Rabbi/Cantor Haddon presents programs regularly for many local churches, nursing homes, and organizations. As a member of the Ridgefield Clergy Association he has worked tirelessly in fostering good relations between the Jewish and Christian communities, for more than forty years..

A graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in music education, Jon Haddon was ordained as a cantor in 1972 while serving Community Synagogue in Rye, NY. for six years. He then left the cantorate to pursue full-time rabbinical studies at Hebrew Union College, which included a year of Hebrew study in Jerusalem. As a student, he held pulpits in Bayonne, NJ and White Plains, NY. Upon his ordination in l980, he was appointed the first full-time Director of the School of Sacred Music, a position he held for four years. From l987 to 2008, Rabbi Haddon served Temple Shearith Israel of Ridgefield, CT. For the past 18 years, he has served Congregation Beth David in Amenia, New York, and is an on-call chaplain at Regional Hospice, Danbury Hospital, and the Ridgefield Police Department.

Always devoted to his community, he has spoken and taught at numerous churches in the Connecticut and Westchester areas, and is a regular contributor to Jewish and secular publications. In 2019, Rabbi Haddon was awarded the "Bnai Brith Man of the Year," and this past November, he was awarded for his work in Interfaith Relations by the The Hudson Valley Human Rights & Holocaust Commission (HVHHC). Today's presentation is entitled "Yiddish: The Robin Hood of Languages" and promises to be both humorous and touching.

His hobbies include music, especially guitar and violin. He is married to Jean Reynolds Haddon and is the step-father to three grown children, Dr. Ben Wellington, Dr. Abby Wellington, and Brad Wellington, and grandfather to nine remarkable children. Tonight he will present "Dolly Parton: A Woman of Valor"