

Rabbi Louis J. Sachs

Rabbi Louis J. Sachs is the Associate Rabbi of Beth Tikvah, a large Conservative egalitarian synagogue in Toronto, with a membership of approximately 1000 families. He regularly delivers sermons on Shabbat and Holidays, and officiates life cycle events. Since joining Beth Tikvah, Rabbi Sachs has created numerous new programs and initiatives to engage members of all ages and build meaningful relationships between congregants. He regularly teaches classes at the synagogue and throughout the larger Toronto community. Additionally, Rabbi Sachs is active in the broader community, currently serving as both the Vice-President of the Ontario Rabbinical Assembly and as a board member of the Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto. He previously served as chair of the Willowdale Interfaith Coalition.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Rabbi Sachs grew up active in Jewish youth groups and summer camps. He attended UC Davis, graduating in 2010 with a Bachelors's degree in Religious Studies. There, he was an active leader in many Jewish organizations on campus, serving as president of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity and on the boards of other campus groups. Additionally, he worked at a local synagogue teaching teens and running the youth group.

After graduating from college, Rabbi Sachs spent a year studying in Jerusalem at the Pardes Center for Jewish Studies, returning to Los Angeles to begin at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies. During his studies, Rabbi Sachs worked with teens and young families at synagogues throughout the city. He served for two years as the Rabbinic Intern at Temple Aliyah, and oversaw the ropes course and outdoor programs at Camp Ramah in California. While in Rabbinical School, Rabbi Sachs volunteered for Jewish Big Brothers and was an AIPAC Student Fellow. Rabbi Sachs concentrated in Jewish Philosophy, and his capstone project explored the relationship between Jewish Law and Ethics.

Rabbi Sachs and his wife, Lauren, recently welcomed their first child, Lillie. Together they enjoy spending time with their family, friends, and dog, Spinoza.