



Congregation Beth Shalom to Install Rabbi Jacki Honig as Assistant Rabbi

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The Board of Trustees of Congregation Beth Shalom is pleased to announce the installation of Rabbi Jacki Honig as Assistant Rabbi on Saturday, March 14, 2026.

Rabbi Honig joined the clergy team of Congregation Beth Shalom on July 1, 2025, and has already made a profound impact on the spiritual life of the congregation. “Rabbi Honig is deeply committed to nurturing Jewish spiritual connection, strengthening bonds with Israel, and inspiring individuals of all ages to discover joy and purpose in Jewish living,” said Sue Lampert, President of Congregation Beth Shalom. “Her work reflects a beautiful blend of scholarship, spiritual depth, and heartfelt dedication to Jewish life. We look forward with great excitement to the years ahead.”

Rabbi Honig is a graduate of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (May 2025). She previously served as a rabbinic intern at Temple Beth Am in Los Angeles, where she was part of the Youth Learning and Engagement team, and worked as the Social Justice Project Manager at the Rabbinical Assembly. She has held significant roles in United Synagogue Youth (USY) and at Ramah camps, experiences that deeply shaped her commitment to youth engagement and Jewish leadership development.

Rabbi Honig brings a deep love of Jewish tradition and a passion for connecting ancient wisdom with contemporary life. Since arriving at CBS, Rabbi Honig has infused new energy into Ruach Shabbat and Simchat Torah hakafot, enriching the congregation’s spiritual life. She plays an active role on both the Membership and Ritual Committees, was a featured speaker for the Sisterhood Torah Fund, and teaches adult education classes on topics ranging from Talmud and Jewish practice to the Conservative Movement today. She also represented Congregation Beth Shalom at the Women’s League for Conservative Judaism Board meeting, where she delivered a meaningful D’var Torah.

Committed to building meaningful relationships, Rabbi Honig has been meeting one-on-one with congregants over coffee and is journeying toward one hundred coffee conversations as she deepens her connections within the CBS community.

“Since joining CBS, Rabbi Honig has distinguished herself as an invaluable member of our clergy team,” said Rabbi David Chapman, Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom. “She brings boundless joy, wisdom, and insight to her rabbinic work. Whether teaching adults, offering pastoral care, or engaging with teens and children, Rabbi Honig brings deep Torah and a generous spirit to every aspect of her

service. As CBS's first female clergy member, she has broken new ground while thoughtfully honoring our traditions and history. I look forward to celebrating her installation alongside treasured colleagues and distinguished guests."

Reflecting on her installation, Rabbi Honig said, "I am so excited to mark this official milestone at CBS. My installation feels like an opportunity to celebrate all that has already taken place since I began last summer and to dream about what the future holds. There is so much learning, singing, growing, and holy work to do here, and I am deeply grateful to help build that future alongside this extraordinary community."

The installation ceremony will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Congregation Beth Shalom.

For more information or to connect with Rabbi Honig, please contact Congregation Beth Shalom at 847-498-4100 or visit www.bethshalomnb.org.

About Congregation Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom is a premier Conservative congregation serving Chicago's North Shore and is the spiritual home to nearly 1000 households. The congregation offers inspiring worship services, robust educational programming for all ages, and vibrant social engagement opportunities. From early childhood programs and Religious School to adult learning and HAZAK programming for those 55+, Congregation Beth Shalom is a thriving and welcoming Jewish community where members feel truly known and valued.



Assistant Rabbi Jacki Honig, Senior Rabbi David Chapman, Sue Lampert, Congregation President, and Michael Garlin, Executive Director are available for interviews.

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