

Rabbi Diana Villa

Rabbi Diana Villa made aliyah from Argentina in 1996. She has a B.A. in Jewish Thought and Philosophy from the Hebrew University, an M.A. in Jewish Thought from the Jewish Theological Seminary, a Licenciatura in Psychology from Buenos Aires University, and is finalizing an M.A. in Talmud at the Hebrew University.

She was ordained at the Schechter Rabbinical Seminary in 2000, where she was a researcher, together with Rabbi Monique Susskind Goldberg z"l, at the Center for Women in Jewish Law. She co-authored “Za’akat Dalot - Halakhic Solutions for the Agunot of Our Time” and “Ask the Rabbi – Women Rabbis Respond to Modern Halakhic Questions” as well as two series of booklets on women in Jewish law.



Rabbi Villa is the coordinator of Mishlei (a program combining an M.A. from the Schechter Institute with a major in Talmud and Jewish law with Beit Midrash Studies) and she lectures in Talmud and Jewish Law at The Schechter Rabbinical School. She represents Schechter at the International Coalition for Agunah Rights, where she is past chair of the committee on Jewish law.

Rabbi Villa is a former president of Ramot Zion Congregation in Jerusalem, vice president of Kneset Ha'Rabbanim, chair of the committee on Religious Services of Masorti and Kneset Ha'Rabbanim, and a board member of the Institute of Jewish Studies (Israel's national conversion institute). She has been active in various co-existence initiatives with Palestinians, including a two-year interfaith project. She has been a member of the Masorti Women's Study Day faculty since its inception and has lectured in numerous formal and informal settings in Israel and abroad.