

Rabbi David Katz currently serves as the Assistant Rabbi and Interim Director of Education at Kehilat HaNahar: The Little Shul By The River, a Reconstructionist congregation in New Hope, PA. Rabbi Katz grew up in New York City, and holds a B.A. in English from the State University of New York at Buffalo, with a minor in Media Studies. Rabbi Katz graduated from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC), where he was ordained in June 2009. Before attending RRC, Rabbi Katz lived in New York, Florida and Texas, and worked as the Youth and Program Director at a Reform synagogue in Texas, as the Director of Cultural Programming at a Jewish Community Center in Florida, and with troubled teenagers at Covenant House Texas. Rabbi Katz was also a public school teacher for several years, teaching middle school English and math in New York City, and high school English in Florida. During his time at RRC, Rabbi Katz served in a diversity of Jewish settings. He was the Student Rabbi of the Ottawa Reconstructionist Havurah in Ottawa, Ontario; of Temple B'nai Israel, a Conservative congregation in Burlington, NJ; and of the Bristol Jewish Center, a Conservative congregation in Bristol, PA. Rabbi Katz also worked as a Chaplain and Student Rabbi in several senior communities, including the Abramson Center for Jewish Life in Horsham, PA, Martin's Run Life Care Community in Media, PA, and Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia. Rabbi Katz did outreach work with interfaith couples and families at Faithways, the Interfaith Family Support Network of Greater Philadelphia, and also worked with Reconstructionist teenagers from all across North America, serving as Coordinator of No'ar Hadash: the Youth Programming Network of the Reconstructionist movement. While at RRC, Rabbi Katz spent two summers in Israel, studying Hebrew in Tel Aviv, and Talmud at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Katz is an avid sports fan, with particular devotion to the New York Mets, and also enjoys music and film. He is married to Dr. Amy Lazev, who is a clinical psychologist at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. They have two sons, Noah (age 5), and Elijah, (age 1).