



### Meet Our Rabbi

Rabbi Aaron Schonbrun, originally from San Diego, CA, grew up very active in the Conservative Movement, through his family's congregation and his own involvement in USY and Camp Ramah. Rabbi Schonbrun earned his BA from Washington University in St. Louis and received both Rabbinic Ordination and a Masters in Jewish Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary.



From 2004 to 2010 Rabbi Schonbrun served as one of the rabbis of Congregation Beth David in Saratoga, CA. In addition to his pulpit work, Rabbi Schonbrun served as the rabbinic advisor to the local Schechter Day School and as a member of the Saratoga Interfaith Ministerial Group. He is an alumnus of the PEER Executive Leadership Program and the Kellogg Jewish Leadership program. He has also served as a member of the National Board of Professional Advisors to the Jewish Outreach Institute. Rabbi Schonbrun is currently a trustee on the New Jersey Rabbinical Assembly Regional Board and is a regular contributor to Jewish Values Online.

In the summer of 2010 Rabbi Schonbrun became the first spiritual leader of the unified Congregation Torat El. Rabbi Schonbrun and his wife, Jane-Rachel, met in Jerusalem, were married in 2001, and have been blessed with three beautiful children.

### Meet Our Cantor

Cantor Bruce Siegel came to the Jersey shore in 2000. He attended SUNY Cortland in central New York earning undergraduate and graduate degrees. He spent more than twelve years on the radio in Binghamton, Cortland, and Syracuse where he won awards for commercial production (including an International Broadcasting Award from the Hollywood Radio and Television Society) and authored an audio production textbook. He decided to pursue a cantorial career and went on to serve congregations in Cortland and Binghamton, and Savannah, GA, before heading to New Jersey. Cantor Siegel is the author of several Judaic books for children (all available in the CTE library), including The Magic of Kol Nidre, which won a Sydney Taylor Honor Book Award. Cantor Siegel married Anne, his college sweetheart (and a CTE librarian). The Siegels have a son, Joshua, a NYC graphic artist, who blows the shofar with his dad at Neilah every Yom Kippur.

