

Rabbi Paul Steinberg

Prior to coming to Kol Shofar, Rabbi Steinberg served Beit T'Shuvah, a synagogue community and addiction treatment center, as the Community Rabbi and Spiritual Advisor. While at Beit T'Shuvah, he published his most recent book, *Recovery, the 12 Steps, and Jewish Spirituality: Reclaiming Hope, Courage and Wholeness* (Jewish Lights, 2014), which provides the first comprehensive approach to integrating Jewish spirituality with the principles of the 12 Step Programs.

Rabbi Steinberg has also served as the Senior Educator at Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, California, where he served as both a pulpit rabbi and heads of the various schools and educational programs. Both at Beit T'Shuvah and at Valley Beth Shalom, Rabbi Steinberg regularly led Shabbat and High Holiday Services and officiated at B'nai Mitzvah.

In addition to his work at Valley Beth Shalom, Rabbi Steinberg simultaneously worked toward a doctorate in education at the Jewish Theological Seminary, taught Jewish philosophy in the Graduate School of Education at American Jewish University, and served on local and national boards.

He also has published many articles on Jewish thought and education, as well as five books including, *Study Guide to Jewish Ethics* (JPS, 2003) and the three-volume series *Celebrating the Jewish Year* (JPS, 2009) which earned the **National Jewish Book Award**.

During the past year here at Kol Shofar, Rabbi Steinberg has inspired adult learners through his periodic Lunch and Learns, his sermons and teaching, in addition to his vital and energetic leadership of our youth educational program. We are thrilled to welcome Rabbi Steinberg into this new dual role at Kol Shofar.