

Sponsoring Rabbis and Cantors for Introduction to Judaism

Each student is asked to work with a sponsoring rabbi or cantor from a local Reform synagogue.

Your sponsoring rabbi or cantor is your personal guide, advisor and helper during the time that you are learning about Judaism. In order to ensure that you have the opportunity to ask all the questions that will arise, we hope that the relationship you begin with your sponsoring rabbi/cantor will continue beyond the Introduction to Judaism course.

You will be encouraged to attend Sabbath and holiday services. Hopefully you will attend other synagogue events and meet some Temple members to get a better sense of the congregation. While rabbis and cantors are eager to work with our students, there are many demands on their time. Appointments need to be scheduled in advance.

Those students seeking conversion will work closely with a rabbi or cantor since s/he is the person who will determine both the requirements and timing of conversion. This rabbi or cantor may or may not be the person who is your sponsor for the Introduction to Judaism class.

It is the policy of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the American Conference of Cantors that congregational rabbis and cantors charge no fee for their role as sponsoring clergy for the Introduction to Judaism course or for conversion. (Should you wish, it is permissible to make a donation either to the synagogue or to the rabbi's or cantor's discretionary fund.)

Please feel free to contact Rabbi Stephanie Bernstein, Instructor for Introduction to Judaism in the DC area at sbernstein@templerodefshalom.org or at 301-229-6008, should you need help locating a sponsoring rabbi or cantor.

Rabbi Stephanie Bernstein
Instructor, Introduction to Judaism, DC Area

Note to Sponsoring Rabbi/Cantor: Please e-mail this form to: Rabbi Stephanie Bernstein at sbernstein@templerodefshalom.org

I have met with _____ (Please write student's name) and have agreed to work with this student for the duration of his/her participation in the Introduction to Judaism class at Temple Emanuel, beginning January 2021.

Rabbi/Cantor's name: _____

Synagogue: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Daytime Phone number: _____ Date: _____

Rabbi's/Cantor's Signature: _____

