



Rabbi Jonathan Leener

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Rabbi Jonathan Leener is a spiritual leader and Jewish community builder in Brooklyn. As the head rabbi of the Prospect Heights Shul, he is known for his innovative approach to Jewish education and his commitment to building inclusive and welcoming communities.

Rabbi Leener received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2010, before going on to study at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. He received his rabbinic ordination from Yeshivat Chovevei Torah in 2016. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in Holocaust & Genocide Studies at Yeshiva University.

In addition to his work at the Prospect Heights Shul, Rabbi Leener is a founder of Base. He served as the founding rabbi of Base BKLYN and has also worked as a rabbinic intern at Sherith Israel Congregation in Nashville, Tennessee and Beth Sholom Congregation in Potomac, Maryland.

Beyond his professional work, Rabbi Leener is a passionate fan of the Washington Commanders, Brooklyn Nets and a lover of the Beatles. He currently lives in Crown Heights with his wife, Faith, and their three children, Hudi, Hannah, and Tikvah.