

Brief Biographies of Presenters

DR JUDITH SCHNEIDER

Dr Judith Schneider was born in Perth, WA, to Dutch immigrant parents who were Protestant. At age 25 she joined Bethel Covenant Community (a Catholic Community) where she spent 20 years, and raised her nine children.

She left this organisation and began to further explore dimensions of religious faith. In 2005, she enrolled in a Bachelor of Theology at University of Notre Dame Australia (UNDA), Fremantle, and in 2007 became a committee member of CCJWA. Upon completing the Bachelor's degree, she undertook a PhD in Theology while teaching at UNDA. Her thesis explored faith development in psychological terms, to ascertain the impact of one's early years on capacity for a positive spiritual disposition in adulthood. Dr Schneider taught Catholic theology in the areas of Liturgy, Sacraments, and Introduction to Theology. Influenced by Jewish values, its sense of community, and its narratives, she converted to Judaism and is now a member of Temple David Congregation, where she is an enthusiastic choir member, and participates in Israeli dance.

RABBI DAN LIEBERMAN

Educated at Gateshead Yeshiva Gedolah in the UK and Yeshiva Pri Eitz Chaim in South Africa, Rabbi Lieberman attained his rabbinical certification (semicha) from Rabbi Zalman Nechemya Goldberg in Jerusalem. He is interested in mental health and attained his MSc in Applied Psychology for Mental Health at the University of Liverpool. He joined the PHC in 2018 after serving the Allerton Hebrew Congregation in Liverpool for 5 years.

Outside of work, Rabbi Lieberman is a guitarist and enjoys playing and coaching in soccer, cricket and boxing. In addition to English, he speaks Yiddish and Hebrew and after a few years in Perth, he now also speaks some 'Aussie'.

Rabbi and Rebbetzin Liat (who is from Johannesburg, RSA) are blessed with four beautiful children Gavi, Eli, Tamar and Elianna.

RABBI KIM ETTLINGER

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1988 Rabbi Ettlinger moved with her family to Perth, WA, where she was an active member of Temple David. In 2005 Rabbi Ettlinger was ordained at Hebrew Union College (HUC), where she earned two Master of Arts Degrees, in Jewish Education and in Hebrew Letters. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Politics, Philosophy, and Sociology from Murdoch University.

Rabbi Ettlinger first worked at Peninsula Temple Sholom in San Francisco, before returning to Australia in 2010 to Melbourne to Temple Beth Israel. Rabbi Ettlinger was delighted to return to Perth to her home congregation of Temple David along with her now three-year-old daughter Noa. Rabbi Ettlinger is passionate about liturgy, education, and keeping Judaism relevant.