

Rabbi Julie Hilton Danan
Curriculum Vitae

Education

Rabbinic Ordination July, 2000 ALEPH Alliance for Jewish Renewal
(following five-year supervised program)

Master of Arts in Hebrew Studies, 2000, University of Texas at Austin
Major: Rabbinic Literature, Minor: Biblical Literature G.P.A.: 4.0

B.A. with honors, 1982 Tel Aviv University, Israel English Literature/Liberal Arts (in Hebrew)
Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel, 1978-79, Judaic Studies Program (in Hebrew)
University of Texas at Austin, 1978-79 Liberal Arts Honors Concentration: Hebrew & Judaics

AAPC Pastoral Care Specialist 12/2000 Ecumenical Center for Religion & Health, San Antonio

Current Graduate Study: Doctoral Candidate in Hebrew Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Professional Experience

Rabbi Congregation Beth Israel, Chico, California, from August, 2003
Congregation Beth Am, Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (JRF), San Antonio
Spiritual Leader from 1990-Summer, 2003 (Rabbinic Ordination, July 2000)

University Lecturer Modern Jewish Studies and Religious Studies
California State University, Chico, from Fall, 2003
Theology Department, Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, Spring, 2003

Instructor Florence Melton Adult Mini School of San Antonio, from 2000-2003

Judaic Specialist for Jewish Community Center of San Antonio, 1994-2000

Judaic Programming Coordinator, Jonathan Netanyahu Academy (now Koltitz Academy),
Community Jewish Day School 1992-1995

Director, San Antonio Association for Jewish Education (SAAJE), Jewish Federation of
San Antonio (a central organization for Jewish education) 1987-1990

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Lecturing and Teaching

Numerous Jewish educational, academic and interfaith settings, from 1983
(Full listing in appendix)

Publications

Author of **The Jewish Parents' Almanac**, 1994, Aronson. Favorable reviews: *Moment*, *Hadassah*
Feature articles, including self syndicated column, "*Babayit: Jewish Home & Family*,"

appeared in over two dozen Jewish, parenting, and general news publications (late 80's-early 90's): including *Philadelphia Exponent*, *Baltimore Jewish Times*, *JUF News of Chicago*, *Jewish Telegraphic Agency Wire Service*, *Shema*, *L.A. Parent*, Los Angeles; *Hadassah* (Nov., 1993)

Community Service

Chico Area Interfaith Council, from 2003 (Chairperson, "Celebration of Abraham"-Feb. 2005)

Human Relations Network, Chico, California, 2003-2004

San Antonio, Texas:

Jewish Federation Community Relations Council Steering Committee, 2000-2003

AAPC Pastoral Care Advisory Board, Ecumenical Center for Religion & Health, 2003

Latino/Black/Jewish Dialogue, from 2001; Rabbis' Group of San Antonio, 1998-2003

Holocaust Memorial of San Antonio board, 2001-2003

Yom Limmud (Community Day of Jewish Learning), Steering Committee, 1996-2003

Rekindling Tradition (Community Education project), Jewish Federation, 1995-2002

Board of Directors, Jewish Federation of San Antonio (ex-officio, 2000-2003)

Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, Education Department Camping Commission, '99-2002

Founder/coordinator, CAJE (Jewish Educators) national Israel Education Network, early 1990's

Cofounder/coordinator, Palestinian-Jewish Dialogue of San Antonio, 2002-2003

Volunteer service on San Antonio Hevra Kadishah (Jewish Funeral Society), 1987-88

Volunteer service for community Mikveh of San Antonio, 1980's-early 90's

Professional Development

STAR PEER (Professional Education for Excellence in Rabbis), 2004-2005

Melton Faculty Seminar, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, December, 1999

Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, Rabbinic Seminar, July, 1998

Ten CAJE Conferences (Presenter at eight of these), 1983-2002

Ten ALEPH Alliance & OHALAH Rabbinic Retreats/Seminars, 1995-2003

Whizin Institute for Jewish Family Education, University of Judaism, Los Angeles, 7/1990

