

RABBI RICHARD L. EISENBERG

RABBI IN RESIDENCE SHABBATS

September 14
October 19
November 16
December 14
Jan thru June - TBD



RABBI IN RESIDENCE

Rabbi Richard L. Eisenberg, a Rodeph Sholom Alumnus, will be our Rabbi in Residence for 2019-2020 programming year. Rabbi Eisenberg will be at Rodeph Sholom one Shabbat morning a month. He will also hold a once a month class in the newly refurbished Cantor Y'Shaya Grama Resource Center. We welcome Rabbi Eisenberg back and look forward to his services and classes.

Rabbi Richard L. Eisenberg was born in Bridgeport, CT in 1952, received a BA from Duke University and an MA from Smith College and the Jewish Theological Seminary. In 1982 Rabbi Eisenberg received ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary and went on to serve as a congregational rabbi spanning 35 years at synagogues in Columbus, GA, Wayne, NJ, Woodbridge, CT and Torrington, CT. He also worked for 10 years until 2017 as a rehabilitation counselor at The APT Foundation in New Haven CT where he provided group and individual therapy for people diagnosed with substance use disorders. He received his Certificate in Drug and Alcohol Counseling from Gateway Community College in 2007 and is a certified addictions counselor.

Rabbi Eisenberg has been active in the Rabbinical Assembly, having served on the Executive Council as well as chairing the Resolutions, Social Action and Ethics Committee. He also served on the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards and wrote the version of the Triennial Cycle for Torah reading that has become the accepted model in Conservative congregations. Rabbi Eisenberg was involved in ecumenical clergy associations in each of his communities and has devoted himself to interfaith work. His current focus is applying Jewish principles and values of spirituality to addictions treatment as well as conveying the message and power of recovery to Jewish communal life. Rabbi Eisenberg has written for the Forward and Tablet on the topics of intermarriage, Judaism and addiction and the opioid crisis. His forthcoming book is titled Judaism, Addiction and Recovery: A Spiritual and Faith-Based Approach.

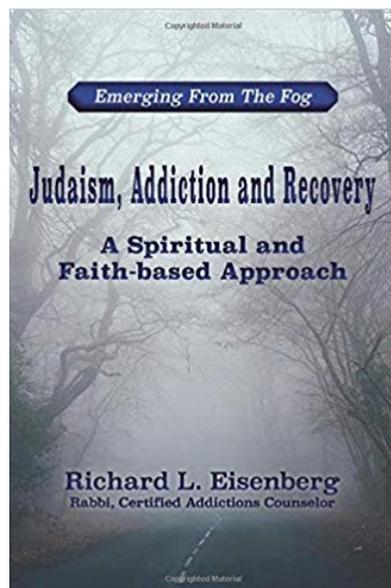
BAGEL & BOOK BREAKFAST

With Rabbi Eisenberg
Sunday, August 25
10 AM
Morning Services 9AM

Books may be pre-purchased through our office.

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Judaism, Addiction and Recovery: A Spiritual and Faith-Based Approach describes the spiritual fog of addiction that engulfs Jewish individuals, family members and communities. The image of the fog relates to the disconnect separating us from an awareness of the challenges, risks and harsh realities posed by chemical dependence, though other types of compulsive conditions are certainly relevant. The book proposes ways to address the social, medical and spiritual crisis of addiction, including treatment and self-help models that need not be limited to a 12 Step orientation. The author also shares practical suggestions and tips for anyone effected by the disease of addiction. Jewish texts and sources are interwoven throughout the volume as tools for developing a deeper and broader understanding of the issues at hand.

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