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Rabbi Nemitoff is an accomplished poet, author, and designer of liturgy. He serves as Senior Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jehudah, greater Kansas City's oldest synagogue. He was born in Kansas City MO, and grew up in the congregation he now serves. He and his wife, Leslie Ringel, are blessed with two wonderful children, Elana and William. Rabbi Nemitoff and his family live in Leawood, Kansas.

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## EDUCATION

- 2006 Doctor of Hebrew Letters  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion - Cincinnati, OH
- 1981 Rabbinic Ordination  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion - Cincinnati, OH  
Rabbinic Thesis Title - *The Liturgy of Death and Dying: A Historical, Developmental, and Conceptual Analysis*
- 1980 Master of Arts Degree in Hebrew Letters  
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion - Cincinnati, OH
- 1976 Bachelor of Arts in Psychology  
Washington University - St. Louis, MO

### Non Degree Post-Graduate Work:

Harvard University Center for Public Leadership Program - Cambridge, MA  
Rabbinic Seminar on Liturgy; Shalom Hartman Institute - Jerusalem, Israel  
Rabbinic Kallah for Continuing Education; HUC-JIR - New York, NY  
Jewish History and Jewish Mysticism; University of Miami - Miami, FL

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## RABBINIC EXPERIENCE

Overland Park, KS	Senior Rabbi, Congregation B'nai Jehudah 2003-Present
Columbus, OH	Senior Rabbi, Temple Israel 1995-2003
Brookline, MA	Rabbi, Temple Ohabei Shalom 1992-1995
Peabody, MA	Rabbi, Temple Beth Shalom 1989-92
Levittown, PA	Rabbi, Temple Shalom 1984-89
Missouri City, TX	Founding Rabbi, Congregation Beth El 1983-84
Houston, TX	Assistant Rabbi, Congregation Beth Israel 1981-83

### Student Positions;

McGehee, AR - Meir Chayim Temple  
Sumter, SC - Temple Sinai  
Ashland, KY - Temple Agudath Achim  
Ishpeming, MI - Temple Beth Shalom

### Summer Internships:

Kansas City, MO - Congregation B'nai Jehudah  
Ishpeming, MI - Temple Beth Shalom  
Miami, FL - Temple Beth Am

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## OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor - Practical Rabbinics  
HUC-JIR - Cincinnati, OH 2003

### Rabbi-In-Residence

Pretoria, South Africa *High Holidays*, 1992; 1999  
Temple Kol Emeth - Marietta, GA 1992

### Guest Lecturer

Dennison College, Ohio State University,  
Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Capital University  
1996-2003

Mentor, HUC-JIR Mayerson Institute 2000-2006

STAR Rabbinic Technology Project 2000-2001

Faculty, RUAH Spirituality Workshops  
Brookline, MA 1992-1995

Adjunct Professor/Lecturer, Department of Religion;  
Emmanuel College - Boston, MA 1990-91

### Editorial Columnist, Religion Page

Peabody Times Daily Newspaper 1989-1995  
Beverly Times Daily Newspaper 1989-1995

Faculty, UAHC Introduction to Judaism  
Philadelphia, Boston 1985-86, 1992-1995

Lecturer in Theology and Ethics;  
Institute of Religion - Houston, TX 1983

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## COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES (a sampling)

### *Jewish Community:*

Member, Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City 2003-Present  
 Member, Jewish Community Relations Bureau 2005-Present  
 Member, Columbus Board of Rabbis 1995-2003  
 President, Columbus Board of Rabbis 1996-1998  
 Member, Jewish Leaders Council — MAZON 2000-Present  
 Co-Chair, Columbus Jewish Federation Communal Division Campaign 2001  
 Board Member, Columbus Jewish Federation 1996-1998  
 Member, Committee to Re-invent the Columbus Jewish Federation 1997  
 Board Member, Columbus Jewish Day School 1996-2000  
 Rabbinic Advisor, Hillel Group of Dennison University 1997-1998  
 Chair, Conversion Committee - CCAR 1989-92  
 Board Member, UAHC/CCAR Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach 1990-1995  
 Board Member, Bio-Ethics Committee - UAHC 1988-91  
 Central Conference of American Rabbis 1981-Present

### *General Community:*

Board Member, Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence 2002-2003  
 Co-Chair/Host, Interfaith Clergy Forum "Break The Silence" 2000-2001  
 Member, Clergy Task Force - Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence 2000-2003  
 Board Member, Columbus Alzheimer Initiative 2002-Present  
 Member, Promise For Life Living Memorial Committee 1999-2003  
 Member, Concerned Community Clergy of Columbus 1997-2001  
 Chair, Advisory Committee to BostonCares 1992-1994  
 Member, Homeless Shelter Ad Hoc Committee, American Red Cross 1987-88  
 Board Member, New Jersey Coalition of Religious Leaders 1987-89  
 Member, MD Anderson Hospital Clergy Committee on Cancer Care 1981-83

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## PUBLICATIONS (a sampling)

*Of Eyes and Hearts, A Study of the Falash Mura of Ethiopia* (Spring, 2006)  
 "Generation J and the High Holidays," *GenerationJ.com* (September, 2007)  
 "A Passover Play: Creating a Meaningful Seder," *Interfaithfamily.com* (June, 2005)  
 "A Question of Israel," *Dovetail Journal* (July / August, 2002)  
 "Shared Values; Shared Holidays," *Interfaithfamily.com* (August, 2002)  
 "Anti-Semitism: Where Does It Begin...and End?," *Interfaithfamily.com* (June, 2002)  
 "Israel: Yours, Mine...or Ours?," *Interfaithfamily.com* (May, 2002)  
 "Interfaith Families and Bar/Bat Mitzvah," *Interfaithfamily.com* (April, 2000)  
*A Passover Haggadah...not just for Kids*, Passover Haggadah; Columbus, OH (1996)  
*Siddur Ohabei Shalom*, Multi-generational Shabbat Prayerbook; Brookline, MA (1992)  
*The Aleph-Bet of Shabbat*, Family Shabbat Prayerbook; Peabody, MA (1989)  
*A New Beginning*, Rosh Hashanah Family Machzor; Levittown, PA  
*Prayer Is Reaching*, Family Shabbat Prayerbook; Levittown, PA  
 Prayerbook for Congregation Beth El; Missouri City, TX  
*A Basic Judaism Reader* - Congregation Beth Israel; Houston, TX  
 "Your People Shall be My People," Conversion Service; Houston, TX  
 "Aunt Rose 2" - *Journal of Reform Judaism* (Spring, 1983)  
 "The Unbinding of Isaac" - *Judaism* (Spring, 1983)

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## RABBINIC EXPERTISE/INTERESTS

- Working with congregants in preparation for and during life-cycle events
- Counselling
- Sermon presentation and content
- Programming for Interfaith Couples, Conversion, and Introduction-to-Judaism
- Liturgy Development
- Special knowledge in areas of: *death and dying, liturgy, mysticism, outreach, conversion, caring community*
- Work with American Joint Distribution Committee on Jewish/non-sectarian work in Ethiopia and Serbia