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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 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students (2009-10)
- Taught and guided Jewish history, Land of Israel studies, Israeli civics and Jewish textual learning course (“Israel Core Course”) to 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hagshama.org.il))

**2002-2003 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Ulpán, 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:**

- 2018** Yad Ben Zvi specialization course in Christianity/Christian tourism and Islam/Islamic tourism, authorized by the Ministry of Tourism, graduate, and Yad Sarah specialization course in guiding people with special needs, authorized by the Ministry of Tourism, graduate.
- 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
- 2001** 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, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade "Kehilati" Seminar Speaker (Melbourne, Australia) (2007)
- Metropolitan Region of New York (METNY) United Synagogue Youth (USY) "Encampment" Israel and Judaics educator and Ramah Israel programs recruitment officer (Berkshires, NY) (2007)

**OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

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