

# Rabbi Nachshon D. Carmi

## Inspiring, Warm and Creative Rabbi

Seasoned Teacher of Adults and Children

Innovator in Ritual and Prayer

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## Work Experience

### Rabbi (part time), B'nai Torah Congregation, Boca Raton, FL (2022-present)

- Taught the “Introduction to Judaism” course
- Provided pastoral care for conversion candidates
- Served on conversion Batei din
- Taught adult education classes on Jewish holidays
- Facilitated storytelling events and musical havdalah

### High school Educator, Donna Klein Jewish Academy, Boca Raton, FL (2015-present)

- Taught 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade courses in Bible, Jewish Thought, Israeli History and Jewish Identity integrating text skills with personal reflections and creativity
- Developed original curriculum tailored to diverse learning needs
- Led daily prayer minyan using traditional and contemporary music
- Offered spiritual direction sessions to students who demonstrated leadership potential

### Co-founder of Sovev: South Florida Community Mikveh (2023-present)

- Established a registered nonprofit organization
- Led fundraising and community education events.
- Winner of the 2024 Rising Tide Network Wellspring Award

### Rabbinic Intern, Nava Tehila (innovative congregation), Jerusalem (2008-2015)

- Led a Torah study group on the weekly parsha integrating mystical hasidic teachings
- Facilitated personalized Bar/Bat mitzvah ceremonies
- Organized innovative holiday events and Shiva gatherings
- Administered a community Beit Midrash blending art with text study
- Co-led inspiring tours of Israel for groups seeking interfaith and peace work

### Life Coach, Private practice , Jerusalem (2009-2015)

- Counseled individuals and couples in diverse life stages

## Education

Rabbinic Ordination ALEPH: Jewish Renewal Ordination Programs	2017-2023
Psychotherapy Certificate Medical School, Tel Aviv University	2012-2014
Rimmon Fellow Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem	2007-2008
M.Ed. Adult Education Widener University, Chester, PA	2003-2007
B.Sc. Medical Science Ben-Gurion University Medical School	1993-1996

## Synagogue and Ritual Skills

- Skilled in prayer tunes as well as Hebrew chants and Israeli melodies
- Experienced in leading services from traditional to contemporary and experiential styles
- Facilitated meditations, guided visualizations and creative writing
- Proficient *Baal Koreh* with working knowledge of Torah trope
- Creative guide of life cycle rituals including emerging celebrations

## Additional Training and Experience

- Mikveh Guide Certification, Rising Tide Network 2024
- Certified Marriage Visioning Facilitator (Prepare/Enrich) 2023
- RISE Jewish Storytelling Training, New CAJE 2022-2023
- Sefaria Educators and Innovators circle 2021
- Davvenen Leadership Training Institute, Isabella Friedman Retreat Center 2020-2022
- Unpacked for Educators, Israel Educators Training 2020-2021
- Gvanim Leadership Training, IAC-Israel American Council 2019
- Creating and Leading Jewish Spiritual Communities, Hazon 2018
- The Mussar Institute, Nefesh Harav, Vaad Facilitator 2017-2019
- The Jerusalem Coaching Institute, Certified Life Coach 2010
- Chovevei Torah, Rabbinic Fellowship in Israel 2007-2008
- Shalom Mountain Retreat and Study Center, Certified Process Retreats Facilitator 2001-2002
- Healing Gardens Landscaping Company, business founder and owner 2000-2007
- Hebrew University, College of Agriculture, Graduate courses 1997-1998
- Melitz Center for Jewish and Zionist education, An Israel experience educator 1992
- Combat Soldier in the Nahal Brigade of the IDF 1988-1991

## Selected Seminars and Presentations

- Scholar-in-residence for a Shabbaton focused on prayer experimentation, bilingual Torah service, training grandparents as Jewish educators and facilitating a community conversation on the future of Jewish identity, Woodstock Jewish Center, December 2024
- Healing Circle Facilitator, Ritualwell, November 2024
- Jewish Studies Teacher, Camp Ramah Poconos, Summers of 2023, 2024
- “Israeli Geography” Congregation Shaarei Kodesh, Boca Raton, FL June 2024
- “Mikveh Immersions for Cancer Patients” Lynn Cancer Center, Boca Raton Hospital, April 2024
- “The Three Pillars of Judaism” Dvar Torah for B’nai Torah Congregation, Boca Raton, FL 2024
- “Israel-Conflicts Within a Conflict” Dvar Torah for B’nai Torah, Boca Raton, FL 2023
- “Sefaria - Free Torah Access for All” Limmud Boca, November 2019
- High Holidays Services, Purdue University Hillel, September 2019
- “Digital Torah - Text and Tech Skills for The 21st Century “ Jewish Renewal Kallah, July 2018
- Board Member, Congregation Shaarei Kodesh, Boca Raton, FL 2017-2019
- Board Member, Pnai-Or Community, Philadelphia, PA 2003-2005

## Professional associations

- OHALAH (Association of Rabbis for Jewish Renewal)
- Palm Beach County Board of Rabbis.

## Additional skills

- Proficient in Google apps for Education, and educational gaming apps like Kahoot and Quizlet.
- Advanced user of Sefaria for integrating ancient Torah texts with contemporary visual media.
- Fluent translator between Hebrew and English.

## Personal and Interests

- Israeli Folk Dancing and Singing
- Hiking and Indoor Cycling
- Edible Organic Gardening and Composting
- Cooking Traditional Jewish Dishes and International Cuisine
- Social Justice - especially concerning Sustainability and Environmental justice
- Parenting - particularly first-time fathers raising Jewish kids

Rabbi Carmi is married to Ilene Prusher, a journalist, professor and author. They are the parents of Eli (14) and Zahara (12).