



Rabbi Warren Elf



Warren lives in North Manchester with his wife Simone. He has two daughters, Rachel and Deborah and three stepchildren, Joshua, Ilana aged 12 and Daniel, and two sons-in-law both called Adam.

Warren was one of the founding trustees of FODIP and has participated in or co-led all of their Study Tours to Israel and Palestine. He has also been involved in many other FODIP projects and related work.

He is a part-time freelance Rabbi, working with Southend and District Reform Synagogue (since 2001) and Liverpool Reform Synagogue for the last three years.

Warren also works 'half-time' for the Faith Network for Manchester as their Community Development Worker, employed by them since December 2016. He was also a founding trustee of FN4M and treasurer for 12 years before taking up his current role.

Rabbi Elf has previously worked as a full-time Maths Teacher, at Bury Grammar School Boys for 13 years and previous to this at other schools in Barnet and Bury, including Christ's College Finchley (a good school for a Jewish boy!).

He was also a Youth and Community Worker at Edgware and District Reform Synagogue, Northern Student Chaplain for RSGB from 1994 - 1998 as well as being the Rabbi of Sha'arei Shalom Synagogue in North Manchester at that time. In 1998 he became the Director of Education at South West Essex and Settlement Reform Synagogue where he served until 2003 before taking up his current position as Rabbi of Southend and District Reform Synagogue (although he was leading Shabbat services for almost two years before this).

His interests include participating in interfaith dialogue and projects, playing squash and going to the gym, walking and (in his own words) telling bad jokes, but at least he thinks they're good! He also occasionally plays a bit of snooker in an attempt to remember bits of a misspent youth.