

RABBI STEPHEN EINSTEIN



Stephen J. Einstein, Founding Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Tzedek in Fountain Valley, CA in 1976, retired June 30, 2012. He previously served synagogues in Parsippany, NJ and Westminster, CA.

Rabbi Einstein was born and reared in Southern California, and is a cum laude – Phi Beta Kappa graduate of UCLA. He was ordained at the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, where he also earned his doctorate. In recognition of his years of service to the Jewish community, the College-Institute awarded him an honorary doctorate as well. Mentor to numerous rabbinic students, Rabbi Einstein has served as a Lecturer of Rabbinic Practice at HUC-JIR.

Rabbi Einstein is past President of the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis, Orange County Board of Rabbis, the Orange County Bureau of Jewish Education and the Orange County Jewish Educators' Association. He serves on the boards of the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League. He is a former member of the Boards of the Jewish Federation of Orange County, the Jewish Family Service of Orange County, and Heritage Pointe / Jewish Home for the Aging.

Formerly Chair of its Ethics Committee, Rabbi Einstein was Vice President of Member Services of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and is now on its Ethics Process Review Committee. He is on the governing Board of the Sandra Caplan Community Bet Din of Southern California, where he currently serves as S'gan Av Bet Din (Associate Director) and as Treasurer.

Rabbi Einstein and his wife, Robin, continue to live in Fountain Valley. They are proud of their children – Rebecca and Warren, Jennifer, Heath and Diana, and Zachary and Jen; and dote on their grandchildren, Benjamin, Lilly, Jacob, Levyn, Adielle, Asher, and Ellery.