

Rabbi Earl Kideckel currently serves the Jewish community of Boston as a rabbi to the unaffiliated and as a teacher, counselor, and officiant at lifecycle events. He spent 16 years as the rabbi of Temple Beth Torah in Holliston, MA. This past year, he served as the High Holy Day rabbi for the Beth Shalom Congregation in Edmonton, AB. Rabbi K studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Columbia University, where he earned bachelor's degrees from both institutions, a master's degree and rabbinic ordination. In 2010, JTS bestowed upon the rabbi an honorary doctorate for his studies and work in the community. In 1988, he completed his course work in advanced pastoral counseling from the Blanton-Peale Institute for Religions and Health. His wife, Lisa, is a graduate of Cornell University and has a master's in education from the University of Maryland. Rabbi and Lisa have a wonderful relationship with their three adult children, daughter-in-law, and their five-month old grandson, who all reside in the Boston area.

During his career, Rabbi Kideckel has served congregations in Elmira, Long Island, Las Vegas and Boston. He has been involved in the community as a pastoral counselor and hospital chaplain, has served as an ethicist for the Department of Health and Human Services in a local hospital, and is a past president of the New England Region of the Rabbinical Assembly. In his last congregation, Rabbi Kideckel was extremely involved in creatively shaping, developing and evolving the culture and community. It is those same skills that the rabbi brings to our community, to help listen, understand and guide us through our rabbinic transition.