

Allen S. Maller was the rabbi of Temple Akiba in Culver City, California for 39 years, from 1967 to 2006. Rabbi Maller edited the *Tikun* series of High Holy Days prayer-books, used at Temple Akiba and at seven other congregations in California, Nevada and Arizona.

In addition, Temple Akiba's rabbi has written two books of children's stories, a popular introduction to Jewish mysticism entitled, *God, Sex and Kabbalah*, and most recently two books: *Which Religion Is Right For You?* and *Judaism and Islam as Synergistic Monotheisms: A Reform Rabbi's Reflections on the Profound Connectedness of Islam and Judaism* (a collection of 31 articles by Rabbi Maller previously published by Islamic web sites) and now for sale on Amazon.com. Rabbi Maller's web site is <www.rabbimaller.com>.

Rabbi Maller first studied Islam when he was a student at UCLA almost 60 years ago, then again while at rabbinical school studying to become a Reform rabbi. Since writing his first article for his rabbinical school student magazine in 1964, more than 250 of his articles have appeared in Jewish, Catholic, Muslim and Hindu popular print magazines and web sites. Since his retirement he has written over 50 articles on Judaism & Islam for Muslim web sites.

Over the years as he continued to read the Qur'an, Ahadith and other Islamic books, he came to think of himself as both a Reform Rabbi and a "Muslim Jew" — As a "Muslim" meaning faithful to his commitment to submit to the One God, who liberated the Jewish People from oppression in the land of Egypt and made a covenant with the People of Israel through Prophet Moses. And, as a Jew because loyal to the Jewish community and its religious traditions.

He and his wife have been blessedly married since 1966.