



# Rabbi Sherry's Installation

Congregation Or Atid

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## **Rabbi Sherry Grinsteiner**

Rabbi Sherry Grinsteiner was born and raised in Israel. After her move to the U.S., Rabbi Grinsteiner dedicated 25 years to Jewish Education, teaching Hebrew and Judaic, leading and developing educational programs, and directing Hebrew and Religious Schools in various Jewish institutions in Iowa, Texas, and Colorado. In recent years Rabbi Grinsteiner held the position of Ritual Director and then Rabbi / Director of Lifelong Learning at Hebrew Educational Alliance in Denver, Colorado, before moving to Virginia to take the position of Congregational Rabbi at Congregation Or Atid.

Rabbi Grinsteiner received her ordination from Aleph, the Jewish Renewal Ordination Program, in January 2021.



## **Rabbi Bruce Dollin**

Rabbi Bruce Dollin has been the Senior Rabbi at Congregation Hebrew Educational Alliance in Denver Colorado since 1994. After his retirement in August 2022, he was named Rabbi Emeritus of the congregation.

Before moving to Denver he served as the spiritual leader of Adath Shalom in Dover, New Jersey for eight years.

Rabbi Dollin received rabbinical ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1986, receiving a master's degree in Judaic Studies at the same time. He previously spent a year in Israel studying at Hebrew University in Jerusalem (1982-83). The rabbi holds a bachelor's degree in Judaic Literature from the University of Judaism, received in 1982, and completed his undergraduate studies in psychology at the University of Santa Clara in 1980 magna cum laude.

Rabbi Dollin has held leadership positions in a variety of local and national Jewish organizations including the Central Agency for Jewish Education both in Denver and MetroWest, New Jersey. He has served twice as President of the Rocky Mountain Rabbinical Counsel, served on the Boards of the Denver Jewish Community Center and Allied Jewish Federation. He served on the National Council of AIPAC and on committees of the Rabbinical Assembly of Conservative Judaism.

Rabbi Dollin is married to Tamra Dollin who is herself a distinguished Jewish communal professional who currently works for the Grinspoon Foundation in its Life and Legacy Department. Rabbi Dollin and Tammy have four adult children, two of whom are married and one to be married in May, 2023.



## **Rabbi Leila Gal Berner**

Rabbi Leila Gal Berner, Ph.D., D.Min. h.c., serves as a member of the AOP Academic VAAD. She was ordained at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and also received ordination from R' Zalman Schachter-Shalomi z"l. She received her doctorate in medieval Jewish history from UCLA, she was a Fulbright scholar and she spent extensive time in Spain researching Jewish history during the Spanish Reconquista. She is rabbi emerita of Kol Ami: The Northern Virginia Reconstructionist Community in Arlington, Virginia. She was the Founding Director of the Center for Jewish Ethics at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. She taught at Reed College, Swarthmore College and Emory University, and was for a decade Scholar-in-Residence in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at American University in Washington D.C. She has published widely on the creation of new feminist rituals and is a pioneer in the unfolding field of contemplative Jewish engagement with the study of TaNaCH. She is currently working on a book on a contemplative approach to studying the Book of Genesis.



## **Rabbi Steven Silvern**

Rabbi Steven Silvern served as Rabbi for Beth Shalom, Auburn, AL for 13 years. He was ordained by the ALEPH Zalman Schachter Shalomi Rabbinic Studies Project in 2001. After ordination he was invited to be Assistant to the Dean of the program. Over the course of 20 years he worked in several positions with the ALEPH Ordination Program focusing on finances and infrastructure. He taught Spiritual Development and Education as well as Hasdidut and retired from ALEPH in 2021 as the Associate Dean.

Dear Sherry, What an accomplishment! Mazal-tov to you and your beautiful family! I loved you since you came to El Paso to our congregation, how you taught our children in Talmud Torah, every Sabbath you would attend our morning services, and participate with Rabbi Leon in his Devar Torah. You always had the right answer.

With much love, Felicia Rubin  
President of Congregation B'nai Zion, El Paso, Texas

Todah Rabbi Sherry, for sharing the opportunities that lie ahead with your new Congregation Or Atid family.

May we all continue to flourish together. Kol tuv!

Wanda and David Schweiger

Rabbi Sherry, wishing you all the best in your new journey at Congregation Or Atid.

Marilyn and Rick Wiener

Looking forward to greeting you at future services.

Welcome!

Jan Mirmelstein

May we move together from strength to strength.

A warm welcome from the Elmakis'

Welcome to the Or Atid family, Rabbi Sherry! We are so happy you and Leo are here.

Bruce and Tomomi Rubin

Welcome to our community. We wish you much mazel and wonderful sermons.

Lynn Simonoff & Werner Lichtenstein and families

Welcome as our official spiritual leader and friend. You are truly a blessing in our life and our congregational family.

