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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

#### ^ Freelance Tour Guide (2014🡪)

* Freelance tour guide/tour educator for youth, student, young professionals and adult tour groups, working with Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu tourists in a variety of frameworks. See [www.teachingisrael.com](http://www.teachingisrael.com) for more details.

#### 2004-2012 *RAMAH PROGRAMS IN ISRAEL*

#### ^ Ramah National Commission (2008-11)

* Israel education curriculum development writer, and Israel education staff trainer, for Ramah summer camps

#### ^ Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim (TRY)/Jerusalem High School Program – Teacher-Tour Guide (2005-2010, 2012) and Gann Academy of Boston Program – Teacher-Tour Guide (2005)

* Tefilah Coordinator, including preparation of tefilah curriculum outline, for 10th-12th grade students (2009-10)
* Taught and guided Jewish history, Land of Israel studies, Israeli civics and Jewish textual learning course (“Israel Core Course”) to 10th-12th grade students participating in semester-long program

#### ^ Ramah Israel Seminar Guide (2005, 2007-12)

* Guided high school students participating in 6-week summer program (2007-2011)
* Developed *divrei Torah* for each day of program (2011)
* Preparation of mini-source books for Tel Aviv mini-Seminar (2011)
* Planned educational content, coordinated logistics, guided and facilitated “Jerusalem as Inspiration: The Arts, Community and Learning” one-week seminar for Ramah Israel Seminar participants (2005)

#### ^ Ramah Israel Institute (2004, 2007-2011)

* Guided high school students participating in short-term winter-break program (2007-10)
* Developed *Parshat HaShavua “Torah Lishma”* modules of learning (2009, 2011)
* Organized and implemented short-term programs for American junior high school students (2004 and 2011)

## ^ Program Coordinator (2004)

## Organized and implemented Israel Year Program for Hineni Youth and Welfare – Australia

* Facilitated weekly educational programming for program participants
* Responsible for participant pastoral care, welfare and discipline
* Responsible for communication with Australian national chapter

#### 2005-2012 JEWISH AGENCY FOR ISRAEL, Machon and Machon Dati – Teacher

* Teacher and session facilitator for post-high school students

#### 2005 ISRAEL EXPERIENCE LTD – Program Coordinator

* Please see position responsibilities related to Hineni Youth and Welfare – Australia Israel Year Program, outlined above in RAMAH PROGRAMS IN ISRAEL – Program Coordinator (2004)

**2004 HAGSHAMA DEPARTMENT, WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION** – **Educational Coordinator**

* Facilitated various educational programs for Jewish young adults from across the Diaspora
* Organized and implemented CiJO Israel program for Dutch young adults
* Organized and implemented Australia-New Zealand Leaders of the Future training program, including weekend seminars
* Responsible for educational content of website (www.hagshama.org.il)
  1. **THE KING DAVID SCHOOL** – **Teacher and Coordinator of Informal Jewish Education**
* Taught Jewish Studies, Israel Studies and Hebrew to high school students
* Developed and oversaw Zionist Seminars at school for 9th and 10th graders
* Organized and implemented Jewish festival celebrations and commemorations
* Facilitated student leadership development programs

**2001 HAGSHAMA DEPARTMENT, WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION** – **Victorian Coordinator**

* Developed and facilitated educational and social programming for Jewish young adults, including Israel engagement and leadership training
* Managed large operating budget

**2000 HINENI YOUTH AND WELFARE** – **Youth Director (NB Not affiliated to American Hineni)**

* Consultant to counsellors and portfolio managers of synagogue youth group, including supervision of management of Israel program, biannual camps and seminars, leadership training program and operating budget

2000 MONASH UNIVERSITY – Tutor

* Taught Hebrew language and basic literature to university students

### 2000 MOUNT SCOPUS MEMORIAL COLLEGE – Teacher and Informal Jewish educator

* Taught Israel Studies and Holocaust Studies to high school students
* Assisted with informal Jewish educational, student leadership and camps and seminars programming

##### 1999 AISH HATORAH – Victorian Coordinator

* Developed and facilitated educational and social programming for Jewish young adults
* Managed large operating budget

**1999** **MELBOURNE HEBREW CONGREGATION – Youth Director**

* Developed and facilitated educational and social programming for synagogue youth, including “Bar Mitzvah Club,” field trips and synagogue youth services

**1998 MOUNT SCOPUS MEMORIAL COLLEGE – Israel Learning Center Manager**

* Managed and maintained the Israel Learning Center, an interactive educational center, established to mark the jubilee of the establishment of the State of Israel

# **1996-1998 UNITED JEWISH EDUCATION BOARD – Teacher and informal Jewish educator**

* Taught Jewish Studies and Hebrew to middle school students
* Facilitated informal Jewish educational activities for high school students