Personal

Married to Avraham Danan, parents of five children ages 12-24 (two living at home)

Lived in Israel from 1978-1982

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Lectures/Community Teaching

Jewish Education

Led first Rosh Hodesh group for Sisterhood, Beit Haverim, Davis, CA, 3/05

JCCA-Austin; Scholar-in-Residence: Agudas Achim (Conservative), San Antonio: 1/03

Florence Melton Adult Mini School Instructor, from fall, 2000

National CAJE Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education: 88, 89, 90, 91, 93, 94, 98, 02;

Jewish Community Briskman Institute, San Antonio, various classes, 1990-2000

Women in the Bible-Monthly Adult Education Class at JCC, 1999

Lectures/Seminars for various community and synagogue organizations: from 1990

Yom Limmud, Community Education Day, Presenter, annually, since 1997

Scholar in Residence, Tri-City Reconstructionist Retreat, Wimberley, TX, May, 1997

ALEPH Alliance for Jewish Renewal Kallah, Ft. Collins, Colorado, Torah Study, 7/97

Adat Shalom of Bethesda, Maryland-Congregational Retreat, guest speaker, 1991

Academic

Guest Speaker, "Women in Judaism," Cal State University religious studies, Chico; Fall Semester, 2003

Texas Lutheran University, guest teach/lecture on Israel and Mideast Peace, 10/02

Trinity University, guest lecture for religion course (Mitzvot in Judaism), 11/02

University of Texas, enrichment section for Jewish Mysticism course, Spring semester '02
Graduate Student Symposia, University of Texas Dept. Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, 4/99
(Topic: Elijah in Rabbinic Literature); Hebrew Studies, 4/2002 (Topic: Holy Spirit in Selected Midrashim)
University of Incarnate Word Mideast Symposium (Sephardic Jewry), March, 2002
St. Mary's University President's Peace Commission, Panelist/Speaker: (Judaism and Peace), 1991;
(Women in the Clergy), 1998; University of Texas at San Antonio Women's Studies Week, Speaker, 1990
Our Lady of the Lake University Guest Lecturer (Women in Judaism), 1991

Interfaith/Multicultural

Chico Celebration of Abraham (promoting Jewish-Christian-Muslim understanding) Feb. 2005
Chico Unitarian-Universalist Church, January, 2005
Fellowship of Reconciliation, Chico, California; Peace in Faith Traditions, January, 2004
University of Incarnate Word Mideast Symposium, Panel, Mideast Peace, 2002
Affirm Ministry Panel: Religion and Homosexuality (Univ. Incarnate Word), 2002
Ecumenical Center for Religion and Health: Pastoral Care Week 2000 Keynote Speaker,
("Be a Blessing"); Guest lecturer for Pastoral Care Specialist Course, 11/01
University Presbyterian SOL Center, Bible classes: Esther, '01; Jacob's Ladder, 2002
Episcopal Church of Reconciliation, (Intro. to Jewish Mysticism), 2000
Incarnate Word College Center for Spirituality and the Arts, (Jewish Renewal), 2000
Tri-Faith Dialogue of San Antonio, 2000, 2002 (Judaism, Israel, "Deep Ecumenism")
Methodist Health Care System, Cultural & Spiritual Influences on Patient Care, 6/99
National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ), Women's League, 1/99
Hispanic-Jewish Dialogue, (Sephardic Jewry), 90 (Death & Mourning in Judaism), 98
San Antonio Interreligious Council, 3/98 (Sharing Sacred with Children), 11/98 ("Deep Ecumenism")
AVE" San Antonio Anti Violence Effort for Youth, '97
Inservice on Multiculturalism for teachers in Northeast Independent School District, '89

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Educational

Master's Thesis

Between Earth and Heaven: Elijah the Prophet in Rabbinic Literature (May, 2000)

