

Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt
Biographical Information

Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt is the founding rabbi of Congregation B'nai Tzedek in Potomac, Maryland, a vibrant Conservative synagogue of approximately 650 families which he founded in 1988 with just a handful of families.

Rabbi Weinblatt is President of the Rabbinic Cabinet of the Jewish Federations of North America and has served as Director of Israel Policy and Advocacy for the Rabbinical Assembly and is the head of the Jewish National Fund's "Rabbis for Israel." He has served as President of the Washington Board of Rabbis, chaired the National Convention of the Rabbinical Assembly in Jerusalem and in Washington D.C. and the prestigious Annual Israel Bonds' Ambassador's Ball as well as a number of other positions in local and national Jewish organizations. Rabbi Weinblatt has been an adjunct professor at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. where he has taught Jewish History, Bible and Theology.

In 2016 the Forward newspaper recognized Rabbi Weinblatt as "One of the Most Inspiring Rabbis in America." Other accolades recognizing his leadership he has received are the "Pillar of the Community" award from the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington, and "Man of the Year" award from the Greater Washington Chapter of ORT. Readers of the *Washington Jewish Week* have consistently voted him the "Best Rabbi in Washington" multiple years.

Prior to his ordination at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, he graduated from the University of Maryland with high honors in history where he helped to establish the Jewish Studies Program and represented the student body to the Maryland State government.

A gifted teacher and speaker, who is known for integrating humor in his presentations, he is the author of, *"God, Prayer and Spirituality,"* a compilation of his sermons, writings and articles, *"Living in the Shadow of Death: A Rabbi Copes with Cancer,"* as well as numerous articles and columns.

Rabbi Weinblatt and his wife, Symcha, have four adult children and four grandchildren.