

## Margie Jacobs

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### Work Experience

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**Teacher, Congregation Beth El, Berkeley, CA** (2009-Present)

- Co-teach Kevah group for mothers of young children.
- Teach Torah and Haftarah chanting to Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and adults.
- Taught weekly class for parents as part of family education program.

**Teacher, Chochmat HaLev, Berkeley, CA** (Present)

- Organize and co-lead monthly meditation group.

**Regional Director/ Faculty, Institute for Jewish Spirituality, El Cerrito, CA** (2005-2010)

- Created first regional office for national program; engaged in fundraising and grant writing.
- Organized and led meditation/learning retreats for rabbis, lay leaders, social justice activists, and Bar/Bat Mitzvah educators.
- Recruited for, organized, and taught two-year intensive program, *Vetaher Libeynu: Curriculum for Nurturing Adult Spiritual Growth*.
- Organized, developed and taught courses including Awakening Joy, Jewish Holidays, Middot, and Spirituality of Eating.
- Worked with congregations and other Jewish organizations to assess needs and deliver programs.

**Rabbi, Temple Beth Hillel, Richmond, CA** (2001-2006)

- Served as spiritual leader for 100-household Reform congregation.
- Led prayer services for Shabbat, Holidays, and Religious school.
- Taught adult, child, and family classes and workshops.
- Engaged in ongoing interfaith social action projects and dialogue.
- Provided counseling and life-cycle officiation.

**Rabbi-Educator, Congregation Netivot Shalom, Berkeley, CA** (2000-2001)

- Directed religious school and Bar/Bat Mitzvah program.
- Assisted Bar/Bat Mitzvah students in sermon writing.

**Student Rabbi, Congregation Ahavat Sholom, Great Barrington, MA** (1998-2000)

- Served as spiritual leader for 50-household congregation.
- Fulfilled all aspects of rabbinic leadership including counseling, teaching, and leading prayer services.

**Student Rabbi, Philadelphia Geriatric Center, Philadelphia, PA** (1996-1997)

- Provided pastoral counseling and Jewish ritual facilitation for the elderly.
- Received Clinical Pastoral Education through Hahnemann University Hospital.

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## Education

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**Coaches Training Institute**, San Rafael, CA (2009-2010)

- Acquired skills to assist individuals and groups in clarifying and achieving personal and professional goals.

**Institute for Jewish Spirituality**, New York, NY (2002-2006)

- Participated in national retreat-based program for rabbis, follow-up retreats, and distance learning.
- Engaged in meditation, yoga, prayer, text study, and spiritual direction.

**Synagogue Transformation and Renewal**, Minneapolis, MN (2005-2006)

- Participated in learning retreats of the Professional Education for Excellence in Rabbis program.
- Training included non-profit management, organizational development, community organizing and strategic planning.

**Reconstructionist Rabbinical College**, Philadelphia, PA (1996-2000)

- Received Masters of Hebrew Letters and Rabbinic Ordination.
- Received the Stein prize in Jewish Women's Studies for research in Feminism and Hasidism.
- Received the Pinkenson prize in Rabbinic Literature.
- Lectured nationally on Feminism, Midrash, and Jewish Mysticism.

**University of Judaism**, Los Angeles, CA (1995-1996)

- Received Bachelor of Hebrew Letters in Rabbinic Program.

**Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies**, Jerusalem, Israel (1992-1993)

- Studied traditional Jewish texts in full-time program.

**University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA (1988-1992)

- Received B.A. in Psychology, Magna Cum Laude.
- Received the Sol Finestone Award for significant contribution to campus life.
- Co-founded campus peer helpline and worked with victims of assault.

## Publications

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- Jacobs, Margie. "Where God is Hiding." *Tikkun*. Winter 2011:84
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- Jacobs, Margie. "V'achalta V'savata: Eat and Be Satisfied." Mazon.org. Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger. Web,2009.
- Jacobs, Margie and Nina Mandel. *Exploring Judaism Adult Education Study Guide* for the 2000 Edition of *Exploring Judaism: A Reconstructionist Approach* by Rebecca T. Alpert and Jacob J. Staub. Philadelphia: Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, 2004.

References Available upon Request.

