

Bio of Rabbi David Helfand

Rabbi David Helfand is completing rabbinic ordination at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, CA, where he is also pursuing a Masters in Jewish Education.

David has worked in the Jewish youth world for many years: with USY (United Synagogue Youth), Camp Ramah in Northern California, Congregation Har Shalom in Potomac, Maryland, and for three years at Shomrei Torah Synagogue. David has spent many summers in Israel with different groups as well as two 9 month school years in Israel with the Nativ Gap Year Program. David has completed a 400 hour unit of Clinical Pastoral Education as well as a summer as a Spiritual Counselor at Beit T'shuvah - a Jewish rehab and addiction center. David holds a Master's Concentration Certificate in Israel Education from the iCenter, has written curriculum for the Global Day of Jewish Learning, served as a student rabbi at a B'nai Mitzvah camp in Siberia, is an AIPAC Leffell Fellow, a Hartman Clergy Student Fellow, and was a rabbinic intern at his home synagogue in Kansas City for two years.

During his third year of rabbinical school in Israel, Rabbi Helfand learned at the Conservative Yeshiva. It was in the Holy Land that David met his best friend and now fiancée Rebekah. Rabbi Helfand is a diehard Kansas City sports fan. When he's not watching the Royals or Chiefs, you can be sure to find him preparing a delicious cholent for his Shabbat guests, reading, traveling the world, or admiring perhaps one of the greatest kippah and sock collections this side of the Mississippi.

Rabbi Helfand is a master community builder, a passionate experiential educator, and gifted storyteller. Be prepared to learn, laugh and deepen your love for Judaism.