

## Rabbi Allison Berry



Rabbi Allison L. Berry is honored to serve as co-senior rabbi of Temple Shalom in Newton, MA. Rabbi Berry joined the Temple Shalom community in 2011 as the Associate Rabbi and Director of the Grades K-6 SHACHARIT Education program. She is deeply committed to the fact that Temple Shalom is a diverse community, welcoming people of traditional and non-traditional backgrounds, interfaith families, Jewish-by-choice, non-Jewish partners, members of the LGBTQ community, people with physical, social or cognitive challenges, and those searching for meaning.

Rabbi Berry graduated from Brandeis University with a Bachelor's Degree in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies with a minor in Music.

Rabbi Berry was ordained as a rabbi in 2007 and has served congregations in Hickory, N.C., Leonia, N.J., and for three years was the rabbi and education director of Temple Beth David in Canton, Massachusetts.

Rabbi Berry believes, "the synagogue should be a place that feels like home from the moment you walk through the doors. At Temple Shalom, we strive to be a home in which we celebrate the joyous occasions in our lives and gather together for support in times of sadness. One of the many roles of a rabbi is to care for and teach the community during these moments of meaning - the moments of joy and sadness. I strive to help each person who joins us deepen their own learning, spiritual and communal connections, and ultimately do the work of tikkun olam (repairing the world)."

Rabbi Berry, her husband Mark, and children Micah and Zachary love living in Newton and are often found at the Cabot School Playground.