

## RABBI JUDITH SCHINDLER BIO & PUBLICATIONS

Rabbi Judith Schindler is Associate Professor of Jewish Studies and Director of the Stan Greenspon Center for Peace and Social Justice at Queens University of Charlotte. She was named Rabbi Emerita of Temple Beth El in Charlotte, North Carolina after serving as Senior Rabbi from 2003-2016 and as Associate Rabbi from 1998-2003. Prior to coming to Charlotte, she was an Associate Rabbi at Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale, New York. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Clinical Psychology from Tufts University in 1988 (magna cum laude), her Master's from the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles in 1993, and her rabbinic ordination at the Hebrew Union College in New York in 1995.

Rabbi Schindler serves on the Executive Committee of the Charlotte Clergy Coalition for Justice, is co-chair of the Clergy Council of MeckMin (Charlotte's interfaith organization), is co-chair of the Rabbinic Council of the Association of Reform Zionists of America and is a Trustee of the Reform Pension Board. She is past Co-Chair of the Women's Rabbinic Network and served on the Board of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Coalition for Housing.

On behalf of Temple Beth El, Rabbi Schindler envisioned and led the creation of four social justice documentaries being utilized across the country. "Souls of Our Students: Appreciating Differences" and "Souls of our Students: A Transgender Focus" address diversity in schools. "Souls of Our Teachers" addresses urban education and "Souls of our Neighbors" explores the value of creating affordable housing. Three of the documentaries earned Telly Awards. Rabbi Schindler has contributed chapters and articles to more than ten books and is currently researching and co-authoring a book on recharging congregations through civic engagement and moving the religious community from volunteerism to advocacy.

Among the many awards she has received, Rabbi Schindler was named Charlotte Woman of the Year in 2011. She received the 2008 Humanitarian Award from the Charlotte Coalition for Social Justice, the 2008 Mecklenburg Ministries Interfaith Clergy Award and was selected as one of Charlotte's USA 20: Celebrating Dynamic Women in 2010.

Rabbi Schindler is married to Chip Wallach, who works for Bank of America. They have two sons, Maxwell and Alec. She is the daughter of the late Rabbi Alexander Schindler who was president of the Union for Reform Judaism from 1973-1995.

### PUBLICATIONS:

[in progress] Rabbi Judith Schindler is co-authoring with Judy Seldin-Cohen the book *Recharging Judaism: How Civic Engagement Helps Synagogues, Jews and America*, expected for publication in 2018. [by CCAR Press.]

*A Book of Chai: A Book of Life* – A Collection of Rabbi Judith Schindler's Sermons by Rabbi Judith Schindler (Charlotte, North Carolina: Temple Beth El, 2016).

"Weaving Webs of Sacred Connection: Women Rabbis and Congregational Culture" written with Cantor Mary Thomas in *The Sacred Calling: Four Decades of Women in the Rabbinate*, edited by Rabbi

Rebecca Einstein Schorr and Rabbi Alysa Mendelson Graf (New York: CCAR Press, 2016).

Essay in *God, Faith, and Identity in the Ashes: Perspectives of Children and Grandchildren of Holocaust*

*Survivors*, edited by Menachem Rosensaft (Woodstock, Vermont: Jewish Lights Press, 2014).

"On Our Humanity" in *Lights in the Forest: Rabbis Respond to Twelve Essential Jewish Questions*, edited by Rabbi Paul Citrin, (New York: CCAR Press, 2014).

"The Journey to Judaism: Choosing Judaism, Choosing Mitzvot"  
*Mishkan Moed: A Guide to the Jewish Seasons* (New York: CCAR Press, 2013).

"Be Present," *Text Messages: A Torah Commentary for Teens*  
(Woodstock, Vermont: Jewish Lights Press, 2012).

"Ethical Wills" *The American Rabbi* (Fall 2010, Volume 2).

"Contemporary Reflection," *The Torah: A Women's Commentary* by Dr. Tamara Eskanazi and Rabbi Andrea Weiss  
(New York: URJ Press, 2008).

"When One Door of Life Closes, Another One Opens: A Baccalaureate Address," *The American Rabbi* (Spring 2006).

"Don't 'Show Me The Money': The Rewards for Mitzvot," *Living Torah* (New York: URJ press, 2005).

Essay in *Rabbis: The Many Faces of Judaism* by George Kalinsky (New York: Universe Publishing, 2002).