**1998 🡪 INFORMAL EDUCATION IN ISRAEL**

* Freelance educator for various organizations, including Ramah Programs in Israel (“Ramah”), Jewish Agency for Israel, Israel Experience Ltd, World Zionist Organization Hagshama Department, Yeladim-Netivot, NOAM, B’nei Akiva, Yavneh Olami, Melitz, OTZMA, CIDI, CiJO, Kibbutz Be’erot Yitzchak Ulpan, Israel-Australia Chamber of Commerce, Herzl Museum, Young Judaea, Masa Yehudi, and Hadassah WUJS Program.
* Residential counselor for various institutions in Israel including Ramah and Israel Experience Ltd
* Substitute (“Relief”/”Supply”) Year 7-12 Hebrew teacher for Tabeetha School, Jaffa.
* Hebrew University Mount Scopus Campus Tour Guide for Israel Student Authority

**EDUCATION:**

**2013** Yad Ben Zvi-Taglit Tour Guide Course, authorized by the Ministry of Tourism, graduate.

**2011** Hebrew University, Jerusalem, MA in Jewish Education (Melton Center)

**2006** Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) Tour Guide Course, authorized by the Ministry of Education

**2001** Monash University (Melbourne, Australia), Graduate Diploma in Education, Jewish Studies, Hebrew and

Studies of the Society and Environment (SOSE) – triple major

**1998** Monash University, Bachelor of Arts, Jewish Studies and Hebrew – double major, Politics – minor

**HONORS and FELLOWSHIPS**:

**2011** Nahum Goldmann Fellowship Program (NGFP) in Tiberias, Israel

**2007, 2005, 2003** NGFP in: Tiberias; Glamsta, Sweden, and Melbourne, Australia

**2004-2005** Jewish Agency for Israel, *Nitzanim*, Informal Jewish Educators Course

1. World Zionist Organization Hagshama Department Leadership Conference in Israel

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**:  
• Member, Moreshet Derech Tour Guide Union.

• Member, Victorian Institute of Teaching (Australia).

• Member, National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters Ltd (Australian government-recognized Hebrew-to-English translator).

**PUBLICATIONS**:

• Please visit [www.teachingisrael.com](http://www.teachingisrael.com) for links to articles which I wrote which were published in the Jerusalem Post, and on Joe’s Israel and Galus Australis. Please also visit [www.teachingisrael.wordpress.com](http://www.teachingisrael.wordpress.com) to read blog posts which I wrote.

## • “BaDerech LeEretz Yisrael: On the Way to Israel” Ramah Israel Leadership Initiative (RILI), Israel Education Unit of Study, funded by the Legacy Heritage Fun, in Ramah Program Bank, 2011.

• “Jtown: Yerushalayim Shel Ma’alah, Yerushalayim Shel Mata, Yerushalyim Shel Kulam” and “Garage Band, iMovie, Photoshop and Kindle... Meet Israel” RILI Israel Education Units of Study in Ramah Program Bank, 2010.

• “Israeli Politics: Is There Future Leadership?” and “Zionist Think Tank: If Herzl Had Facebook” RILI Israel Education Units of Study in Ramah Program Bank, 2009.

• “Kafka and the Bible: Bible as a Source of Literature” on the Website of the World Zionist Organization Hagshama Department on July 1, 2004. Article can be accessed by clicking on <http://doingzionism.org.il/resources/view.asp?id=1694>. (Also published on <http://www.kafka-franz.com/bible.htm>.)

• "The History of Hineni Youth and Welfare - Melbourne" in The Australian Jewish Historical Society Journal, Vol. XVI 2002, Part 3, pp 383-8.

**INTERNATIONAL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**:

* Facilitated professional development session for Jewish Studies, and other, teachers from Bialik College (Melbourne, Australia), lectured at a Yavneh Parents’ Organisation function and delivered a shiur at a Sukkot meal for Shira Melbourne. (2014)
* Ramah Israel Leadership Initiative (RILI) “Israel Education in an Experiential Setting” Conference speaker (New York) (2011)
* Australian Zionist Youth Council (AZYC) ”Bogrim Seminar” Scholar-in-Residence (Victoria, Australia) (2007)
* Mount Scopus Memorial College, 11th Grade “Kehilati” Seminar Speaker (Melbourne, Australia) (2007)
* Metropolitan Region of New York (METNY) United Syngague Youth (USY) ”Encampment” Israel and Judaics educator and Ramah Israel programs recruitement officer (Berkshires, NY) (2007)

###### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

* Founding Chairperson, Hineni Youth and Welfare – Melbourne (Victoria, 1996)