

# RABBI JASON A. MILLER

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Interim Director, ATID: *Alliance for Teens in Detroit***, Farmington Hills, MI

Manage all aspects of consolidated weekly Jewish educational high school program comprised of the five local Metropolitan Detroit Conservative congregations. December 2007 – Present

**Rabbi, *Congregation Agudas Achim***, Columbus, OH

Served as the spiritual leader for this 500-household Conservative congregation. Increased membership with young families and strengthened the preschool. Fulfilled all aspects of rabbinic leadership including counseling, teaching, preaching, life-cycle officiating, and representing the congregation in the community. Played significant role in Synaplex™ programming. Led trips to New York City and Israel. July 2006 – September 2007

**Associate Director, *University of Michigan Hillel Foundation***, Ann Arbor, MI

Served as the advisor to the Religious Life committee and the director of the Jewish Learning Center. Achievements included the establishment of a *beit midrash* by securing two major gifts through a grant and an endowment, the first social action mission to Ukraine, and a Shabbat dinner exchange program. Duties also included counseling, teaching, staff supervision, and donor cultivation. August 2004 – June 2006

**Program Director, *Adat Shalom Synagogue***, Farmington Hills, MI

Administered this Conservative synagogue's monthly Synaplex™ (STAR Foundation) program for Shabbat enhancement, named "SYNergy Shabbat," with an annual budget of \$125,000. Oversaw a committee of twenty-five lay-leaders and professional staff. June 2005 – June 2006

**Visiting Assistant Professor, *Michigan State University – Religious Studies Department***, East Lansing, MI

Taught "The History of Judaism" and "Modern Jewish Thought" courses. September 2005 – May 2006

**Rabbi, *Congregation Sha'are Shalom***, Leesburg, VA

Served as spiritual leader to congregation on a monthly basis as part of the Gladstein Family Rabbinic Fellowship. Taught adult education classes, guided potential converts, officiated at services and life-cycle events, and provided counseling. Initiated successful programs and participated in the process of moving into first permanent synagogue location. June 2003 – June 2004

**Rabbinic Intern, *Congregation Agudath Israel of West Essex***, Caldwell, NJ

Involved with all age demographics (nursery to seniors) in 1000-household congregation. Officiated at life-cycle events, delivered sermons, taught courses, and created *chavurot* (social groups) for young families. Initiated new programs and participated in communal interfaith initiatives. July 2002 – June 2004

## JEWISH EDUCATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

<b>Rabbi-in-Residence, <i>Camp Ramah in Canada</i></b> , Utterson, ON	Summer 2005
<b>Director of Outdoor Education, <i>Ramah Day Camp</i></b> , Nyack, NY	Summers 1999; 2001; 2002; 2003
<b>Adult Education Instructor, <i>HUC Kollel</i></b> , Monmouth, NJ	January - April 2002
<b>Religious School Teacher, <i>Temple Emanu-El</i></b> , Closter, NJ	September 2000 - June 2001
<b>Religious School Teacher, <i>Cong. Shomrei Emunah</i></b> , Montclair, NJ	September 1999 - June 2000
<b>Group Leader, <i>Detroit Teen Mission 2 Israel</i></b> , Israel	Summer 1998
<b>Senior Counselor/Educator, <i>Camp Ramah Wisconsin</i></b> , Conover, WI	Summer 1997

## SKILLS

Excellent organizational, leadership, and interpersonal skills. Outstanding oral and written communication skills. Fluent knowledge of Hebrew language. Special technical knowledge of most computer applications, including data management, networking, and desktop and website publishing.

## LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

**Participant**, *STAR Foundation PEER Program*, Minneapolis, MN  
The PEER (Professional Education for Excellence in Rabbis) focuses on spiritual leadership, communication, and practical skills for the rabbi serving as a non-profit manager. June 2006 - Present

**Executive Board Member**, *Association of Religious Counselors*, Ann Arbor, MI  
Help lead this independent association of representatives from religious and spiritual communities that serve the students, staff, and faculty of the University of Michigan and provide its members opportunities for networking, education, and advocacy. December 2004 – July 2006

**President**, *JTS Rabbinical School Student Organization*, New York  
Represented the 130 rabbinical students as an ex-officio member of the Board of Overseers and in weekly meetings with the school's dean. Presided over executive board meetings, allocated funds for student-led initiatives and program subsidies, and participated in Presidents' Council meetings. May 2003 – May 2004

**Co-Chairperson**, *RSSO Day of Learning for the Conservative Movement*, New York  
Coordinated a full-day conference for 150 people at The Jewish Theological Seminary focusing on the role of God and godliness in our lives. Organized and presided over a steering committee of ten students and twenty teachers and facilitators. February 2002

**Participant**, *Seminarians Interacting*, New York  
Engaged in dialogue with fellow seminary students from other religions and movements. Visited other seminaries and discussed issues of diversity among co-religionists. 2000 – 2001

## EDUCATION

**Jewish Theological Seminary**, New York, NY  
Rabbinic Ordination May 2004  
MA Degree, Jewish Education May 2004

**James Madison College at Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MI  
BA in International Relations (with Honors); Jewish Studies Specialization May 1998

**The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education**  
Pastoral Chaplaincy at William Beaumont Hospital (Royal Oak, MI) Summer 2000

## AWARDS RECEIVED

**Goldstein Award**, *Rabbinical School - Jewish Theological Seminary* May 2004  
**Lion of Judah Award**, *State of Israel Bonds* May 2004  
**"Forty Under Forty" Jewish Leaders**, *New Jersey Jewish News* March 2004  
**Gladstein Family Rabbinic Fellowship**, *Jewish Theological Seminary* 2002-2004  
**Solomon Schechter Day School Fellowship**, *Jewish Theological Seminary* 2001-2002  
**Sidney N. Dunn Scholarship for Jewish Leadership**, *Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation, Inc.* 2002  
**Alexander Shapiro Memorial Fellowship**, *National Camp Ramah Commission* 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003  
**Laker Family Award for Jewish Education**, *Adat Shalom Synagogue* June 2001  
**Student of the Year**, *Jewish Studies Program at Michigan State University* April 1998  
**Dean's List**, *James Madison College at Michigan State University* Spring 1996, Fall 1996, Spring 1997  
**The President's Citation**, *Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, Inc.* 1997  
**Madrich L'Am**, *B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation* 1995, 1996