

Rabbi Anthony Fratello, M.A.H.L.

Anthony Fratello was raised in Long Beach, California. As a student and member of a Reform congregation, Temple Beth David, the late Rabbi Henri Front inspired him religiously and intellectually. He graduated from Pomona College in 1994 with a B.A. Degree.

In June of 2000, Rabbi Fratello was elected to the Pulpit of Temple Shaarei Shalom, and has been with the congregation ever since. He is a member of the board of both the Federation of Palm Beach County and the JCCs of the Greater Palm Beaches. Rabbi Fratello is a member of the Palm Beach County Board of Rabbis, and since June of 2009, has been serving as that organization's president. He serves on several committees at JFK Hospital in nearby Lantana, Florida, and is a well known lecturer in the wider community.

In 1994, he entered the Hebrew Union College (HUC). While at HUC, Rabbi Fratello served congregations in Mississippi, Indiana and Illinois. He earned his M.A.H.L. Degree in 1998 and was ordained in June 1999. His thesis was a study of Maharal and his commentary on *Pirke Avot*. Rabbi Fratello is married to Rabbi Joanna Tract, a Chaplain with Hospice of Palm Beach County. They have two sons.

Cantor Aaron Kaplan.

Blessed with a strong connection and foundation to Judaism and a musician for virtually all of his life, Cantor Aaron Kaplan comes to Temple Shaarei Shalom with a passion to combine his Judaic and musical experience in service to the Jewish people. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Westminster Choir College, Cantor Kaplan worked as a free-lance professional singer, and held a position as Performance Coordinator for the Jazz Studies Department at The Juilliard School. He has performed with such eminent ensembles as The New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra and The New Jersey Symphony, and sang on a recording of the Dvorak Requiem on the Delos Record Label.

In the fall of 2004, Cantor Kaplan entered the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, School of Sacred Music to begin his Cantorial studies. While at HUC, Cantor Kaplan served congregations in Manchester, NH and New Hyde Park, NY. He has also performed in numerous Cantorial concerts in the U.S. and Israel. Cantor Kaplan resides in Boynton Beach, Florida.

Our Religious School

The Temple Shaarei Shalom Religious School was established in September 2000 with a handful of students. Today, it is a vibrant, full service Religious School with over 300 students under the supervision of Educational Director Miriam Schaffer, RJE. The school program begins with Kindergarten and continues through Confirmation in 10th Grade.

The goal of the Religious School is to help students make informed choices so they can develop a sense of faith in their lives and identification with the Jewish people. This is done through the study of Torah, Prayers, Israel, Holidays and Jewish Values, utilizing a creative, hands-on curriculum that encourages students to become life-long Jewish learners.

Adult Education

Continuing the practice of life-long learning, we include ongoing opportunities to study Torah, Haftorah, Hebrew and other topics of interest, as well as adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah. In addition, there is an excellent Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series and special programs throughout the year.

Our Auxiliaries

Our auxiliary organizations provide a variety of ways to meet and share interests with old and new friends and to find the comfort of belonging to an extended family.

Sisterhood

Formed in 1992, Sisterhood donated money to buy the land on which Temple Shaarei Shalom was built, furnished the first kitchen, provided a Judaica Shop and helped establish the first library. Sisterhood meets regularly on the third Thursday of the month (Sept.–May) and enjoys educational and entertaining programs that are open to all. Sisterhood's mission is to support the Temple in all ways.

Brotherhood

Brotherhood is a member of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods. They offer socials, trips and sporting events, as well as religious and informational programs.

Singles

The Singles of Temple Shaarei Shalom holds weekly afternoon Rap sessions designed to give affiliated and unaffiliated seniors a place to go to talk about “anything” and enjoy the company of others with similar interests.

PTO

The children are the future of our Temple. The PTO's primary purpose is to successfully facilitate activities and communications that will maximize the Religious School experience for the Temple Shaarei Shalom children. This group of volunteers develops and implements fundraising programs that help to promote community and provide the necessary resources to support and enhance the overall learning experience.

Youth Group

The Youth Group was established in 2004. It is open to students in grades 6-8 (STARY Jr.) and grades 9-12 (STARY Sr.). The Youth Group is a member of the National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) of the Southern Tropical Region (STR).

Addiction Prevention and Recovery Team

This team began at the request of Rabbi Fratello, to create awareness that addiction *does* exist in the Jewish community, and to provide a caring atmosphere — one in which addiction can be discussed and recovery celebrated. The focus is on education and prevention, but support for recovery is evident everywhere, as the Temple hosts AA and NA meetings and holds recovery worship services. The team does not provide treatment; however, referrals are made for those in need. For more information, contact Rabbi Anthony Fratello.

Our History

The Temple was founded in May 1992 by 18 people who expressed the need for a Reform congregation in the West Boynton Beach area. They each contributed seed money and met at Santaluces Community High School for Shabbat Services. Early in 1996, as the membership grew to over 200, the congregation moved to a building at the Boynton Trails Shopping Center. In 1999, the congregation voted to purchase land and, at the beginning of 2000, voted to build a new temple building, which opened its doors in June 2002.

By 2003, the need for additional space caused the congregation to begin plans for expansion. In 2009, with almost 600 members, an additional 18,000 square feet was completed and named The Tendrich Center for Lifelong Learning.

Our Mission

The purposes of the congregation are to: (a) establish and maintain a synagogue for worship, education and assembly in accordance with the tenets of Reform Judaism; (b) cultivate love and understanding of the Jewish faith and heritage; (c) stimulate fellowship in the Jewish community; and (d) apply the principles of Reform Judaism to the values and conduct of its members.

Service Schedule

Friday Night Shabbat
(1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Fridays)

8:00 pm

Intergenerational Service
(2nd Friday) from September—June

7:00 pm

Saturday Morning Torah Study

9:00 am

Saturday Morning Shabbat Service

10:30 am

Our Congregation

A member of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), Temple Shaarei Shalom is a full-service congregation committed to a thoughtful, vital interpretation of Judaism. We are a caring congregation, sharing in each other's joys and sorrows as we journey through the cycles of life.

Other Activities

High Holy Days Festival & Services

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Classes

Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series

ACBL Bridge

Adult & Children's Choir

Havurah

**Call today and be a part of our
energetic, growing and
exciting congregation.**

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