

Rabbi Daniel Cotzin Burg Bio

Daniel Cotzin Burg is a nationally known congregational rabbi based in Baltimore. He is currently the Alexander Grass Rabbinic Chair at Beth Am Synagogue where he has served for nearly 16 years and, from 2005-2010, served as a Rabbi at Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago. Ordained by the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles (now American Jewish University), he holds two Masters Degrees, in Rabbinic Studies and Jewish Education respectively, and a Bachelors in Hebrew Studies and Anthropology from the University of Wisconsin.

His writing has appeared in [*The Washington Post*](#), [*The Baltimore Sun*](#), [*The Chicago Sun-Times*](#), [*Maryland Matters*](#), [*Sources: a Journal of Jewish Ideas*](#), [*eJewish Philanthropy*](#), [*The Jewish Review of Books*](#), [*The Forward*](#), [*The Times of Israel*](#), and the *Baltimore Jewish Times*. He initiated the monthly “[Baltimore Justice](#)” column at *Jmore*, which he has penned since 2016. He was featured in the [Cover Story](#) for Conservative/Masorti Judaism’s international publication *CJ*, which had, at the time, a circulation to over 200,000 Jewish households around the world and in *Baltimore Magazine*. Burg has appeared in [*The Atlantic*](#), [*The Post*](#), [*The Sun*](#), on *MSNBC*, [The Big Ponder](#), and Baltimore television affiliates [WYPR](#), Fox 45, WJZ-TV, and WBAL-TV.

Burg has written as [The Urban Rabbi](#) since 2010. He is a contributing author to *Keeping Faith in Rabbis: A Community Conversation about Rabbinical Education* (Ed. Herring and Roscher), *Celebrating the Jewish Year: The Spring and Summer Holidays* (Ed. Steinberg), *Am Yisrael Chai, Volume 2: Essays, Poems, and Prayers* (Ed. Creditor), and *We Rise: An Anthology of High Holiday Sermons Delivered the Year after October 7* (Ed. Creditor). His essay “[The End of Tikkun Olam](#)” appears in the spring 2025 issue of [Sources](#), a publication of the Shalom Hartman Institute, where he is also a Senior Rabbinic Fellow.

Rav Daniel is a member of the Rabbinical Assembly’s Va’ad Hakavod (ethics oversight body) and was the Program Chair and a plenary presenter at the 2023 Conservative Movement’s International Convening. He has mentored rabbis through the Clergy Leadership Incubator and is a current participant in the Institute for Jewish Spirituality’s Clergy Leadership Program.

He serves as a trustee for the Elijah Cummings Youth Program and the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. He is a past board member at the Institute for Islamic, Christian and Jewish Studies and Jews United for Justice. He is a past co-Chair for “In, For, Of, Inc.” a 501(c)3 organization affiliated with Beth Am. He was a member of the Maryland Task Force on Reconciliation and Equity.

Rabbi Burg lives in Baltimore with his wife Rabbi Miriam Cotzin Burg and their son Shamir. His daughter Eliyah is a sophomore at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA.