

## RABBI MICHAEL GOLD

# OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER, RABBI MICHAEL GOLD



A degreed mathematician and native of Los Angeles, Rabbi Michael Gold was ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in 1979, and served congregations in Upper Nyack, New York and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania before becoming the spiritual leader of Temple Beth Torah, here in Tamarac, Florida, in 1990.

Rabbi Gold is a noted author and speaker on many topics, including, but certainly not limited to: family life, sexual ethics, human choices and adoption. His most recent publication, "The Kabbalah of Love," was written while studying for his PhD in the Public Intellectuals Program at Florida Atlantic University, *and* while publishing his weekly spiritual message to his audiences in Broward County and around the world.

Guiding Temple Beth Torah's Jewish education, heritage and understanding, Rabbi Gold has led by example, increasing Torah and learning at all levels. He personally guides congregants and their families with Rabbinic Counseling and assistance with all Life Cycle events. Rabbi Gold also holds no fewer than 5 regular teaching or discussion groups every month with Teens, Hebrew Students and the Congregational Members, on top of all the daily *Minyanim* and teaching that happens throughout each week, culminating in *Kabbalat Shabbat* and *Shabbat* services. Rabbi Gold's vision was to "fill every day with as much Torah as possible," which led to our decision to hold two, concurrent Torah readings every Shabbat: a discussion of the Weekly *Parshah* followed by an Egalitarian, Triennial reading of one-third of the *Parshah*, as well as a full reading of the entire *Parshah* for those who wanted more comprehensive Torah exposure and understanding.

Rabbi Gold also serves Temple Beth Torah and Broward County in general as a Member of the Board of Jewish Family Service of Broward County and University Hospital.