

# Bio: Neil S. Rubin



Neil S. Rubin chairs the Department of Jewish History at Beth Tfiloh Dahan High School. At Towson University, he taught *Tzion: The History of Modern Zionism* for the Baltimore Hebrew Institute and has taught *American Jewish History* at UMBC. Presently, he also teaches at Netivon, Chizuk Amuno Congregation's high school program. A scholar-in-residence and guest lecturer for numerous groups and synagogues, for the past two summers he served as the American educator for the month-long Elijah Cummings Youth Program Israel trip.

Dr. Rubin's main areas of interest are Israel-Diaspora Jewish ties, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> century Jewish ideologies, the evolving nature of American Jewish identity, and the continuing transformation of the Baltimore Orioles.

Prior to embarking on a full-time teaching career, he served as editor of the *Atlanta Jewish Times*, Senior Editor of the *Baltimore Jewish Times* and contributing editor of several other publications.

In 2010, Dr. Rubin received his Ph.D. from Towson University as well as the Israel Studies Prize. His thesis, "American Jewry and the Oslo Years," was published two years later as a book by Palgrave MacMillan. At Beth Tfiloh, he is a Teacher of the Year winner from both students and the administration.

In addition, Dr. Rubin is a past educators' fellow at the Baltimore-based Institute for Islamic, Christian & Jewish Studies, and the National Yiddish Book Center's Great Jewish Books Seminar. He helps lead Jewish high school trips to Israel, Spain, Poland and various U.S. venues.

The Randallstown native and Pikesville resident is married to Ronit Alon Rubin. So far, their two adult children have survived his sense of humor with grudging grace.

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