

## Biography of Rabbi Joshua Salter



Rabbi Joshua Salter is the latest graduate (June of 2005) of the Israelite Rabbinical Academy based in New York City. He is delighted to continue the unique legacy of highly esteemed African American Rabbis ordained to serve humanity through this Academy. Rabbi Salter's assignments include Youth Ministry, Prison Ministry, Community Liaison, as well as "bring the message" every second Sabbath (Saturday) of the Month at Beth Shalom. He is available for lectures and consultations and can be reached at [ravsalter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ravsalter@sbcglobal.net) for discussions and correspondence.

Rabbi Joshua Salter is currently employed with Southwest Organizing Project as a Community Organizer. His areas of responsibilities include but not limited to: galvanizing the Southwest Chicago community neighborhood residents, clergy and businesses against violence, crime and their far-reaching consequences. In addition to helping the twenty nine member institutions of Southwest Organizing Project achieve their organizing goals around four key issues (Housing, Education, Immigration reform and Safety).

Rabbi Joshua Salter has attended Texas Southern University in Houston, where he majored in Business Management. He has an extensive Banking Professional background. He has worked for Chase Manhattan Bank from 1988 until 2003 where he left to pursue more fulfilling endeavors. Mr. Salter has a wealth of knowledge in the banking entities (Estate Planning, Insurance, Investments, Demand Deposit Products and Commercial Banking, Securities, Private Wealth Management).

### Personal Statement:

I am an avid student of history and theology. I have the tenacity and drive to become a highly regarded Rabbi in the Jewish community. I also serve as Lead Gabbai at Beth Shalom Temple in Chicago in which I truly love preparing the Torah and assigning Aliyahs to the members and visitors of Beth Shalom. I am currently Associate Rabbi to the highly esteemed Rabbi Capers Funnye.

I am in search of deeper enlightenment/knowledge for the service of humanity. My desire is to learn different understandings of Torah. As a Rabbi I see all meetings as an intimate learning experience to connect with the divine which resides within all of us. It is said by a great teacher "He who wants to be a great teacher must be a great student first", I try to practice both.

I love to travel and hope to some day travel extensively in Africa. I have made Aliyah to Israel twice thus far. I recently journeyed to Nigeria to meet with the Ibo (Hebrew) people.

My hobbies are: boating, basketball, dancing and engaging conversations concerning the issues of the day.