

PRESS RELEASE: Framingham Rabbi receives military orders to new post in Washington D.C.

Rabbi Laurence Bazer of Temple Beth Sholom of Framingham has been called for active duty as Deputy Director of the Joint Chaplains Office of the National Guard

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Framingham, Mass. – Rabbi Laurence Bazer of Temple Beth Sholom announced on Monday that he has been called for Active Duty in Washington D.C. beginning July 16th. Colonel Bazer will serve as Deputy Director of the Joint Chaplains Office of the National Guard. He will serve in this position for 2-3 years. Rabbi Bazer, who has been with Temple Beth Sholom for 15 years, is no stranger to military service; in 2011, then Lt. Colonel Bazer was called for Active Duty near Kabul, Afghanistan where he served for 6 months.

“While this assignment presents an exciting opportunity for me, I will be sad to leave Temple Beth Sholom after fifteen years as Rabbi. This Temple has played a major role in my life and I will cherish the friendships forever” said Rabbi Bazer in a message to the congregation.

The Office of the Chaplain for the National Guard provides “A ready, reliable, and accessible chaplain service to ensure comprehensive religious support through presence, care, and hope.”¹

Temple Beth Sholom will fill the position on an “interim” basis, until a permanent Rabbi is hired, to begin on July 1, 2019.

¹www.nationalguard.mil/Leadership/Joint-Staff/Special-Staff/Chaplain

About Temple Beth Sholom

Founded in 1885, Temple Beth Sholom is an egalitarian Conservative congregation affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. The Temple serves about 200 families in the Metro West Boston area.

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