

Rabbi Laszlo Berkowits

Following his ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1963, Rabbi Berkowits became Temple Rodef Shalom's first rabbi. He held this position until his retirement as Senior Rabbi in July of 1998. A native of Hungary, Rabbi Berkowits earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology at the University of Cincinnati, and a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters with Honors from Hebrew Union College. After 25 years in the rabbinate, he received his Doctor of Divinity from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Throughout his distinguished career in Falls Church, Rabbi Berkowits focused his attention on religious, civic, and humanitarian concerns. He was a member of the Virginia Advisory Committee to the US Commission on Civil Rights and served on the DC Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. He is a former member of the Executive Board of the CCAR and past president of the Mid-Atlantic Council of the CCAR. Rabbi Berkowits is also a founding member of the board of Hospice of Northern Virginia, and served as president of the McLean Clergy Association.