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EDUCATION

Wexner Graduate Fellow

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute for Religion, Cincinnati, OH

Rabbinic Ordination, expected May 2019

Thesis: *Sh'ma Yisrael, Notice Israel: Jewish Mindfulness Meditation & The Reform Rabbinate*

Masters in Religious Education, May 2016

Thesis: *Joy & Judaism, a Parent Experience for Family Education*

Hampshire College, Amherst, MA

Bachelor of Arts, May 2008

Concentration: Anthropology, Social Theory, Religion

Thesis: *Disorganized Jews*, an ethnographic study

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Rabbinic Intern, 2018-2019 and 2015-2016

Isaac M. Wise Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio

- *Pulpit*
 - Regularly led shabbat morning services for a 1,200 member congregation
 - Delivered words of Torah at shabbat morning services
- *Youth:*
 - Led services in the religious school for elementary grades
 - Created a semester-long educational experience for teens connecting tikkun olam with self care
 - Led community building programs for elementary age students
- *Adult Education:*
 - Led an entire cohort of adults through the Adult B'nai Mitzvah process. This included: coordinating faculty, community-building experiences, and teaching Hebrew and Jewish studies
 - Taught various adult education programs on relevant topics such as contemporary spirituality and Jewish text & the #MeToo movement
- *Family Education*
 - Organized, planned and implemented annual family retreat
 - Led family education and parent-learning programs in the religious school

Rabbinic Intern, 2017-2018

Temple Sholom, Cincinnati, Ohio

- *Pulpit:*
 - Led shabbat services and offered sermons on shabbat and high holidays for groups of 30-300.

- Served as spiritual leader while the senior rabbi was on sabbatical
- *Youth:*
 - Created innovative High Holiday worship opportunities to engage families with young children
- *Adult Education*
 - Initiated a shabbat morning mindfulness meditation group
 - Led shabbat morning Torah study on a regular basis
- *Pastoral Care:*
 - Sustained relationships with congregants in nursing homes, making regular visits and phone calls to provide pastoral care and some Jewish ritual.
 - Provided grief counseling in moments of crisis, loss or illness

Clinical Pastoral Education (2017-2018)

Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio

- *Pastoral Care*
 - Catalyzed sacred moments for diverse patients receiving in-patient care
 - Empowered families experiencing death and crisis

Student Rabbi, 2014-2017

Congregation B'nai Abraham, Portsmouth, Ohio

Temple B'nai Israel, Kokomo, Indiana

- *Pulpit:*
 - Served as sole spiritual leader to a series of post-industrial communities, including the town considered 'Ground Zero' for the Opioid epidemic. Led all services, offered all sermons for shabbat and festivals
 - Performed life cycle rituals, including baby namings and funerals
- *Community Organizing:*
 - Collaborated with lay leaders to increase opportunities for community building and ritual observance, including holding one of the largest Passover Seders in recent memory in Kokomo, Indiana

Education and Counseling Fellow Summer 2015

Interfaith Hospitality Network/Family Homeless Shelter, Cincinnati, Ohio

- *Pastoral Care*
 - Facilitated intake process for families experiencing homeless
 - Supported families during their time in the shelter
 - Led mindfulness experiences for parents in shelter
- *Education*
 - Created training curriculum to educate volunteers about structural racism and generational poverty in the United States

Education Fellow September 2014-May 2015

Adath Israel Synagogue, Cincinnati Ohio

- *Youth*
 - Facilitated student's application of Jewish values to daily life and the transition to young adulthood in preparation for B'nai Mitzvah
 - Created experiential learning opportunities for language acquisition, cultural exploration and text awareness

Program Associate & Recruitment Coordinator, August 2009-May 2013

Avodah: The Jewish Service Corps, New York City, NY

- *Community Organizing*
 - Organized campus leaders, secular activists and the Avodah community to spread awareness about Judaism and social justice
- *20s and 30s Engagement*
 - Coordinated and supported dynamic events and community building experiences for young Jews in their 20s and 30s at the intersection of Judaism and social justice
 - Engaged, supported and organized a growing alumni community and nurtured potential Jewish leaders across the United States
- *Outreach and Public Relations*
 - Led information sessions and public relation campaigns to recruit participants from college campuses across the country, resulting in an increased number of applicants to the program

Program Officer, June 2008-July 2009

Jewish Outreach Institute, New York City, NY

- *Outreach and Synagogue Transformation*
 - Trained Jewish professionals and lay leaders on inclusion, diversity and community building and synagogue change
 - Supervised and coordinated *Big Tent Judaism*, a national advocacy coalition of organizations working for inclusion and diversity in the Jewish community
- *Education*
 - Administered an education and dialogue program for intermarried families in over 40 sites across North America (*The Mothers Circle*). Supported and coached faculty of the program

SELECTED AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Wexner Graduate Fellowship 2013-2017
- HUC-JIR Israel M. Bettan Prize 2018 (awarded to the student who has been the most creative and imaginative in a pulpit role)
- Ingenuity Award - Hampshire College, 2007 (awarded for co-founding a campus wide Multi-Faith Student Council)
- "To Know is Not Enough" Scholarship - Hampshire College, 2004-2008 (awarded for academic merit)

References available upon request.