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LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Director of Lifelong Jewish Learning

Congregation B'nai Israel, Sacramento, CA

July 2022 – Present

As a senior leadership team member, oversaw educational programming across all age groups, partnered with lay leadership communities, and facilitated engagement and Jewish learning through educational programs.

- Partnered with lay leadership in developing high-quality, engaging adult educational opportunities, including revitalizing Women of B'nai Israel's Rosh Hodesh programming.
- Assumed leadership of the monthly Choosing Judaism class and remodeled the curriculum to include discussions of Jewish history, as well as contemporary issues, including anti-semitism and Israel.
- Developed and supervised curriculum for formal and informal learning, pre-K through 12th grade.

Director of Jewish Studies and Teen Engagement

Los Angeles Hebrew High School, Los Angeles, CA

July 2021 – June 2022

As a senior member of this non-denominational after-school program, developed Jewish Studies curriculum and managed faculty and student affairs.

- Designed a forum for high school juniors and seniors to explore Jewish ideas and preparation for Jewish life in college, including how to process and address Anti-Semitism.
- Developed and facilitated Jewish studies courses on ethics, Biblical and rabbinic text, Israel, and Jewish history.
- Participated in a BJE-sponsored Positive Education certification program and brought the concepts back into the school to address student wellness and progress.

Virtual Jewish Educator

August 2020 – June 2022

During the COVID-19 pandemic, served as a remote educator for individuals, classes, and families across the country through Online Jewish Learning (OJL), a PA-based religious school, and independently. Developed and taught curricula spanning Jewish History, Torah, Talmud, and Hebrew.

- Adapted curriculum and learning modalities to online platforms.
- Built lessons that engaged learners and utilized technology.
- Collaborated with OJL staff and parents to ensure student engagement and learning.

Interim Educator

Congregation Beth David, Saratoga, CA

2019 – 2020

Led lifelong learning initiatives during transitional leadership period at Conservative Synagogue.

- Reconfigured supplemental learning using digital platforms and Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Developed and implemented several teen programs, including a Madrichim program, a Hot Topics class, and individual Talmud study.

- Conducted a tuition and calendar survey of local religious schools, presenting findings and recommendations to the board.

Rabbi

Congregation Emanu-El Israel, Greensburg, PA 2017-2019

- Partnered with internal synagogue groups, including the synagogue board, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, and volunteer educational staff.
- Collaborated with local churches, schools, and colleges to develop interfaith learning opportunities for all ages.
- Designed and implemented holiday and ritual experiences including High Holy Day services, Women's seder, Tu B'shvat seder, and Tikkun Leil Shavuot.

Rabbinic Intern

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA 2016-2017

- Partnered with university administration to identify and address issues of anti-semitism and support Jewish student experiences on campus.
- Collaborated with other departments and groups for interfaith and intercultural experiences, including a Shabbat service and communal dinner in honor of Ignatian Heritage Month with Resident ministries.
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive social media strategy leveraging Facebook, Instagram, Orgsync, and email.

Assistant Educator (2016-2017); Fifth/Sixth-grade Teacher (2012-2014;2015-2016)

Temple Akiba, Culver City, CA 2012 – 2017

- Prepared and delivered weekly Torah portion stories for religious school services, grades K-3 and 4-6.
- Developed an educational component for the teenager teaching assistant program.
- Developed and implemented lesson plans on the Prophets and the Amidah from the URJ *Chai* Curriculum.

Education Intern

Congregation Shir Hama'alot, Irvine, CA 2014 – 2015

- Observed and interviewed teachers to understand challenges and best practices, and prepared a report on the status of the Hebrew program which was presented to the synagogue's Education board.
- Designed three elective classes for grades 8-9: *Torah and the Silver Screen*, *Scribal Arts*, and *Not Your Religious School Teacher's Art*.
- Facilitated *As the Torah Turns*, a series of student-performed skits based on the Torah portion for monthly family services.

Rabbinic Intern, Various Congregations

2012 – 2016

- Prepared and led services for a diverse Jewish community using the Sim Shalom prayer book.
- Developed and orchestrated family education programs, creating a space for children and parents to discuss important values and traditions, for grades K-7

- Designed and facilitated an adult education discussion on what's, how's, and why's of prayer, focusing on the daily *Amidah*.

Rabbinic Pastoral Intern

Jewish Home of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Summer 2016

- Designed and taught a four-class course entitled “Dangerous Women of the Talmud”.
- Facilitated daily pastoral visits with residents and short-term patients in the Acute Psychiatric Unit and Rehabilitation Unit.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Central Conference of American Rabbis

American Reform Jewish Educators

Women's Rabbinic Network

EDUCATION

The Center for Positive Education Positive Education Certification, 2022

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Rabbinical Program, 2011-2017

- Rabbinic Ordination, 2017
 - Rabbinic Thesis: Text Immersion on Masechet Ta'anit
- The Professor Stanley Gevirtz Award for Excellence in Bible, 2017
- Masters of Art in Hebrew Letters, 2014
- Rabbis Without Borders Student Fellowship, 2013-2014

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Rhea Hirsch School of Education, 2014-2015

- Masters of Art in Jewish Education, 2015
 - Curriculum Guide: “Retrofitting Jewish Practice: Informed Choice in the 21st Century”
- iCenter for Israel Education Fellowship, 2014-2015

Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies, Year Program, 2009-2010

- Jewish Heritage Trip, Poland

University of San Francisco, 2005-2009

- Bachelors of Art in Performing Arts and Social Justice
- Jewish Studies and Social Justice Minor
- Semester Abroad, University College of Dublin, Ireland
- Summer Theater Program, Peru