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Dr. Andrew Ettin Joins **Blumenthal Jewish Home**

By Sue Clein

Blumenthal Jewish Home is happy to announce that Dr. Andrew Ettin of Winston-Salem has joined the Home as the new Religious Director. Dr. Ettin has served the Home as a volunteer for many years; he has assisted **Religious Director Sam Jacobson** with Shabbat and holiday services and has presented special programs for the residents.

After almost thirty years as BJH religious leader, Sam Jacobson is retiring as the Religious Director. He is not saying goodby to residents, staff and family members, however. Sam says that although it is time for him to step back from the responsibility and commitment of Religious Director, he is not giving up his relationship with the Home and the residents. Sam Jacobson will still be seen monthly at BJH conducting services in Andrew Ettin's absence and visiting with the residents.

Dr. Ettin, a professor of English Literature at Wake Forest University since 1977, is a member of Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem. As both a student of Torah and teacher of



Andrew Ettin

English he has been proficient at blending his love of literature and teaching with his increasing interest and knowledge of Judaism. He introduced an American Jewish Literature course into the English curriculum and has taught it for seven years as well as teaching a Modern Judaism course in the



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Andrew Ettin has served as a lay leader at Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem and acted as the interim Rabbi for the congregation in 1994-95. In 1990 he completed the UAHC Rabbinic Aide Training Program and has since served as the religious leader for Temple Israel in Salisbury, NC and Congregation Emanuel in Statesville, NC.

Andrew Ettin brings to this new role knowledge, experience and the desire to best meet the needs of the residents and their families. He plans to introduce ideas to enhance the religious and spiritual experiences of the residents, as well as visit residents both in the Home and at the hospital and to be there for families if they need his assistance. "I would like the families of residents to feel that they can turn to me as a contact for advice or conversation about concerns of a ritual or spiritual nature regarding their family member," states Ettin.

BJH welcomes Dr. Andrew Ettin as the new Religious Director. We invite residents, family and friends to attend services and holiday observances. Come meet Andrew Ettin and join us in welcoming him to the Home.

We wish Sam Jacobson many years of good health, continued fulfillment and enrichment in his semi-retirement. He has served BJH as spiritual leader, teacher, Rabbi and friend for many years, providing guidance and solace, a friendly smile and encouraging word to all whose lives he has touched. We look forward to continuing to see him greeting residents and conducting services at BJH.



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