

A Scribe's Eye View of Our Torahs

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Congregation Nahalat Shalom

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Come meet scribe/sofer Rabbi Kevin Hale after he has examined our Torahs. Join him in looking at our torah scrolls and learn about them through his eyes. Get up close and personal with our torahs and the tools of the trade of a sofer.



Rabbi Hale is a Sofer STaM, a traditionally trained Torah scribe who spends his days evaluating, repairing and writing Torah/tefillin/megillot. A 1997 graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Rabbi Hale's mentor was Rabbi Eric Ray, z"l a world-renowned sofer, artist and authority on the provenance of Torah scrolls. Kevin is a scholar and teacher of our sacred scribal traditions, and works as a scholar-in-residence to congregations all over the country and beyond. He is passionate about offering hands-on education and enriching our connection to Torah. Kevin also serves as the spiritual leader of a small congregation in St. Johnsbury, VT. He and his family reside in Northampton, MA.

Rabbi Hale is an engaging speaker and teacher; he loves to bring his passion about Torah and the sacred scribal traditions to congrega-

tions, havurot and schools and ignite others' interest with his enthusiasm, knowledge and hands-on style. He is equally skilled at engaging young children, teens and adults.

Rabbi Hale honors, and is respectful of, the multiplicity of Jewish congregations and practices. He has worked with every kind of congregation and community: modern orthodox; reform; conservative; reconstructionist; independent; and minyanim.

The 613th commandment to write torah is addressed to all the Jewish people. As a dynamic service leader and teacher, Rabbi Hale draws in people of all ages and backgrounds, to activate within each of us our potential as torah scribes and to attune our eyes and hands and hearts to this most essential but often unknown or misunderstood Jewish mitzvah.