

## Rabbi's Corner

Rabbi David Kornberg has been a part of the Beth Am family since 1999 when he joined us as Assistant Rabbi. Over the past few years he has helped to plant the seeds for a strong, growing and learning community. Before coming back to San Diego, Rabbi Kornberg had the opportunity of touching many lives as a Hospital Chaplain and Director of Chaplaincy for the Jewish Federation of Middlesex County in New Jersey. Now, as Senior Rabbi, he brings those skills, among others, and a passion for Jewish learning to the community.

"I believe that a community, no matter how large or small, needs to maintain a 'family' feeling. A shul is a place to learn, to pray, to come together and feel a sense of comfort and connection. This is the heart and soul of our congregation. It is the foundation upon which Congregation Beth Am was built, and will continue to guide us in the years to come." - Rabbi David Kornberg

Rabbi Kornberg lives in Carmel Valley with his wife, Debbie, an accomplished educator and Director of Judaic Studies for Golda Meir Lower School of the San Diego Jewish Academy, and his two children, Michael and Rachel.

Rabbi Matthew Earne is the Associate Rabbi at Congregation Beth Am. He earned his BA degree at Cornell University and his MA in Education from the University of Judaism. He received his rabbinic ordination from New York's Jewish Theological Seminary. In July 2010, the synagogue granted the title of Associate Rabbi in recognition of his maturing and development as a Jewish leader for the Beth Am community. As Associate Rabbi, Rabbi Earne will continue to specialize on Israel, Social Action, Preschool age children and their families, and Informal Jewish Youth Programming, as each of those causes fuel Rabbi Earne's passion for Judaism.

Rabbi Matthew Earne lives in Carmel Valley with his wife, Elizabeth, and their children Jonah and Gabriella. Liz is both a writer and a private tutor/writing instructor. The two of them feel very fortunate to raise their family in the kind and nurturing confines of Congregation Beth Am.