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 young daughter Noa. Rabbi Ettlinger is passionate about liturgy, education, and keeping Judaism relevant.

MR STEVE LIEBLICH

Steve is the son of Holocaust survivors, born in Jaffa in 1950, and immigrated to Western Australia as a child.

After Engineering studies at University of WA, he travelled to Israel on a World Union of Jewish Students Graduate program, completed postgraduate Engineering research at the Technion in Haifa, and served in the Israel Defense Forces.

He returned to Perth in 1978, married, started a family, and developed a successful professional career in engineering and business consulting.

Steve has always been active in the Jewish community, as a youth leader, and in leading many community organisations. He served on the Board of the Perth Hebrew Congregation for about 10 years, and since then, has focused on advocacy within the wider community for Israel and the Jewish community.

He is Vice President the Jewish Community Council of WA, and spokesman for the WA Jewish community.

Steve also serves on the National Editorial Board of The Australia/Israel Review, a monthly magazine of the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council (AIJAC) and has led two groups of WA State Parliamentarians on AIJAC study tours of Israel.

Steve is also a founder and Deputy Chairman of the Friends of Israel Western Australia; and administers several Facebook pages and Groups.