

**From: Sam Kaplan**

**Subject: Rabbi David Pietruszka is the JLE's New Director**

The Jewish Learning Experience of Bergen County is proud to welcome Rabbi David Pietruszka as its new director. Rabbi Pietruszka, a Teaneck resident with his wife, Leah, and their three children, takes the reins from Rabbi Baruch Price, who served for seven years as director before leaving to pursue advanced rabbinical studies.

Rabbi Pietruszka is a 2005 graduate of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University. Also, he holds a Master's of Science in Education in Special Education degree from Hunter College School of Education, City University of New York, and a Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies degree from Yeshiva University.

A special educator and co-teacher at SAR Academy in Riverdale, NY, this past year Rabbi Pietruszka also counseled patients and led Shabbat services at Care One Rehabilitation Center in Paramus, and for the past two years taught unaffiliated youth as part of the Jewish Youth Encounter Program, based in Teaneck.

As JLE's director, Rabbi Pietruszka plans to "utilize my rabbinic training to reach out and educate the adult population in all aspects of Jewish life." Specifically, he plans to focus on increasing participation in JLE's array of classes and programming, including one-on-one learning, home hospitality, Shabbat and High Holiday services, Shabbatonim, and guest lecturers.

In addition, he plans to expand JLE's volunteer base in areas such as marketing, fundraising, classes, event planning, mailings, and hospitality. And he plans to be involved in organizing a solidarity mission to Israel.

Please welcome Rabbi Pietruszka at his Sept. 17 Rosh Hashanah class at Torah Academy of Bergen County (1600 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck). Refreshments will be served. I look forward to seeing you there.

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