

Introducing Rabbi Howard Siegel



Rabbi Siegel received a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Minnesota, a Bachelor of Hebrew Literature from the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, and a Master of Arts in Judaica and Rabbinical ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. He was awarded a Doctor of Divinity by JTS in 2005. Rabbi Siegel's professional accomplishments include serving as a pulpit rabbi in Vancouver & Richmond, BC, Minneapolis, MN, and Houston, TX. He was also the founding director of the Solomon Schechter Day School of St. Louis in 1981. In 2003, he founded the "Jewish Information Center of Houston," an outreach program for unaffiliated Jews. He has staffed and directed Jewish summer camps and served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy, and he began his career teaching speech and English in a Portland, OR public high school. For the past 10 years, Rabbi Siegel has been an interim rabbi for congregations in Los Angeles, CA, San Antonio, TX, Vancouver, BC, and Tampa, FL. He currently writes a weekly blog for the Houston Chronicle.

Rabbi Siegel's honors include: The Rae & Edmund Hecht Houston Jewish Community Rabbinic Award, Congressional Recognition for Work with Hunger & Homelessness, Hennepin County (MN) Award of Distinction for Work with Hunger, and the Lillian M. Lowenfield Prize in Practical Rabbinics from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Rabbi Howard Siegel is married to Ellen Lefkowitz. They are the proud parents of 5 children and (currently) 10 grandchildren.