



Biographical Information for Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb

Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb, one of the foremost leaders in Jewish life in North America and worldwide, is Executive Vice President, Emeritus of the Orthodox Union, following more than seven years as Executive Vice President. In that role, he combined the skills of pulpit rabbi, scholar, and clinical psychologist to provide extraordinary leadership to the organization and to Orthodox Judaism worldwide.

Rabbi Weinreb received his rabbinic ordination in 1962 from the Rabbi Jacob Joseph Yeshiva in New York and served as spiritual leader of Congregation Shomrei Emunah in Baltimore for 13 years, building the congregation from 160 to more than 400 families before coming to the OU. In addition, he has a PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Maryland and served as a psychotherapist for mental health organizations for many years while also maintaining a private practice. His positions included roles as school psychologist for Prince George's County Public Schools in Maryland and as Chief Psychologist of the Potomac Foundation for Mental Health.

As Executive Vice President, Rabbi Weinreb built the Orthodox Union to an unparalleled degree of esteem. He traveled widely, visiting communities and congregations across North America, in addition to his frequent trips to Europe and Israel. In these travels, he frequently served as scholar-in-residence, including some of his most enjoyable assignments, guiding NCSY summer touring groups.

Now, with more time to write, Rabbi Weinreb has authored *The Person in the Parasha: Discovering the Human Element in the Weekly Torah Portion*, based on his popular weekly *Person in the Parasha* Torah commentary, in which he combines his background as a trained psychologist and a rabbinical scholar to provide insights into the *parsha* that would be available from no other source. For more than two decades, he has presented his annual Tisha B'Av shiur, webcast around the world on www.ou.org and reaching an audience of thousands. Many people use the new Koren *Mesorat HaRav Kinot*, the complete Tisha B'Av service, with an exquisite new English translation of the Kinot, the elegies of the fast day, by Rabbi Weinreb. Rabbi Weinreb is also the editor-in-chief of the new Koren *Talmud Bavli*, and he has authored a commentary to *Sefer Tehilim*, called *The Rohr Family Edition of Tehilim*; also published by Koren.

Rabbi Weinreb continues to travel extensively, and to write essays and commentaries for a wide variety of resources.