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PROFESSIONAL PASSION With the goal of developing strong Jewish identities and strong communities, and in the spirit of entrepreneurial visioning, develop experience-based education opportunities that empower Jews of all ages to embrace Jewish learning as a journey to self-discovery, tradition, text, peoplehood and meaning. Provide Jewish professionals with the skills to engage in this work.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JewishGPS, LLC • Atlanta, GA

Founded national Jewish education consulting firm offering broad-based support in a variety of Jewish education settings. Key areas include curriculum development, strategic education visioning, best practice reporting, staff training, presenting conference workshops, social media consulting, and direct service programming. Client list includes over 50 organizations nation-wide. A full client list can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/JewishGPS-About> *June 2010 to Present*

The Good People Fund • Milton, NJ

As a long-term client of JewishGPS, serve as the organization's **National Education Consultant**. Develop the national service-learning education vision and framework for The Good People Fund. Provide curriculum development, consulting with end-user educators, and on-going national training on The Good People Fund materials. Seek and solidify education-based national strategic partnerships. *January 2014 to July 2017*

Ahavath Achim Synagogue • Atlanta, GA

Contracted as the **Interim Educational Director** for a 900-family Conservative congregation. Provide guidance in visioning a changing education initiative for children ages two years old through 12th grade while simultaneously overseeing the day-to-day operations of the education programs. Manage and implement congregation-wide holiday programming. Deliver team support for youth groups, young adult programming, and adult education. *May 2016 to July 2017*

Florence Melton Communiten High School • Pittsburgh, PA

Engaged as the organization's first **Executive Director** to oversee all agency operations. In cooperation with the board chairman, responsible for board development, fundraising, developing the business plan, articulating five-year vision, overseeing legal/financial matters, and budget formation. Responsible for all Human Resource roles; creating agency infrastructure model; and overseeing current site management and new site engagement. Serve as the senior educator responsible for road-mapping national curriculum, engaging strategic partners, providing professional development and consulting to site directors and faculty, and developing education resources materials. *September 2008 to June 2010*

TRIBE Three-Sixty • Atlanta, GA

As **Senior Agency Director**, develop a comprehensive and dynamic proposal for a new community agency focused on youth identity and teens. Coordinate launch of new direct-service programming business plan, leverage local and national collaborative partnerships, develop a wide-ranging model for educational leadership development, author pedagogically appropriate experiential education curriculum and supervise the roll-out of a new agency staff structure. Secure grant funding from multiple sources; assist in managing an \$800,000 budget. *August 2006 to June 2008*

SKILLS SUMMARY

- Serve as Jewish education and programmatic visionary; Serve as Judaic resource for staff and volunteers
- Develop Judaic program content and curriculum
- Supervise the creation and implementation of wide-spectrum service-learning initiative
- Conduct focus groups, surveys and interviews for the purpose of evaluation and re-visioning; host large-scale community conversation
- Provide dynamic staff and volunteer training on a wide-range of topics
- Connect communities to best practices, resources, and research
- Known as a national expert in experience-based education for Jewish teens
- Oversee detailed and well-executed programming
- Partner with volunteers in detailed program planning and execution; manage volunteer expectations
- Convene communities for organizing, planning and outreach
- Facilitate the development of logic models, strategic plans and non-profit business plans; supply grant writing support

Bureau of Jewish Education • Orange County, CA

Oversee community-wide informal youth education program as **Director of Youth Education**. Cultivate curriculum for third through twelfth grade classroom instruction and weekend camp retreats. Supervise approximately 50 part-time camp and education staff. Responsible for recruitment and registration process for programs that engage about 700 students a year. Plan and launch new community-wide initiative for summer teen Israel program. Coordinate needs of 18 synagogues in this pluralistic environment. Develop and maintain department budget and payroll. *June 2002 to July 2006*

Congregation Shearith Israel • Dallas, TX

Director of Family Education and Programming for 1500-member (family) Conservative congregation. Collaborate with lay-leaders and professional staff to develop and execute religious, social, educational, social action and fund raising programming. Develop and implement new family education curriculum. Supervise a support staff, including day-to-day tasks and long term projects. In 1999, promoted from Director of Marketing to Director of Programming and Marketing. Promoted to this position in 2001. *October 1998 to June 2002*

Shaare Zedek Synagogue • St. Louis, MO

Youth Director for United Synagogue Youth. Serve as mentor, informal teacher and leadership educator for young adult members of a mid-sized congregation. Coordinate all social, educational and religious activities for fifth through twelfth graders. Maintain youth group budgets and oversee all fund raising and special event programming. Participate as regional staff at out-of-town conventions. *October 1995 to October 1998*



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EDUCATION and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Northeastern University

EdD in K-12 Education— Estimated Graduation 2018

Dissertation: *“Understanding How Jewish Teens Convey Jewish Identity and Jewish Identification”*

Hebrew College

Doctoral Certificate in Jewish Education Leadership – May 2014

Siegal College of Judaic Studies (Distance Learning Program)

Master’s Degree in Jewish Studies, Concentration in Jewish Education – May 2008

Drake University - Des Moines, IA

School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Bachelor of Arts - May 1995

Art of Hosting Community Conversations

National Research in Jewish Education (NRJE) Conference

Systematic Inventive Thinking, Summer Teen Program Incubator

Covenant Foundation Project Directors’ Conference

Jewish Federation of North America General Assembly

Jewish Outreach Institute: Judaism 2030

The Foundation Center Non-Profit Fundraising Series

iCenter’s Israel at the Center Kallah, Systematic Inventive Thinking [SIT]

