

RABBI BONNIE KOPPELL

Revised 10/20/12

RABBINIC POSITIONS – CURRENT

2006-Present Temple Chai, Phoenix, AZ, Rabbi-In-Residence

RABBINIC POSITIONS – CAREER

2005 – 2009 Beth HaGivot, Fountain Hills, AZ, Rabbi
2006 - 2009 Havurat Emet, Sun Lakes, AZ, Rabbi
2007 - 2008 Jess Schwartz College Prep, Faculty
2006 - 2007 Jewish Family and Children's Service Center for Life,
Enrichment Chaplain
1987 – 2005 Temple Beth Sholom, Chandler, AZ, Rabbi
1985 - 1987 Congregation Bayt Shalom, Greenville, NC
1938 – 1985 Jewish Fellowship of Davis, Davis, CA
1980 – 1983 Congregation Anshe Dorsche Emet, Ossining, NY

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2006 Doctor of Divinity, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
1981 Rabbi, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
1999 Graduate, U.S. Army Chaplain Division Course
1995 Graduate, U.S. Army Command and General Staff
College
1991 Graduate, U.S. Army Chaplain Officer Advanced
Course
1995 Graduate, U.S. Army Command and General Staff
College
1991 Graduate, U.S. Army Chaplain Officer Advanced
Course
1980 Graduate, U.S. Army Hospital Chaplaincy Course
1979 M.A. Religion, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
1976 B.A. Near Eastern and Judaic Studies and Philosophy,
Magna Cum Laude with High Honors in Philosophy,
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.

Completed 28 credits at the Teacher's Institute Jewish
Theological Seminary, New York, NY

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Mesa Ecumenical Clergy Association Member, Past President, 1989-1991
Board of Rabbis of Greater Phoenix Member, Past President, 1991-1993
Treasurer, 2003-2006
At Large Board Member, 2006-2008

Reconstructionist Rabbinical Assn.	Member, Southwest Regional Chairperson, 1994 - present Membership Chairperson, 1987 - 1991 Ethics Investigator, 1990-2001 Ethics Committee, 2003-present Co-chair, National Convention, 2004
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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Jewish Family and Children’s Service Office of the Attorney General	Member, Board of Directors, 2001-2006 Model Court Stewardship and Stakeholder Advisory Group
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City of Mesa Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics East Valley Child Crisis Center	Member, 1997-2000 Member, Advisory Board, 200 - present Member, Board of Directors, 1993-2000 Past President, 1997 - 1998
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Jewish National Fund Solomon Schechter Day School	Member, Board of Directors, 1993 – 1998 Member, Board of Directors, 1991 – 1997
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Mesa Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration – Mesa United Way	Co-Chairperson, 1993 0- 1994 Member, Resource Distribution Committee, 1992 – 1994
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AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2010 Respect for Law Alliance Military Leader Award
 - 2010 Included in the Jewish Forward’s inaugural “Sister 50” list of Influential Female Rabbis.
 - 2007 White House. Offered the opening prayer at meeting between President George W. Bush and Jewish leaders; attended White House Khanukka party.
 - 2004 Women Helping Women Award, Soroptimist International of the San Tans
 - 2003 City of Mesa, Woman of the Year
 - 1999 Grand Marshal, City of Mesa, AZ, Veteran’s Day Parade
 - 1997 World of People Award, Arizona Cactus-Pine Girl Scout Council
- Patrick Henry Award, Military Order of the World Wars

1994	Outstanding Young Leader of the Year, City of Mesa, AZ
1993	Spirit of Unity Award, City of Mesa, Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration
1991 – Present	Listed in <u>Who's Who in Religion</u>
1991	Celebration of Success Award, IMPACT for Enterprising Women.

MILITARY AWARDS AND SERVICE

Awarded a Legion of Merit	2012
U.S. Army Reserve Chaplain Current Rank: Colonel Current Position: Command Chaplain, 807 th Medical Command (Deployment Support)	1978 – Present
Army Physical Fitness Excellence Award	March 1994, March 1995, Nov. 1995, June 2004
Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (Korea)	
Army Service Ribbon	
Global War on Terrorism Medal	2005
National Defense Service Medals (2): Operation Desert Storm, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom	2005
Army Achievement Medals (2)	1992, 1993
Army Commendation Medal	1997
Meritorious Service Medals (3)	1999, 2002, 2012
Honorable Order of Saint Martin, Association of Quartermasters	1999
Outstanding Volunteer Service	2000

PUBLICATIONS

Bernhardt, Jeff, ed. On Sacred Ground: Jewish and Christian Clergy Reflect on Transformative Passages From The Five Books of Moses. Blackbird Books, 2012.

