



## Michael Ethan Pollack

Michael was born into a loving family in Rockville, Maryland. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor of liberal arts degree focused on government, politics and Jewish studies. He was drawn to RRC because rabbis were the happy people in his life. He wanted to know what they knew.

He is highly appreciative of the democratic nature of RRC, the *tikkun olam* classes, and the many internships available through RRC. Among his many internships and jobs at RRC, he especially enjoyed the ones that enabled him to travel to Italy, Israel, and scenic locations around the United States.

He enjoyed translating what he learned into concrete action through a group called March On Harrisburg. Michael wishes to thank everyone, especially his family, friends, and classmates, for helping him to reach this milestone.



To be a rabbi is to be authentic and relevant.

I hope to always be authentic: To bring my full self to every encounter, to take nothing for granted, and to always strive to live life like it is a work of art.

I hope to always be relevant: To meet the Jewish people where they are and not where I wished they would be, to always teach Torah that is meaningful and to always be critically self-reflective and adventurous in pursuing meaning beyond mystery.