



## PROFILE

Seasoned congregational rabbi with extensive experience in community work. Two decades of “real world” experience before entering rabbinical school at age 41. Well-versed in *nusach ha-t'fillah* for High Holidays, as well as weekdays, Shabbat, and Festivals. Taught *nusach* and trope to first-year cantorial students. Musical performance experience as solo act, duo, and fronting a band. Theater performance experience includes supporting and lead roles in community productions.

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## COMMUNITY WORK

Chair, Interfaith Council of Central FL  
Jewish Community Relations Council  
Remembrance Events Committee,  
Holocaust Resource & Educ. Center  
City of Orlando:  
MLK Commission  
Multicultural Affairs Commission  
Mayor's Council of Clergy  
Orange County Public Schools  
Faith-Based Advisory Board  
AdventHealth  
Interfaith Advisory Board

# RABBI DAVID KAY

High Holiday Rabbi & Soloist

## EDUCATION

### Jewish Theological Seminary of America

August 1997 – May 2002  
Rabbinic Ordination  
Master of Arts in Jewish Education

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### RIT / NTID Hillel - High Holiday Student Rabbi

1996-2000  
Led all High Holiday services as *kol bo* (soloist, sermons, *div'rei Torah*, Torah-reading, Haftarah, etc.) in voice and American Sign Language (self and with ASL interpreters) for hearing and Deaf students and staff at Rochester Institute of Technology / National Technical Institute of the Deaf.

### Ma'ayan Conservative Synagogue - Rabbi

July 2002 – July 2004  
Start-up congregation: conducted all High Holiday, Shabbat, and Festival services as *kol bo* (soloist, sermons, *div'rei Torah*, Torah-reading, Haftarah, etc.); created and implemented religious school and family education programs.

### Congregation Ohev Shalom – Rabbi / Senior Rabbi

August 2004 – July 2021  
Created and led alternate service for first day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning, interpreted in ASL (self and ASL interpreters); soloist for Shacharit service in main sanctuary (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur); delivered High Holiday, Shabbat, and Festival sermons and *div'rei Torah*; taught youth and adult classes; created and led family Rosh Hashanah services; as Senior Rabbi, served as *mara d'atra*.  
Retired from the pulpit July 31, 2021.