Knowledge Communities

Wikispaces Education Webinar

URJ Reach High Roundtable

NATE National Conference

Florence Melton Adult Mini-School Directors’ Conference

Professional Leaders Project SkillSummit Talent

Florence Melton Communiten Educators’ Institute

Jewish Teen Funders’ Network National Conference

PANIM: Service-Learning Educators’ Institute

Keshet: Hineini Education Project Educator Training

North American Alliance for Community Hebrew High Schools Conference

JEXNET: Jewish Experiential Education Network Conference

North American Alliance for Informal Jewish Education

JESNA Community Youth Professionals Roundtable

URJ Youth Workers Conference

Whizin Institute, University of Judaism

St. Louis Jewish Institute for Family Education Conference

April 2016

June 2009, June 2012, June 2015

September 2014

February 2011, 2012, 2013

November 2009, 2010, 2011

May 2011

Fall 2009

August 2009

Summer 2009

Spring 2009

April 2009

January 2009

December 2008

December 2008, April 2009

July 2008

June 2008

June 2008

May 2008

July 2006, 2007, 2008

January 2007

January 2006

May 2005

February 2005

June 1999, 2000, 2001

March 1997 and 1998

FELLOWSHIPS

Jim Joseph Foundation/Bar-Ilan Lookstein Center Fellow

Jewish Federation Greater Atlanta/Marcus Foundation Jewish Institute for Leadership Change

August 2009 to August 2011

October 2007 to May 2008

ISRAEL EXPERIENCE

Sochnut P2G Mishlachat to Yokneam-Meggido

Jim Joseph Fellowship

birthright israel - Israel Experts Staff

USY Advisor Seminar in Israel

Alexander Muss High School in Israel

February 2014

December 2009, December 2010

Summers 2004 & 2005

February 1997

December 1989/January 1990

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Jewish Studies, Associate Member

National Research in Jewish Education

JPRO Network and JPRO ATL

CERTIFICATIONS

Adult and Child CPR, AED & First Aid



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PRESENTATIONS and WORKSHOP FACILITATION

Experience facilitating over 100 sessions. For a comprehensive list of all presentations and workshop facilitation, please follow this QR code or visit <http://tinyurl.com/JewishGPS-CVAddendum-Jan17>



LEADERSHIP and VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

Atlanta Humane Society, Kennel Care Team & In-Home Foster
JPRO ATL Leadership Team
Lippman-Kanfer Foundation for Living Torah ThinkTank Participant
Limmud Atlanta+Southeast Leadership Team "Volunticipant"
JF&CS Young Professional Planning Committee & Volunteer
Atlanta Cystic Fibrosis Wine Opener Event Committee
Consortium on Jewish Family Education, Consultant
PELIE ThinkTank (Partnership for Effective Learning & Innovative Education), Participant
Jewish Funds for Social Justice
UJC Young Leadership New Orleans TikkuNOLAm Participant
Jewish Teen Funders' Network Best Practice Project Consultant
North American Alliance of Community Hebrew High Schools Conference Chair
Jewish Teen Funders' Network Conference Consultant
Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta Youth Identity Task Force
Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta Holocaust Education Committee
Jewish Community Center of Orange County Residential Camp Committee
Jewish Federation of Orange County Strategic Planning Task Force
Orange County Jewish Educators' Association
Anti-Defamation League Steinberg Leadership Institute
NATE Cabinet on Youth & Informal Educators
Orange County Hillel Foundation - Scholar-in-Residence
United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Program Director Association
Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas Jewish Communal Campaign Liaison
St. Louis Youth Directors' Council
Emtza Region USY Youth Commission, member-at-large

May 2013 to present
August 2015 to January 2016
October 2014, March 2015
August 2009 to September 2014
Spring 2009 to Summer 2011
Spring 2010
January 2010
January 2010
Spring 2009
March 2009
Summer 2008
August 2006 to July 2008
June 2008
October 2006 to May 2007
Fall 2006 to Spring 2007
September 2005 to July 2006
Fall 2005
July 2002 to July 2006
September 2003 to July 2006
Spring 2005
September 2002 to May 2003
September 2000 to June 2002
September 2000 to May 2001
January 1998 to September 1998
August 1997 to September 1998

PUBLISHING

Experience and Jewish Education, (ed Dr. David Bryfman)
chapter: "Get Glue": *How Good Jewish Educators Use Curriculum and Pedagogy to Hold it all Together*"
Behrman House
"Shuffle It" Card Game
Jewish Values Challenge Cards and Curriculum
Jewish Music Voice: Jewish Rock Radio Blog
"A Call for Spirit Parties"
Jewish Federation of North America, Challah Back NextGen Blog
Babaganewz.com
"Social Justice Via the Internet"
"Consumerism vs. Environmentalism"
The Lookstein Center's Jewish Education Leadership Journal
"Inculcating a Jewish Teen Learning Community with Ethics"
JESNA Lippman-Kanfer JE3.0 Contributor
"Izun-The Balancing Act: Technology and Interpersonal Relations in Jewish Education"
Torah Aura Freelance Writer
Now What? A Guide for Youth Workers (working title)
Hadrakha Training Instant Lessons
URJ Torah at the Center Contributor
"The Four Questions: Reflections from Reach High Roundtable"
JESNA e-news
"Teens & Serious Text"

April 2015
Summer 2006 and May 2014
January 2012
August 2010-September 2011
Spring 2010-Summer 2011
Fall 2010
August 2009
Summer 2010
Summer and Fall 2006
July 2009
Spring 2005