Jagolinzer, Rabbi Marc S.
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RABBI MARC S. JAGOLINZER



Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer died peacefully at his home on Oct. 22. He was 68.

Rabbi Jagolinzer is survived by his mother, Hinda Jagolinzer of Middletown; his loving and devoted wife of 41 years, Barbara Jagolinzer; his three children, son Charles Jagolinzer of San Diego, California, and his wife, Rachelle, and their two sons, Max and Sam; daughter, Sarah Kabat of Potomac, Maryland, and her husband, Andrew, and their two daughters, Julia and Jamie; and son, Jonathan Jagolinzer of Vienna, Virginia, and his wife, Jennifer; and his younger brother, Robert Jagolinzer of New York, New York. He is preceded in death by his father, Harold Jagolinzer.

Rabbi Jagolinzer was born on March 23, 1949, in Providence to Harold and Hinda (Tesler) Jagolinzer. He graduated from Columbia University in 1971 with a degree in English before becoming an ordained rabbi in 1975. Upon completing his studies, Rabbi Jagolinzer returned to Rhode Island to become the spiritual leader of Temple Shalom in Middletown. He served with distinction at Temple Shalom from 1975 to 2016; the congregation recently named him Rabbi Emeritus.

In the summer of 1975, Rabbi Jagolinzer met Barbara Richman and proposed to her eight days later. The couple has been married since Jan. 1, 1976. His children remember him as a hands-on and engaged father, who was kind, patient and gentle, but above all else, selfless.

Rabbi Jagolinzer was an accomplished spiritual leader who had a passion for teaching students of all ages. As he used to say, "In any given week, I teach people from age 3 to 93."

Rabbi Jagolinzer was particularly passionate about building interfaith communities in Aquidneck Island and in Rhode Island. As a newly ordained rabbi, Rabbi Jagolinzer founded and orchestrated the community-wide interfaith Thanksgiving service for Aquidneck Island, which has been held the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving for more than 40 years.

Rabbi Jagolinzer served as the president of the Aquidneck Island Clergy Association; a Convener of the Interfaith Leaders of Rhode Island; and a member of the Diocese of Rhode Island's Child Protection Advisory Board. He was chosen in 2015 by the Diocese to receive the prestigious "Lumen Gentium Award" as a Friend of the Diocese of Providence. Rabbi Jagolinzer