Elkins, Dov Peretz, ed. Rosh HaShanah Readings, “Avinu Malkenu”, “Joy on Rosh HaShanah”, “A Shanah Tovah”, “Shofar on Shabbat”, “Silence as Prayer”, “Zokhrenu L’hayim”, VT: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2006.

Elkins, Dov Peretz, ed. Yom Kippur Readings, “Avinu Malkenu”, “Piyutim: Liturgical Poetry”, VT: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2005

“Warrior Citizen: The Official Magazine of the U.S. Army Reserve”, Spring, 2008, “Army Reserve Rabbi Gives Opening Prayer at White House”

The American Rabbi, “Chayye Tova”, Tu’Bshvat thru. Shavuot, 2006

The American Rabbi- “Be Good”, High Holy Days 2004

The American Rabbi- “Friendship”, High Holy Days 2004

The American Rabbi- “How Good People Make Tough Choices”, High Holy Days 2004

The American Rabbi- “Aging”, High Holy Days 2004

The Jewish Veteran- “Female Rabbis in the Military”, February 2004

The Jewish Veteran, “Remarks at Veterans Appreciation Day”, February 2005

The American Rabbi- “The Loss of a Young Child”, Eulogies I-2004

The Army Chaplaincy- “From Our Own Perspective”, Winter-Spring 2003

Matzoh Ball Soup- Kramer, Oliver and Kramer, Joshua, editors, 2002, “What Price Friendship?”

The American Rabbi- “Receiving that Call”, Tu B’Shvat thru. Shavuot, 2003

The American Rabbi- “The Holiness of Community”, Tu B’Shvat thru. Shavuot, 2002

The American Rabbi- “Tu B’Shevat”, Tu B-Shvat thru. Shavuot, 2002

Women’s League Outlook- “A Modern Day Maccabee: A Female Rabbi in the U.S. Military”, Winter 2001

Kol Chevre- “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”, October, 2001

The American Rabbi- “Good Manners”, Sukkot thru. Chanukah, 2001

The Army Chaplaincy- “Female Rabbis in the Military: A View From the Trenches”, Winter-Spring, 2000

The American Rabbi- “What Price Friendship?”, Fall, 2000

The American Rabbi- "Commence Sweating", Spring/Summer 2000

The American Rabbi- "How to Die", Winter 1999

The American Rabbi- "Writing Our Own Evaluation", Summer 1999

The American Rabbi- "Humility", Winter 1998/199

The American Rabbi- "Inspirational Quotes", an ongoing series- Spring, 1997; Summer, 1997, Fall, 1997, Winter 1997, Spring 1998, Summer 1999, Winter 1999, Spring/Summer 2000

The American Rabbi- "Reflections on Prayer", Part Two, Winter, 1996

The American Rabbi- "Reflections on Prayer", Part One, Fall, 1996

Circle Magazine- "Roll Call", Spring 1995

The American Rabbi- "Exploring the Nakh", April 1995

Rabbis and Vegetarianism- Chapter on "Vegetarianism"

Neshama- "Religious Perspectives on Preventing Child Abuse", Summer 1994

The American Rabbi- "The Prophetess Deborah", December 1994

Raayonot- "On Chanukah and Warriors", Winter 5755/1994 Vol. 10 #2

The American Rabbi- "A Jewish Perspective on the 12-Step Program", June 1994

Circle Magazine- "Team Spirit '93", Spring/Summer 1993

Raayonot- "A Mikve Ritual for a Rape Survivor", Autumn 5753, Vol. 9 #1

The American Rabbi- "On the Names of God", February 1993

Neshama- "Rediscovering Mikveh", Fall 1990

FAMILY

David Rubenstein, husband
Jessie and Sarah, daughters