

Dr. Roberta Louis Goodman Named Director Of Education

After a nationwide search, N.S.C.I. president Judy Wexler has announced that the nationally known Jewish Educator, Dr. Roberta Louis Goodman, will begin her work as Director of Education of the North Shore Congregation Israel Goodman Center for Jewish Education on August 1, 2010.



With over 25 years of experience in Jewish education, Dr. Goodman comes to North Shore Congregation Israel from JECEI (Jewish Early Childhood Education Initiative), a national initiative focused on fostering excellence in Jewish early childhood schools. She spent over ten years as a congregational educator and has worked in a wide range of Jewish educational settings either as a staff member or consultant.

She has experience teaching educators as a faculty member at Cleveland's Siegal College of Judaic Studies and through workshops and courses she has taught throughout the country. She has written and published curricular materials for students and teachers as well as articles in the areas of faith development and spirituality, research and evaluation, adult education, Jewish educational personnel, grant writing, and early childhood education.

Dr. Goodman, RJE has spent more than half of her life living in Glencoe where she grew up and later returned 12 years ago. She is a product of NSCI's religious school, its youth group and OSRUI. She worked for NSCI as a college undergraduate while at Northwestern where she played varsity tennis. From there she went off to the Rhea Hirsch School of Education at Hebrew Union College (HUC-JIR) earning a Masters in Jewish Education. Later, she obtained a doctorate in adult education from Teachers College/Columbia University.

She is a past president of NATE (National Association of Temple Educators), past chairperson of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) Alumni Council, and served on the boards of the Union for Reform Judaism and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

She lives in Glencoe with her husband, Dr. Robert Goodman, children Shoshana (14) and Evan (11), and their two dogs, Connor and Natalie a mile from her parents, NSCI congregants Maynard and Judy Louis.

Please watch your email, the Bulletin, and your snail mail for opportunities to meet Roberta and welcome her back to North Shore Congregation Israel.