care setting. Completed second and third units of Clinical Pastoral Education.
- Jewish Chaplaincy Council of Massachusetts** | Newton, MA 2012-2013
Rabbi Chaplain. Led Shabbat and holiday programming at a non-Jewish nursing home in the Greater Boston area; educated staff about traditional Jewish practice; provided pastoral care to residents, staff and families.
- Harvard University Hillel** | Cambridge, MA 2011-2012
Reform Rabbinic Advisor. Planned and led High Holiday services for students and wider community; coordinated and conducted Passover, Shabbat and community programming.
- Prozdor Hebrew High School** | Newton, MA 2007-2009; 2011
Educator. Designed and taught courses in Talmud, Torah, midrash, prophets, spirituality and art.
- Northeastern University Hillel** | Boston, MA 2011
Rabbinic Intern. Led Shabbat services and taught about prayer and Jewish meditation to college students.
- Brandeis Office of Precollege Programs, Brandeis University** | Waltham, MA 2009-2010
Rabbinic and Engagement Intern. Designed and administered alumni surveys to evaluate programs and support grant-writing process, selected participants for the BIMA program, and published alumni newsletter.
- BIMA (Jewish Summer Arts Institute), Brandeis University** | Waltham, MA 2008, 2010
Community Arts Educator. Taught creative writing, a course on “celebration”, meditation and movement to high school students from around the world.
- St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital** | Manhattan, NY 2007
Chaplain Intern. Offered pastoral care to patients in the AIDS/HIV unit and facilitated the weekly spirituality group to the addictions unit of Roosevelt Hospital. Completed first unit of Clinical Pastoral Education.
- Keshet** | Boston, MA 2006-2007
Director, Ga’avah Youth Program. Built program to support and create community amongst local GLBT Jewish teens.
- Zeek Magazine** | New York, NY 2006-2007
Assistant Editor. Reviewed, edited and chose content for journal of Jewish thought and culture. Participated in salons and readings.
- Camp Havaya** | South Sterling, PA 2006
Counselor. Developed leadership skills amongst counselors in training, and served as prayer leader.
- Elat Chayyim Jewish Retreat Center** | Accord, NY 2004-2005
Co-Founder of Intentional Community. Co-founded Jewish community based on spiritual practice, non-violent communication, and ecological sustainability.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Jewish Studio Project**, Berkeley, CA 2019
Scholar-in-Residence. Designed and led contemplative learning program for Jewish creativity immersive.
- Jewish Alliance of Rhode Island**, Providence, RI 2019
Keshet Trainer. Facilitated LGBTQ inclusion training for 50 rabbis, executives, front line staff and board members.
- Thrive**, Providence, RI 2018
Faculty. Designed and led creative process for interfaith contemplative retreat
- Tufts University Hillel**, Somerville, MA 2014
Scholar-in-Residence. Designed and led program to introduce Jewish meditation to students.

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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, CONT.

- National Havurah Institute**, Rindge, NH 2013
Liturgist-in-Residence. Facilitated a series of embodied explorations of the dynamics of Jewish prayer (Movement Minyan, co-founded in 2009), in preparation for the High Holidays.
- Temple Solel**, Paradise Valley, AZ 2013
Scholar-in-Residence. Helped design and co-lead warm and participatory congregational Passover Seder.
- Kenyon College**, Gambier, OH 2011
Scholar-in-Residence. Lectured on contemporary Israel with sponsorship of Kenyon College's Religious Studies Department, Middle East Studies Program, and Hillel.
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PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Davennen Leadership Training Institute* (2018-2020) Refined skills in art of public prayer
- Fellow, Boston Bridges Clergy* (2017-2018) Deepened leadership skills for service in a diverse society
- Bekhol Levavkha Spiritual Director Training, HUC-JIR* (2015-2017) Trained as a spiritual director
- Fellow, JOIN for Justice Clergy* (2015-2016) Developed skills in faith-based community organizing
- Kenyon Institute's Beyond Walls Spiritual Writing Intensive* (2015) Honed skills as a public spiritual writer
- Fellow, CLAL's Rabbis Without Borders* (2014-2015) Learned with rabbis committed to pluralism, service, and innovation
- Keshet Certified Facilitator* (2012) Certified as an LGBTQ inclusion trainer for Jewish organizations
- Torah Play Storyteller* (2011-Present) Part of first cohort of Jewish educators using Godly Play to teach Torah
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EDUCATION

- Rabbinical School of Hebrew College | Newton, MA** 2006-2012
Rabbinic Ordination, Master's of Jewish Education, Certificate in Pastoral Care
- Conservative Yeshiva, Alma & BINA | Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, Israel** 2010-2011
Intensive study of Biblical, Rabbinic, Halakhic text, and Contemporary Literature
- Pardes Institute | Jerusalem, Israel** 2005-2006
Intensive study of Biblical and Rabbinic text
- Oxford University | Oxford, England** 2003
Visiting Student, Religious Studies and Literature
- Kenyon College | Gambier, OH** 2000-2004
B.A. *cum laude* in English, Poetry Writing, and Religious Studies (2004). Dean's List, all terms since fall 2001.
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SELECT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

- Transforming Chaplaincy Psychedelic Care Network**, Member (2022-Present)
- Association of Professional Chaplains**, Board Certified Chaplain (2019-Present)
- Spiritual Directors International**, Member (2017-Present)
- Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association**, Member, Membership Committee (2019-2022); Member, Board (2022-2024)
- Nefesh** (Jewish movement and contemplative learning space), Member, Advisory Council (2021-2022)
- Jewish Studio Project**, Member, Strategic Planning Vision Team (Fall 2021)
- Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island**, Member, LGBTQ Advisory Committee (2018-2022)
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SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- ["Opening to the Twilight: Creativity's Power to Activate Hidden Possibilities"](#)
- ["Realizing the Power of Light in a Time of Darkness," *Jewish Rhode Island*](#)
- ["Dancing Between Constraints and Spaciousness: The Message of Tisha B'av," *Evolve*](#)
- ["Hope in the Margins," *70 Faces of Torah*](#)
- ["The Sacred Space Between Us," *Huffington Post*](#)
- ["Beyond Bored: Entering the Soul of Creativity," *The Wisdom Daily*](#)