

Jewish Cultural Liaison

As part of our multicultural outreach program, Cantor Don Alan Croll has joined our staff to better serve our Jewish community.

A cantor in the Reform Jewish movement is a clergy member who fills a diverse role within the Jewish community. Cantors lead worship, officiate at lifecycle events, teach adults and children, run synagogue music programs, and offer pastoral care. Cantors typically serve along with other clergy members, usually rabbis and occasionally additional cantors, in partnership to lead synagogue communities.

The Reform cantor is a professional office with a prescribed educational path and professional organization. Cantors are ordained at the conclusion of study which confers the status of clergy as it does for rabbis.

The education required to become an ordained cantor is a masters degree in Sacred Music, a five-year course of study that requires one year in Jerusalem and one in New York. Cantor Croll is the cantor emeritus of Temple Shalom in Dallas and has been a member of the American Conference of Cantors for over 40 years. He has also served congregations in New York, Los Angeles, and Albuquerque.