

# Rabbi Madeline Anderson

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Values-driven rabbi with experience in pastoral care, relationship building, service leading, sermon writing and delivery, leadership development, experiential education, project and people management, disagreement facilitation over divisive topics, Israel and antisemitism education.

## Certifications

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**Resetting the Table**, Facilitators Fellowship for Hillel employees, Fall Quarter 2024

**I-Center**, Conflicts of Interest Fellowship, July 2023, and I-Fellows Master's concentration in Israel Education, May 2021- May 2022

**JOIN** (Jewish Organizing Institute & Network) Rabbinical Student Training Course, 2021

**ACPE** (Association of Clinical Pastoral Education) One Unit, 2021

**American Israel Public Affairs Committee**, *Leffel Fellow*, 2019 - 2020

**Encounter Programs**, *participant & facilitator*, 2017 and 2018

## Work History

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### Rabbi Educator & Assistant Director

*Santa Barbara Hillel, Santa Barbara, CA*

*July 2022 - Current*

- Leads regular Shabbat and holiday services and coordinates and supports student *t'filah* leaders.
- Plans and facilitates student education in various modalities, including cohort classes, one-on-one study, and informal learning opportunities.
- Writes and delivers sermons and *chevruta* style Torah study during Shabbat and holiday services.
- Provides regular pastoral support to students on relationships, spirituality, and antisemitism.
- Serves as direct supervisor to one staff member and functionally manages program team.
- Supports and guides student leaders to help them learn more about themselves, their Judaism, and their potential to lead both in the moment and beyond college.
- Leads staff and students in program scheduling, planning, and execution.
- Maintains relationships with partner organizations that provide grant funding, Israel trips, and student support.
- Drafts language for grant applications and reports.
- In times of staff transition, served as interim executive director and offered support in operations, Israel engagement, and development.
- Along with Hillel responsibilities, Rabbi Maddy has provided lifecycle preparation and officiation for community members and visitors Santa Barbara.

## **Interim Assistant Director**

*Cincinnati Jewish Community Relations Council*

*August 2021 - June 2022*

- Worked with community coalitions and partners on programs and initiatives on topics including interfaith dialogue, civic responsibility, Israel and Israeli-Palestinian conflict education, civil discourse, and extremism.
- Taught both Jewish and non-Jewish groups about the modern and historical representations of antisemitism, including a full semester religious school course for high school age students.
- Strengthened communal outreach by highlighting the programs and values of the JCRC through social media management, the Jewish Federation blog, and the weekly Israel e-newsletter.

## **Rabbinic Fellow**

*Congregation Beth Adam*

*August 2020 - June 2021*

- Developed curricula and instructed b'nai mitzvah course designed to help students explore humanity and Jewish identity.
- Taught Hebrew decoding and pronunciation to b'nai mitzvah students.

## **Student Rabbi**

*Temple B'nai Israel of Kokomo, Indiana*

*January 2019 - December 2020*

- Traveled to pulpit quarterly to lead the 20-family community in Shabbat services, and Torah Study; participated in community lunch gatherings.

## **Student Rabbi**

*Temple B'nai Israel of Petoskey, Michigan*

*January 2018 - December 2020*

- Developed long-term relationships traveling regularly to lead the 80 family community in Shabbat services, Torah Study, High Holy Days, children's services, life-cycle events, and special festival celebrations.
- Assisted the board committees in navigating difficult decisions about community safety in the aftermath of the Pittsburgh and Poway synagogue attacks, and worship and ritual guidelines in a community of mixed Jewish practices (predominantly Reform and Conservative).
- Hired as Jewish Educator for 2019 Women's Retreat in Marquette Michigan, through the L'Dor v'Dor Northern Michigan Consortium, which serves several small congregations in Northern Michigan, including TBI Petoskey.

## **Rabbinic Fellow**

*Temple Shalom of Blue Ash Ohio*

*September 2018 - May 2019*

- Taught Jewish values to post b'nai mitzvah students through classroom and experiential education, including community service projects.

## **Communications Coordinator**

*Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation*

*September 2015 - April 2017*

- Developed and implemented brand guidelines based on the synagogue's values and logo to create consistency in everything from individual emails to mass marketing.
- Strengthened the synagogue's communications by growing its presence on social media, updating the style, and streamlining the submission process for the weekly and monthly newsletters.
- Collaborated with lay leaders and board members on programs and fundraisers by serving on planning committees, designing marketing materials, and supporting large-scale mailings.
- Fostered relationships between the congregation and other Jewish organizations in Greater Indianapolis to increase community impact and membership outreach.

## **Administrative Assistant**

*Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis*

*September 2014 - November 2015*

- Supported multiple departments in administrative tasks.
- Cultivated a relationship between Indy Habitat and Jewish community leaders to foster Jewish involvement in the annual Interfaith Build.

## **Construction Assistant**

*AmeriCorps Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis*

*September 2013 - November 2014*

- Acquired skills in home building from foundation to finishes and assisted in coordinating contractors.
- Led groups of unskilled volunteers (15- 20 people) to complete projects efficiently and to code.
- Used my conversation time on construction sites to build relationships with volunteers and get them excited about the Habitat mission.

## **Education**

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Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, **Rabbinic Ordination** May 2022

Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, **Master of Hebrew Letters** May 2021

University of Indianapolis, **Bachelor of Science in Global Leadership** May 2013