

**Ilan Bloch**  
**Israel Educator and Writer**

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- **An experienced Israel educator, trip coordinator and tour guide, seeking a position in educational and tourism management.**
- **A published writer, with a background in op-ed writing, blogging and curriculum development, seeking a content writing position.**

**Professional skills:**

- a) Leadership and Logistics Management** – Inspiring confidence; training others; setting goals; a reflective practitioner, planning, evaluating and adapting both during and after execution; team player, with strong stakeholder management and negotiation skills; significant logistics and operations background and experience.
- b) Open Education** – Facilitating the development of independent, critical and analytical thinking, presenting multiple and competing narratives, and challenging learners to arrive at their own conclusions.
- c) Engagement** – Public speaking and teaching for different audiences, from a range of backgrounds viewpoints.
- d) Written Communication:** Writing clearly and persuasively for different readers; ability to introduce new perspectives to others in an open-minded and non-dogmatic way, and to present instructions in a concise and straightforward, yet engaging, manner.

**Experience:** A quarter of a century of tour guiding and teaching in informal and formal settings in Israel and Australia. A writer with published pieces in the Jerusalem Post and curriculum which has been adopted by summer camps in the US.

**Soft skills:** Patience & willingness to meet the needs of others; attention to detail, and commitment to excellence.

**Employment experience:**

**2014-2020: Freelance Tour Guide** (See [www.teachingisrael.com](http://www.teachingisrael.com) for more details.)

Freelance tour guide/tour educator for youth, student, young professional, adult and family tour groups, working with tourists from different religious backgrounds from a wide range of countries in a variety of frameworks.

**2004-2012: Educator and Program Coordinator, Ramah Programs in Israel**

- a) **Tour guiding and teaching** American high school and middle school students on Israel programs ranging in duration from two weeks to four months; b) **Curriculum developer**, including writing: Israel education curriculum units for summer camps (including training staff in their use); *divrei Torah* linked to tourist sites for summer touring program; *parashat Hashavua* learning modules for visiting short-term tour groups, and tefilah curriculum outline for high-school semester abroad students; c) **Tour coordinator** for short-term Israel programs for middle school students, and d) **Program coordinator** for Australian youth group Israel gap year program.

**Previous experience:**

Head of Informal Jewish/Israel Education, and high school and middle school teacher, at The King David School in Melbourne, Australia.

**Education:**

2020-2: Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies: Year Program (20-21); Talmud (Fall Semester 21-22)

2020-3: Eretz Hemdah Morenu Program

2013: Yad Ben Zvi-Taglit Tour Guide Course, authorized by the Ministry of Tourism (MoT); subsequent MoT specialization courses in Christianity, Islam and in guiding people with special needs completed in 2018

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)

1998: Monash University, BA, Jewish Studies and Hebrew – double major, Politics – minor

**Languages:** English – mother tongue | Hebrew – full professional proficiency