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Warm, personable, engaging, insightful, deep thinker

EDUCATION:

CHICAGO SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, L.A., CA; 2018

- Marriage and Family Therapy

ZIEGLER SCHOOL OF RABBINIC STUDIES, American Jewish University, Los Angeles, CA; 2010

- Rabbinic Ordination and MA in Rabbinic Studies.

SHILUV INSTITUTE, Jerusalem, Israel; 2009

- Clinical Training in Family Systems Therapy including intensive hands-on practicum.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA CRUZ, Santa Cruz, CA, 2004

- Bachelor Degrees in Neuroscience and Psychology with focus on Neuro-linguistics.

BEN GURION UNIVERSITY, Be'er Sheva, Israel; 2001

- Neuroscience Study and Research on the topic of 'visuo-spatial attention tasks in the periphery.'

AMERICAN JEWISH UNIVERSITY - Spiritual Counselor, Adjunct Lecturer, Marriage Retreat Leader, Los Angeles

- Facilitate a safe, open environment in a retreat setting for new couples to grow in intimacy. Couples share, develop and enrich their skills as relationship partners via conflict resolution, communication skills and utilizing areas of strength. [current]
- Provide group & individual counseling and spiritual direction to Rabbinical Students. [2017-2018]
- Create and Instruct university level curriculum on topics of comparative mysticism, gender, Jewish practice, history and ethics. [2011-2016]

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES, Marriage and Family Therapist, Trainee, North Hollywood, CA 2017 - 2018

- Provide group & individual counseling for victims of domestic violence. DV certification completed.

BEIT T'SHUVAH - Substance Abuse Treatment Center, Associate Rabbi, Los Angeles, CA 2009-2012

- Leader at synagogue and residential treatment center for adults recovering from substance abuse.
- Engage in weekly one-on-one counseling, guiding participants with religious text, spiritual wisdom, and clinical insights. Fostering self-awareness and moral development through study and ritual.
- collaborate with staff including advisement and management.
- Develop meaningful & participatory prayer experiences fusing recovery & spiritual themes.
- Create innovative programming including journaling, mentoring, and personalized exercises.

SHOMREI TORAH SYNAGOGUE, Associate Rabbi, Los Angeles, CA 2016 - 2017

- Leader at a traditional Conservative Synagogue.
- Create and Lead alternative meditation services.
- Create and Lead musical family services.
- Create and Lead advance courses in prayer practice.
- Serve as rabbinic model and teacher for pre-school community.

References:

- **Vivian Engle, LMFT.** – Supervisor at JFS
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Meditation Instructor:

- **ADAT ARI EL**, Valley Village, CA; 2011-2014
- **CONGREGATION SHOMREI TORAH**, Woodland Hills, CA; 2013
- **TEMPLE ALIYAH**, Woodland Hills, CA; 2006-2008
- **AMERICAN JEWISH UNIVERSITY**, LA, CA; 2004-2006
- **JEWISH HOSPICE PROJECT**, LA, CA; 2005

BRANDEIS BARDIN COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, Education Fellow, Brandeis, CA, 2008

- Lead thought provoking educational programs exploring Jewish identity, ritual, and everyday Jewish living in intensive Summer institute for 80 Jewish young adults ages 18-26.
- Develop and lead innovative musical prayer services, counsel participants, engage in relationship-building, organize and teach workshops and interactive text-based Jewish study.

TASK FORCE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING, Rabbinic Intern, Jerusalem, Israel; 2007-2008

- Engage diverse groups in informational seminars to raise awareness about human trafficking.
- Develop in-depth multi-lingual educational materials incorporating Jewish values.
- Collaborate with partner organizations to implement outreach initiatives and community organizing.

BNAI BRITH YOUTH ORGANIZATION, BBYO Rabbi -in-Residence for Teen Program, Los Angeles, CA; 2006

- Create engaging class materials, lead inspiring prayer services, and instruct teens on topics of authentic prayer, Jewish mysticism, and environment.
- Organize community service projects, mentor and empower participants to wrestle with Jewish text.
- Model authentic Jewish living in holistic setting.

HISTORY CHANNEL, Translator for Bill Brummel Productions, Studio City, CA; 2005

- Translate and consult about interviews of holocaust survivors for History Channel feature film.

NASHUVA, High Holiday Prayer Book Editor, Los Angeles, CA; 2005

- Edit, compile readings, and author inspirational contemplative prayers for the High Holidays.