

Rabbi Cyril Alexander Stanway

44 Lambert Johnson Drive, Ocean, NJ 07712

732-768-7773 (cell) 732-918-1940 (home)

| rabbicstanway@gmail.com | skype: rabbicy | personal website: www.rabbicstanway.com |

blog: <http://templebethmiriam.org/category/rabbi-cys-blog/>

Professional Experience

RABBINIC EXPERIENCE

1998- Present **Rabbi**, *Temple Beth Miriam, Elberon, NJ*

- Led a 225 family household in all areas of temple life including worship, creative service development, age-specific worship experiences, adult teaching, teenage teaching, fundraising, staff supervision and development, music, board and executive participation and development. Actively involved in the Jewish community and various local organizations including Jewish Federation, rabbinic and professional groups.

WORSHIP AND LIFE CYCLE

- Developed a new model for young children religious experience known as Shabbat Together
- Work closely with families to create individualized life-cycle events including wedding, B'nai Mitzvah, funerals, namings, etc.
- Introduced First Seder celebrations at Beth Miriam
- Guitarist for the Beth Miriam Friday Night Live band
- Designed, created and co-edited (with an extraordinary editorial congregational partner) siddurim/prayerbooks for Healing Service (Service of Spiritual Renewal), Community Shiva, Social Action Service, Family Shabbat, Community Service for Rosh Hashanna and Yom Kippur, Summer Outdoor Worship, Beach Service, Tashlich, created new liturgy for Friday Night Live production (all available on request)
- One-on-one conversion study
- Did all the music including playing and singing in the Religious School and the Shabbat worship my first year
- Organized and led Israel trips in 2002 and 2004
- Designed stained-glass windows in Social Hall and worked with artist for new stained-glass in Sanctuary
- Worked with woodworker for the redesign of the Sanctuary podia
- Coordinate with the Cantor as full partner on all services
- Created outdoor Shabbat worship experiences with original prayerbook created for Beth Miriam
- Created full-week Sukkot observances including study, meals, youth and child programs
- Piloted Mishkan Tefillah
- Guest appearance in every Purim play
- Breakfast with the Rabbi program
- All rabbinic duties including, but not limited to namings, B'nai Mitzvah, funerals, weddings, conversions, counseling, shiva minyans, worship services, divrei Torah, Torah reading, songleading

- Hospital and nursing home and home visits

EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING

- Began weekly Theology class for adults
- Instituted Chassidic thought class on Friday mornings
- Began Sunday morning Talmud study in Las Cruces, NM in 1990 which exists to this day. Brought Talmud and Midrash study to Beth Miriam which has been meeting for the past 22 years
- Shabbat Morning Torah Study for Adults
- Teen Academy – post B’nai Mitzvah learning opportunities for teens with more than a 90% post-B’nai Mitzvah retention rate
- Rabbi@Home program to bring Jewish tradition to learners at home in safe and non-threatening environment
- Created lay-led shiva minyan group complete with training and shiva minyan book created for Temple Beth Miriam
- Facilitator and teacher of Grade 7 creative liturgical poetry for Grade 7 Shabbat
- Created B’nai Mitzvah training with a new model of well-trained teachers
- Yom Kippur text study session
- UAHC (URJ) Introduction to Judaism instructor
- Served as presenter at Regional URJ Kallot
- Various professional kallot and study opportunities including Oraita, NJWHV Rabbinic Network, and local rabbinic and interfaith ministeria.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL

- Spearheaded the Capital and Endowment Campaign raising approximately 85% of the 1.8 million dollars through professional training and individual solicitation with all members of the temple
- Introduced and fund-raised for a full Visual Tefillah system including audio-video system and software. Also an editor of all Visual Tefillah services partnering with Cantor
- Introduced and fund-raised for Mishkan Tefillah
- Introduced and fund-raised for Mishkan HaNefesh
- Head of Staff responsible for supervising and coordinating the staff of 5, not including the teachers. Responsible for feedback, problem solving, always on-call for day to day issues *excluding congregants' financial issues*
- Webmaster www.bethmiriam.org
- Created, maintained and enhanced Temple YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/rabbicy>)
- Creator and editor of **E-lijah, the electronic newsletter of Temple Beth Miriam**

SOCIAL ACTION

- Interfaith Thanksgiving Service participation with Lutheran church
- Memorial Day Shabbat worship with Conservative synagogue
- MLK service with local Baptist church
- Created relationship with Mercy Center of Asbury Park, NJ

- Certified Police Chaplain – Long Branch NJ Police Department
- 400 hours Clinical Pastoral Education
- Step 5 Alcoholics Anonymous counselor

YOUTH

- Community Hebrew High
- 13 years on Faculty at URJ Camp Harlam (Kunkletown, Pennsylvania 1997 – 2014)
- 5 years on Faculty at URJ Jacobs Camp (Utica, Mississippi 1983-1985)
- Constant presence in the Religious School on Sundays and Wednesdays and am often asked to teach in classes from Pre-K to Grade 7
- Teen Academy teen program
- Counselor Camp Erin – a camp for grieving children

Education

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE-JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION

- **Doctor of Divinity**, March 2013
- **Clinical Pastoral Education**, 400 Hours (1 Unit), June-August 2012, Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, OH
- **Rabbinic Ordination**, May 1987
Thesis: Mourning in the Talmud: An Analysis of b. Moed Katan 19a-29b
- **Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters**, May 1986
- **Bachelor's Degree**, York University, Toronto, Ontario. Major: Psychology, June 1982

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Guitarist
- Drummer
- Amateur Radio Operator (K2CYS)
- Brewer of homemade beer & cider
- 8 years Shotakan karate, Tae Kwon Do, Hapkido
- 3 grown children: Abraham, data scientist; Naomi,, teacher; SaraAnn 19, software engineer
- Married to Stella Jeruzalmi Stanway, presently Principal of Beth Miriam Religious School and Youth Group Director

EXPERIENCE

1998- Present **Rabbi**, Temple Beth Miriam, Elberon, NJ

1990-1998 **Rabbi**, Temple Beth El, Las Cruces, NM
Began longest running Talmud study in the Reform Movement

1987-1990 **Rabbi**, Temple B'nai Israel, Hattiesburg, MS
Created 'Conversations in Genesis' with Lutheran Church

Only Jewish representative in 75 mile radius

1985-1986 **Student Rabbi**, Temple Israel, Marion, OH

1983-1985 **Student Rabbi**, Temple Am Shalom, Mentor, Ohio

Summer 1983 – **Counselor**, URJ Jacobs Camp

Summer 1984 – **Unit Head/Education Coordinator**, URJ Jacobs Camp

Summer 1985 – **Student Chaplain**, Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, OH - earned 400 hours of Clinical Pastoral Education (1 Unit)

References available on request