Graduate School Scholarships

Willy & Erna Wolff Memorial Scholarship, Jewish Endowment Foundation, New Orleans, 1997
University of Texas Hebrew Studies Levinthal Scholarship, 1998
Jewish Federation of San Antonio Endowment Fund Scholarships, 1995-2000
University of Texas Hebrew Studies Departmental Award, 2001

Languages

Hebrew (near-native abilities), Aramaic, some Spanish

Professional Associations

Rabbi's Association of Sacramento
OHaLaH: Association of Rabbis for Jewish Renewal
American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC), Pastoral Care Specialist
Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE)

Additional publications

Op-Eds in San Antonio Express News Editorial & Religion Sections: 2/02, 10/02
Contributing Editor/Writer: *Jewish Family and Life* webzine (originally print magazine), 96-2000
"Rekindling Tradition" community education brochures, Jewish Federation,, 1995-2000
Freelance articles also appeared in *CAJE Education News*, *San Antonio Light*, *San Antonio Our Kids Magazine*, and several Jewish community newspapers (late 1980-early 1990's)

Editorial staff of *Jewish Journal* of San Antonio, 1983-1987

Internet

Chanukah Article appeared on MS-NBC internet home page, 1999

Articles & book on Jewish family life reprinted and referenced on numerous websites

Articles on Jewish family life anthologized

In Every Generation (a Passover Anthology), Greenberg & Roth (Aronson, 98)

Jewish Family & Life! (Golden Books, 97)

Interviews

Chico Enterprise-Record, featured interviews 8/03, 11/04 (quoted in numerous articles, wrote on Jewish holidays). *San Antonio Express News*, featured interview, July 17, 2000 (and quoted numerous times in Express-News articles)

Featured in *The Invisible Thread-A Portrait of American Jewish Women*, JPS, '89

Interviewed in *Women's Faith and Spirit* (a Better Homes & Gardens magazine), Spring, 2003

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Professional Development-additional details

Additional Inservice Training

Jewish Reconstructionist Federation Seminar on Congregational Growth and Outreach, San Diego, 1999

Leadership Development, San Antonio: Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, JRF Senior Consultant, 1999

Dr. Paul Parks, Executive Director, Ecumenical Center for Religion and Health of San Antonio, 2002

Additional Details on Conferences & Seminars

STAR PEER (2004-2005) is a selective program training congregational rabbis in executive leadership skills. It is sponsored by STAR-Synagogues: Transformation and Renewal
Theme of Florence Melton Adult Mini-School Faculty Seminar at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, December, 2000:

“Joining Two Worlds: The Torah of Teaching and the Teaching of Torah”

Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, 1998: “The Role of the Jewish Family,” also “Moral and Theological Issues Within Israeli Society”

CAJE Conferences (Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education): on Alternatives in Jewish Education: San Antonio: 82, 93, 98, 02, Atlanta, 87, Jerusalem, 88, Seattle, 89, Columbus, 90, New York, 91, Indiana, 94;

Locations of ALEPH Alliance for Jewish Renewal and OHaLaH Conferences and Seminars attended, (1995-2003): Elat Chayyim Center Accord, New York; Ft. Collins/Boulder, Corvallis, Oregon; Denver

Additional Community Service Activities

Dignity S.A. Interfaith Service, Episcopal Church of Reconciliation, Oct. 02

Steering Committee: Blessing the Children/La Bendición (citywide interfaith family service), 8/01

Peace Center Women Clergy Group; 2000-01

“Jerusalem 3000” Steering Committee: 1996

San Antonio Jewish Education Directors Council, 1990's,

San Antonio Jewish Professionals Group, mid-1990's

Community Relations Council Speakers Bureau, 1990's

SAAJE Adult Education, early 1990's

Community Relations Council Hispanic-Jewish Dialogue: 1980's-early 1990's

Southwest regional Mini-CAJE Conference, 1991, steering committee
Life Member, Hadassah
Member, Sierra Club