

Cantor Jessica F. Epstein

Dear Faith Joy,

You have been a wonderful colleague and friend during your tenure here and have brought so much to Temple B'nai Abraham. It has been a privilege to work and learn with you.

Your pastoral work has been so meaningful for our members in their times of illness and loss. You have always been there at the hospital, nursing home, rehab facility and at home visiting those who needed your warmth and presence. You have touched so many with your prayers for strength and healing. At difficult times of mourning, your quiet and kind way of helping to share the burden of grief has been a blessing.

You have also blessed us with your teaching. So many different classes for all age groups — seniors through children. You are passionate about Jewish education for all ages and have taught hundreds of b'nai mitzvah students and JLP students as well as adult classes in texts, history and so much more over the years, bringing your knowledge and insight to all who enter these doors.

Your passion also extends to social justice. Wherever you see injustice you are on the front lines: for women's issues, LGBTQ+ issues, ICE detention and immigration issues, homelessness, and especially gun control issues, you raised your voice and made a difference by speaking out loudly and showing up in person to tell truth to power.

I wish you the best on the next stage of your journey in California. I know wherever you choose to serve the Jewish people, you will bring blessings.

Best,