

About Rabbi Danny Nevins

Ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary, Rabbi Danny Nevins holds an MA in Jewish studies from JTS and a bachelor's degree from Harvard University in Middle Eastern history. Growing up in New Jersey, he attended the Frisch Yeshivah High School, and then studied in Jerusalem at Yeshivat HaMivtar. He also was a camper and on staff at Camp Ramah. After college he proceeded to New York, studying at JTS and at its affiliated Schechter Institute in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Nevins has led three Jewish organizations: Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills, Michigan, as senior rabbi; JTS as Pearl Resnick Dean of the Rabbinical School; and Golda Och Academy in West Orange, New Jersey, as Head of School. At JTS he supervised the training of about 300 rabbis and 75 cantors, and led the Seminary's synagogue and high holiday services. He helped establish the rabbinical program in Jerusalem at the Schocken Institute, and the Center for Pastoral Education at JTS. In Michigan Rabbi Nevins helped to found the Frankel Jewish Academy and led the Farmington Interfaith Association.

Rabbi Nevins has been a member of the Rabbinical Assembly's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards since 1999, and co-authored the responsa that allowed for same-sex marriage and LGBT ordination in Conservative Judaism. He is the author of *Torah and Technology: Circuits, Cells, and the Sacred Path* (Izzun Books, 2024) as well as many responsa, essays, articles, podcasts, and prayers. Examples of his work may be found at rabbinnevins.com.

Rabbi Nevins is married to Lynn Scheele Nevins, with whom he has three adult children: Talya, Leora, and Sam. Lynn is a ceramic artist and also holds MA degrees in secondary education and in speech-language pathology. She grew up in Madison, WI, where her parents still live. The couple met during their university studies in Boston, then moved to New York and Jerusalem for their respective graduate programs. After his ordination, they moved to Michigan, where the children were born. Thirteen years later, the family returned to New York, and Rabbi Nevins to JTS. The Nevins' children have all launched their careers, and Talya is engaged to be married next fall.

Rabbi Nevins is an outdoors enthusiast, enjoying cycling, hiking, kayaking and canoeing. He and Lynn often vacation in the Adirondacks or the Rocky Mountains, and have also hiked in the Alps and the Andes. He plays percussion, sometimes in a band, and looks forward to exploring the live music scene in Chicago. Mostly, he enjoys learning the stories of people and sharing his love of Judaism in sacred communities.