

OUR CLERGY

Rabbi Robert H. Loewy

Rabbi Robert H. Loewy came to Congregation Gates of Prayer in 1984. During his years with the congregation he has touched the lives of countless men, women and children within the congregation and the community with his knowledge, dedication, warmth and caring. He has stressed education for children with a reinigorated religious school under full time professional direction and for adults with enriching adult education programs. A love and joy in Jewish life pervades all his actions.

Reflecting Rabbi Loewy's commitments he has been: President of the Greater New Orleans Rabbinic Council, Chairman of the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans, President of the New Orleans Jewish Day School, President of the Southwest Association of Reform Rabbis, Board Member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Founder of the East Jefferson Clergy Community and Jewish Chautauqua Society lecturer at both University of New Orleans and Loyola University.

Rabbi Loewy is a native of Hempstead, New York. His undergraduate degree is from Cornell University in 1972. He received an M.H.L. Degree and was ordained from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1977. Married to the former Lynn Rosenfeld, he is blessed with four children: Karen, married to Rabbi David Widzer, David, Sara and Mica.

Cantorial Soloist/Music Director Victoria May

Victoria May has been the Cantorial Soloist/Music Director at Congregation Gates of Prayer since 1987. Her musical talents lift the congregation spiritually. She sings with an ability to inspire awe and invite participation. In addition to leading the musical aspects of the Gates of Prayer worship services, she directs Kol Simcha, the Congregation Volunteer Choir to which all are invited.

She has worked professionally in the music field since 1983. This work has included teaching music to preschoolers, working as a music director for a Presbyterian church, music director for "The Tulanians", a Tulane University vocal group, featured soloist in numerous area concerts, as well as acting as Cantorial Soloist for synagogues in Shreveport, L.A, Asheville, North Carolina, and the New Orleans area. She is a member of "Beignet Yisrael", a quartet that has performed Jewish music at Jazzfest in New Orleans, as well as concerts in other areas of the country and has cut a CD with them.

"Tory" received her bachelor's degree in Theater from the University of New Orleans in 1983 and has performed on stage in productions of Peter Pan, Fiddler on the Roof, The Fantastiks, and Side by Side by Sondheim, among others. Victoria lives in Metairie with her two young sons, Nicholas and Jonathan.