



Nathan S. Kamesar

By becoming a rabbi, Nathan is fulfilling a lifelong dream, though one that was not always apparent to him.

Nathan graduated from the University of Oregon before going on to serve two years with AmeriCorps*VISTA in Baltimore and Washington, D.C. From there, he went on to law school at the University of California, Berkeley, and the law firm Skadden Arps.

After practicing law, Nathan made his way to RRC, his father's alma mater. Here, he served as student body president and was given the *Tikkun Olam* Award by his peers.

Nathan became the first-ever RRC student to earn a joint master of arts degree at the University of Pennsylvania in nonprofit leadership. There, too, he was honored by his classmates as the program's graduation speaker.

Nathan has spent the last several years working for Society Hill Synagogue. He is grateful for the special warmth and generosity that the community has shown him.

Nathan wishes to thank the teachers, counselors, family members and friends who supported his journey—bizarre and circuitous as it may have seemed.

In particular, Nathan wishes to thank the women in his life who have made him who he is: his mother, Cynthia; his sisters, Sophie and Henya; his grandmothers, Barbara and Sonia; and his fiancée, Caroline. To each of you he says, "I love you. Thank you."

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"As a rabbi, I hope to take the best of my energies: my heart, my mind, and my guts, place them upon the altar of the Jewish people, and burn them up. May my work be a pleasing offering to the Lord."

– Rabbi Daniel I. Kamesar, z"l

"As a rabbi, I hope to always channel the Divine One—to serve as a vessel for good and for holiness, to bring people together and to make space in our lives for grief and joy, heartache and celebration. May my work, like my father's, be a pleasing offering to the Lord."

– Rabbi Nathan S. Kamesar