

**Touro Synagogue Cordially Invites You
to Celebrate the Installation & Blessing of**



Rabbi Lily Kowalski

Associate Rabbi and Director of Education and Family Engagement

Friday, February 27, 2026 | 10 Adar 5786

6:00pm in the Main Sanctuary

Followed by a Celebratory Shabbat Dinner

**Joined by Mentor and Leader Rabbi Matthew S. Cutler, D.D.
of Congregation Gates of Heaven, Schenectady, New York**

*Rabbi Cutler will share an inspirational message during our Shabbat evening service
and will teach Torah during Shabbat Shiur on Saturday morning, February 28.*



Rabbi Matthew S. Cutler, D.D. (“Rabbi Matt”) has served as the spiritual leader of Congregation Gates of Heaven since 1995. A passionate teacher and community builder, he is known for his ecumenical leadership and commitment to making Jewish learning accessible beyond the classroom. He co-founded Schenectady Clergy Against Hate, serves as a Schenectady County Chaplain, and sits on the board of the United Way of the Greater Capital Region. Rabbi Cutler was ordained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City in 1990, where he also obtained his Master of Arts and Hebrew Letters. He graduated with honors from the State University of New York at Binghamton, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in History and Judaic Study.

***“I have learned much from my teachers and even more from my friends, but from
my students I have learned more than from all of them.”***

Babylonian Talmud, Ta’anit 7a;
Makkot 10a