Sue and Norm Geller

Mazel Tov Rabbi Sherry; Michael Raizen and Gail deVore

Dear Rabbi Sherry,  
Michael and I are so glad you are here at Or Atid! We are already flourishing as a Congregation, thanks to you, and can't wait to see what the future holds!  
Ruth and Michael

Rabbi Sherry - You are an inspiration and a true leader. We are blessed to call you our Rabbi and even more blessed to call you our friend. Mazel Tov from the entire Carroll Family.  
Barbara and Jason Carroll

May you help us to flourish and may you take us from strength to strength.  
With affection,  
Lisa and Leon Roday

Congratulations and welcome to Virginia and the Or Atid family.  
We hope you will enjoy many happy years here.  
All the best, Sharyn and Gerry Milsky

My family and I are so happy for you. Your new congregation is so lucky to have you. May G-d be with you, May G-d bless you with health and strength, May the light of Torah shine strongly within you, illuminating all those you touch.  
With much love,  
Leah and Sam Marcus

Congratulations Rabbi Sherry! This is what you were born to do. As much as I miss you, Or Atid struck gold when you moved to guide them. Wishing you much success my dear friend! Joann Fannan

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Sherry Grinsteiner    Albert Banker

It is our sincere pleasure to welcome you to our Congregation and get to know you and your family. Sandra and Franklin Levin

Dear Rabbi Sherry and Leo,  
We are thrilled to have you as part of our congregation and community.  
We look forward to many special times ahead.  
Geri, Greg, Zack and Erin

Rabbi Sherry,  
Mazel Tov on your installation as the Rabbi for Congregation Or Atid.  
They are very lucky to have you as their spiritual leader!  
Much Love,  
Buffy, Michel, Ben and Sara Chonchol

**בהצלחה לחברה היקרה שלי**  
**באהבה, שירה**  
Sheila

Thank you for bringing your knowledge, experience, and energy to  
our congregation. Harry Kirschbaum

You bring warmth & energy to our community. We wish you all the  
best--Mazel Tov! Ron and Sharon Fink

Congratulations, what an accomplishment! My prayer for you is that  
G-d would give you wisdom in your responsibilities with your  
congregational family and may you be blessed beyond all blessings.  
Karen Larsen

Rabbi Sherry came here with a flourish. We are delighted to grow  
with her. Fran and Art Todras

Wishing Rabbi Sherry and the Congregation Or Atid family best  
wishes. Bob Witkow

Our best wishes for you and the congregation you serve. Sorry we  
cannot attend your installation personally. Ahouva and Martin

Rabbi Sherry, we are so lucky to have you as our Rabbi. Already you have  
infused our congregation with your warmth, energy, enthusiasm, and sincere  
passion for Judaism. You have brought us back to life from a time when we  
have been disconnected physically and spiritually. You are truly the light of  
our future! Thank you (and Leo) for all that you have given us to date and all  
that you will certainly be doing for our congregation in the years ahead.  
With great appreciation and admiration, Amy and Don Unger

From Machon to Rabbi Sherry: Congrats on your installation! We have really enjoyed getting to know you and look forward to spending more time together this year. We know it's going to be a great time!

Congratulations on your installation. We are so happy to welcome you to the Or Atid family!  
The Bunce Family

Congratulations Sherry! Bobby and Kurt

Mazel Tov! Wishing you all the best! Linda and Steve Kalat

Mazel Tov uVerachah Rabbi Dennis, Julie, Rachel & Cantor Sarah Beck-Berman

Mazel tov! Love, Rachel & Emma

Rabbi Sherry, Congregation Or Atid is so fortunate to have you here. We have already begun to flourish into a busy hub of learning and worship. We wish you peace as you lead us on this journey.  
Kevin and Leslie Archer

Dear Rabbi Grinsteiner,  
Welcome to Congregation Or Atid and greater Richmond! We are excited that you have joined our community. Your short time as our spiritual leader has been special and we appreciate the skills and compassion you have brought to us and the congregation.  
L'shalom, Russ and Terry

Rabbi Sherry, Mazal Tov on your new position! We are super excited for you and hope this is the beginning of something meaningful and incredible. You are missed in Colorado. xo The Altberger Family

Rabbi Sherry, in your short time with us, you have already brought us so much joy and spirituality. Looking forward to many more wonderful experiences together. Ellen and Dan Bernstein



We are so lucky you've joined our family. The Gwaltneys

Welcome Rabbi Sherry and Leo, we are so happy to have you as part of the Or Atid family. Sandy and Ralph Mayer

Mazel Tov to Rabbi Sherry & Mr. Leo Grinsteiner on this wonderful milestone for you and our community. The Komulainen Family

Mazel tov! So happy to have you in the area. What a lucky group to have found you as their rabbi. May you all go from strength to strength!  
Hazzan Stephanie

Rabbi Sherry, We are so thrilled to have you as our Rabbi at Or Atid and know that you will be a great asset to the synagogue. Fondly,  
Mickey and Stan Corn

Mazel Tov and Welcome to RVA and COA! Jeff and Stacye Samuels

Welcome to Or Atid Rabbi Sherry and family, Shirley Cohen

Rabbi Sherry, Welcome to Or Atid! Your vibrant personality has already impacted so many of us in such a positive way. We look forward to our future together. Lynn and Josh Landesman

Dear Rabbi Sherry: We welcome you to RIC! We look forward to your kindness, wisdom, and love of Israel permeating our community,  
Affectionately, the Glazer/Schwam Family

Emma! We have always been so proud of you, but now even more so on this day as you officially become what we all knew you to be - that great teacher, the one we always know will be there for us and those who need you. You are the rock of our family, our dearest Emma, and the amazing wife of your man. "We love you to the sky."  
Leo, Gabriel, Ariel, Eitan, Avishai

We couldn't have done it without our entire mishpucha!

First and foremost, one more warm welcome to  
Rabbi Sherry and Leo.

Thank you to our guest speakers:  
Rabbi Bruce Dollin  
Rabbi Steven Silvern  
Rabbi Leila Gal Berner

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