



Rabbi Dana Saroken

Rabbi Dana Saroken is a congregational Rabbi at Beth El Congregation of Baltimore in Pikesville, Maryland. She has served there since 2007. She is also the founder and spiritual director of The Soul Center, an organization that nurtures and blends spirituality and religion and focuses on inspiring Jews to explore ancient Jewish wisdom, rituals and practices and to make them meaningful and relevant in people's lives. Prior to these roles, Rabbi Saroken served as a Rabbi at the New City Jewish Center.

She has been a Schusterman Fellow, a Kenissa Fellow, and participant in the rabbinic cohort of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality. She was chosen as a "Women To Watch" by Jewish Women's International. Rabbi Saroken participates regularly in the Shalom Hartman rabbinic summer programs, and has served on many boards including Jewish Community Services and The Associated. She is a proud Zionist.

Rabbi Saroken grew up in Westchester, New York, graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Summa Cum Laude from the Honors College at the University of Arizona's with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and Jewish Studies. She attended rabbinical school at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City where she was ordained in 2004. During rabbinical school she worked for the Wexner Heritage Foundation, was a rabbinic fellow at CLAL and taught at B'nei Jeshurun. Prior to becoming a rabbi, she worked as the Educational Director for "Up With People" an international organization best known for performing arts, community service and global education. Thereafter, she became the Director of the Jewish Student Association at Georgetown University.

She and her husband, Rafi Rone, are blessed to have three children.