

Congregation welcomes new spiritual leader



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Congregation B'nai Jacob Trustee Chairman Eric Miller, Rabbi Jeff Sultar and Congregation President Mark Snow welcome the new Rabbi during Installation Ceremonies.

PHOENIXVILLE » Congregation B'nai Jacob, Starr and Manavon streets, welcomes Rabbi Jeff Sultar as its new spiritual leader. He will be actively involved in all aspects of synagogue life including partnering with the congregation, staff and lay leadership to build upon the congregation's unique identity and vision.

Rabbi Sultar is a graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College where he received the Berger Prize in Practical Rabbinics and the Socolow Prize for Outstanding Essay. His undergraduate education was at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.; he completed a concentration in English and a program in environmental studies. Rabbi Sultar also participated in the Institute for Jewish Spiritual-

ity for Rabbis, a two-year program of retreats, meditation practice and weekly text study.

Serving a number of congregations, both Conservative and Reconstructionist, in New Jersey, Philadelphia and in the Midwest, Rabbi Sultar also taught at Temple University and Williams College, as well as in a number of less formal settings. He served as Campus Rabbi at both Cornell University and Choate Rosemary Hall, a college prep boarding school in Connecticut.

Rabbi Sultar taught about and worked extensively on environmental concerns from a Jewish perspective. He contributed an essay to "Ecology and the Jewish Spirit: Where Nature and the Sacred Meet." He is married to Julia Bell and has three children.