



## **Rabbi Matt Cohen**

In 2022, Rabbi Matt Cohen joined the Temple Emanu El community. Rabbi Matt is an experienced guitarist and singer and has led congregational, summer camp, religious school, and youth group worship experiences for 30 years. In addition to his solo rabbinic work on the bema, he has created and co-led worship services with teen and adult congregational bands.

Rabbi Matt previously served Congregation Ahavath Chesed – The Temple, in Jacksonville, Florida and Congregation B’nai Israel in Galveston, TX. There, he participated in multiple community boards, social justice initiatives, and interfaith panels. He was a mayoral appointed officer on the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission for four years and presided over the Galveston Ministerial Alliance for two years.

Rabbi Matt believes that our children, youth, and teens are the lifeblood of the congregation and enjoys leading educational opportunities both within and outside of the classroom. He has served on the faculty of various URJ Summer Camps for over a decade, taught religious school students of all ages, and has led youth trips to Washington D.C, New York City, and Alabama. Rabbi Matt believes that Jewish learning is a lifelong pursuit for Jews of all ages and delights in teaching Mussar, Jewish liturgy, Jewish ethics and values, and discovering the spiritual teachings and lessons from our Jewish sacred texts. He has a deep love for Israel and has had the blessing to lead congregations, Federation groups, and teen trips to Israel.

Rabbi Matt was born and raised in Beachwood, Ohio. He was ordained from The Hebrew Union College, in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2012. At The Ohio State University, he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in psychology.

When he is not jamming with his son, Ayden, you will find him spending quality time with his wife, Erin.

## **Rabbi Emeritus Daniel A Roberts**

Rabbi Emeritus Daniel A. Roberts has been a leader of our congregation for over 35 years. His passion for Judaism and his leadership qualities are demonstrated within the Temple family and in the greater community.

He frequently uses storytelling as a means of teaching and communicating with children and adults. Rabbi Roberts has spearheaded the production of a multi-media presentation on teenage suicide entitled "Inside, I Ache." An expert in the field of bereavement, Rabbi Roberts often lectured locally, nationally, and internationally on death and dying. He holds a doctorate in this area and is certified as a Fellow in Thanatology.

He is a past president of the Heights Interfaith Council and the Cleveland Board of Rabbis. He served on the national Rabbinic Cabinet of the State of Israel Bonds and was Chair of the Task Force on Pre-Marital Education of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

In his years with Temple Emanu EL, Rabbi Roberts has gained the respect and admiration not only of temple members, but also of colleagues regionally, nationally, and in the State of Israel. Rabbi Roberts lives in Colorado.