

Rabbi Stephanie Bernstein was born and raised in Duluth, Minnesota. She received a Bachelor in General Studies from the University of Michigan, an MA in Guidance and Counseling from Eastern Michigan University, and an MSW from Catholic University. Rabbi Bernstein was a clinical social worker in out-patient mental health clinics in the DC area as well as in private practice for over twenty years. She was a lay leader at Temple Sinai in Washington, DC, and served as president of the congregation. She was a board member of the Mid-Atlantic Council of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ).

During rabbinical school Rabbi Bernstein served as student rabbi at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation in Reston, and held High Holy Day pulpits at Boston University Hillel. Rabbi Bernstein's rabbinical thesis is entitled: "Holocaust Responsa: Questions and Answers from a Time of Despair." She received her rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in May, 2009.

Rabbi Bernstein is on the staff of the Union for Reform Judaism, serving as teacher and coordinator for Introduction to Judaism classes in the greater Washington, DC area. She was a Study Guide writer for *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*, and worked as a chaplain with Jewish Social Services. She has served on the Boards of Directors of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington, Jews United for Justice, and was the Board Chair of Equality Maryland. Rabbi Bernstein is currently a member of the Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of the DC area, and is on the executive council of the Washington Board of Rabbis.

Rabbi Bernstein lives in Chevy Chase, Maryland with her husband Henry Winokur. She has two adult children, Sara Bernstein and Joseph Bernstein, and is the proud grandmother of Michael David Berry.