

The RA Career Center is a resource for you during employment transitions as well as for your continuing education and career development needs.

From peer support in your specific career cohort to resume review services to fundraising and communications skills, the Rabbinic Career Development Commission (RCDC), is in a process of expanding to meet the needs of rabbis in the field.

Whether you are in the middle of a transition or looking to upgrade your skills, whether you work in a hospital or educational setting, whether you are planning to move into a different rabbinic career or reflecting on the one you are in, we are here for you.

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The Rabbinical Assembly will take your career to new heights!

HIZUK AND SUPPORT

Changing your employer or career path is both exciting and tension-filled. Our vetted experts are specifically trained to assist you on your journey.

Dealing with Difficult People: Some people are hard to understand. Bill Lebeau, our senior consultant, specializes in analyzing and suggesting practical steps to better deal with difficult people. To set up a half hour appointment, email Bill Lebeau at blebeau@rabbinicalassembly.org.

CONNECT WITH OUR CAREER EXPERTS

The below services are made available to colleagues at a deep discount of \$150 (usual fee of \$300).

Resume Review Service: Our RA has engaged the services of Debra Laks, a clinical career counselor. Laks will review your resume in three steps: a preliminary review, a rewrite, and a second review. Contact Debra Laks at 718-624-3192 or debra.laks@gmail.com.

LinkedIn Training: Our RA has engaged Paula Brand, a Career Consultant and LinkedIn trainer, to assist you with your online presence. Contact Paula Brand at paulabrandcprw@gmail.com.

Personality Inventory: The RA has invited Rabbi Dr. Alfredo Borodowski, MSW, to assist rabbis in achieving their full potentials through personality type inventory. Contact Alfredo Borodowski at 914-420-5639 or rabbialfredo@optonline.net.

ONLINE CAREER SEARCH AND TRANSITION

Our online resources provide the tools and training you need to maximize your potential for professional success, satisfaction and career advancement. Below are the types of resources you can find on our website:

[Branding](#) ▪ [Contract Drafting and Review](#) ▪ [Curated Career Opportunities Lists](#)
[Interviewing Tips](#) ▪ [Job Postings](#) ▪ [Negotiating Strategies](#) ▪ [Resume Writing](#)
[Retirement Preparation](#) ▪ [Self-Knowledge Exercise](#) ▪ [Transition Management](#)



“The staff at the Career Center ran a smooth and successful Interview Week and were quick to respond to all of my questions. The program on managing transitions in synagogue life gave me resources, useful tips, and strategies for beginning a new position.” —*Rabbi Rachel Marder*



“The Eitz Ratzon conference helped me understand how to listen to the needs of the congregation so that I could best serve them and have a meaningful partnership together. I believe the conference helped prepare me for my success, and for our congregation’s success, as well.” —*Rabbi Jesse M. Olitzky*

VISIT US ONLINE AT
rabbinicalassembly.org/professional-resources

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Rabbinic employers seek rabbis who continue to grow intellectually and interpersonally. The Career Center strives to help you expand your skillset and develop and fine-tune your strengths.

Communications: Creating effective mass communication, communicating with reporters, and using and managing social media successfully.

Entrepreneurship: Creating a personal brand and using it to fundraise and brandraise.

Fundraising: Information on sustainable synagogue business models, engaging your community, and obtaining and keeping major donors.

Pastoral Skills: Articles and webinars on hospitality, end of life care, military chaplaincy, and assessing the needs of people as they age.

Our RA is now positioned to empower you, sustain you, and support you as you grow in your career.

The RA Career Center also offers cutting-edge **webinars** in real time, **in-person events**, **blog features**, and more throughout the year. Look out for mentions of upcoming events, activities, and features on our website and in RA News!