

Cantor Julie Steinberg has been involved at Congregation B'nai Israel for more than 20 years. As a young woman, she studied music at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and at Indiana University. She also holds a Masters degree in Social Work.

Cantor Steinberg came to the Cantorate through an indirect path. She began her career as a social worker – working in hospice, university and adoption settings. She worked many years as a Social Worker for Jewish Family Services in Sacramento. Her love of music and passion for serving the Jewish Community led her to become the student of Chazzan Carl Naluai z”l, the long time Cantor at B'nai Israel. She also had the privilege of studying with Cantors Barry Reich and George Wald. Under their tutelage, Cantor Steinberg expanded her knowledge of nusach and Torah, of prayer and Jewish music. She studied and worked with Chazzan Naluai for many years, and after his untimely death, was named as Cantor of B'nai Israel in August, 2012.

Cantor Steinberg participates with the Rabbi in worship services and lifecycle events. She teaches the congregation's B'nai Mitzvah students and has a passion for teaching Torah chanting. Helping to lead others in prayer is one of the great joys of her life. “One of my teachers once taught me, “s/he who sings, prays twice,” she said. She is proud to be part of the strong tradition of B'nai Israel's singing community.

Cantor Steinberg and her husband Darrell have two children.