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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Executive and educational leader and teacher with experience in helping institutions add value by visioning, creating, and implementing innovative academic and educational programs and curricula. People know me as a transformative mentor and teacher, someone who reaches students through building relationships, and via those relationships enables students to reach their potential intellectually and morally. My scholarship and teaching areas of expertise are in the humanities: history, philosophy, religion, and literature.

TEACHING COMPETENCIES

Global history, Western Civilization, European and American history, Asian and African history; Philosophy and Religion, Jewish History and Thought; History and Literature; Philosophy and Practice in Adult Education; Philosophy and Practice in Adult Jewish Education

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Hebrew College

Zionism and Israel in Historical Perspective

Autobiography and Biography in History

History of Ancient Israel

History and Memory

Modern Jewish History

The Fiction of Modern Jewish History

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.

Jewish Civic Identity

2011

Zionism and Israel in Historical Perspective

1997-

2003

Segal College of Judaic Studies, Cleveland, OH

2012

Modern History and Thought

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

2010-2011

Charles Bronfman Chair; Associate Professor of Jewish Studies

- Writing a book on the history, philosophy, and impact of adult literacy programs
- Taught course on Civic Identity

- Participated in departmental and university-wide affairs

Tikvah Fund, New York, NY

2010-2011

Senior Advisor

- Evaluated High School Scholars Program, including pluralistic schools (Heschel and Gann Academy), thrice-yearly retreats and site visits to participating schools
- Outreach to prospective schools to evaluate their feasibility for program expansion
- Managed professional development program

Hebrew College, Newton, MA

1994-

2010

Vice President (2008-2010)

- Chief strategic adviser to the college's President for all aspects of operations, including vision, strategic planning, operations, programs, personnel, and academic affairs
- Recruited five new Board of Trustees members and staffed Nominations Committee
- Managed \$2,000,000 departmental budget
- Advanced strategic thinking among the professional leadership of the College, culminating in leadership of the College mission statement process
- Oversaw community outreach to professional and lay leadership locally and nationally
- Worked with lead partner, the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, to create, sustain, and repair programs and key relationships
- Partnered with Development to create and steward donors and new constituencies
- Created new vision and new synergies for community education
- Rebuilt adult education staff, managed staff, and reinvigorated site recruitment
- Consulted with and developed curriculum for the College partnership with B'nai Brith Youth Organization

Dean, Me'ah (1994-2010)

- Founding Academic Director; created curriculum for two-year intensive course of adult learning, featuring unique blend of critical university-level teaching combined with interest in the affective dimension of adult development
- Branded, marketed, and recruited: increased program enrollment from 50 students to approximately 4000 alumni, over 250 classes nationwide in almost 200 synagogues and other institutional communities
- Hired and developed faculty
- Organized and ran faculty seminars
- Built and sustained relationships with community stakeholders
- Faculty member

Scholar in Residence (2009-2010)

Combined Jewish Philanthropies

- Conceived, created, and taught leadership curriculum
- Led trip to Poland and Israel
- Provided ongoing educational, spiritual, and pastoral leadership

Assistant Professor of History, Hebrew College (2003-2010)

Instructor of History (1994-2003)

- Served on curriculum committees for graduate degree programs and the new rabbinical school
- Advised and mentored students
- Created new models for online teaching

Wexner Foundation (2009-present)

Faculty

- Instructor in medieval Jewish history, Pittsburgh, PA
- Instructor in modern Jewish history, Baltimore, MD
- Instructor in modern Jewish history, Miami, FL
- Instructor, Summer Institute, Aspen, CO

Harvard Radcliffe Hillel

Rabbinic Advisor, Student Conservative Minyan 1994-1999

- Advised student-run services; taught, preached, and counseled students

Temple Israel of Great Neck, Great Neck, NY.

Associate Rabbi 1990-1994

- Preached, taught, and provided pastoral counseling for 1200 member community and developed new constituencies
- Created new adult learning program

Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, New York, NY

New York Area Coordinator 1986-1987

- Worked with stakeholders to build and recruit the class and students
- Taught inaugural classes in Brooklyn and Suffolk County, Long Island
- Participated in strategy and seminars at the Melton Centre for Jewish Education, Hebrew University

EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, NY.

Ph.D. History (American)

Dissertation: *Catholic Israel: Solomon Schechter, A Study of Unity and Fragmentation in Modern Jewish History*

Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, NY
Rabbinical Ordination; M.A. Judaic Studies

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
B.A. History

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Mandel Leadership Institute, Jerusalem
Jerusalem Fellow

2007

- Participated in seminars; wrote and delivered seminar paper on the nature of adult learning

***Jewish History*, Haifa University**
Book Review Editor

2004-2008

- Solicited and edited book reviews

Brandeis Summer Institute in Israel Studies
Fellow

2005

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Association of Jewish Studies
World History Association

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Innovative Leadership in Jewish Pluralism, Hebrew College, 2012
- Vilna Shul, Boston. Legacy of Learning Award, 2009
- Keter Torah Award for Jewish Education, 2005
- Benjamin Shevach Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Jewish Education, 2004
- Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, Dissertation Fellowship, 2003-2004
- Harry Starr Fellow, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University, 2002-2003
- Center for Israel and Jewish Studies, Columbia University, 1993-1995, 2002-2003
- Jacob Rader Marcus Fellow, Center of the American Jewish Archives, 2002-2003
- Columbia University, History Department Graduate Stipend, 2002.
- Dorot Foundation, 1987-89; 1993-1995.
- University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts Honors Division; Regents Scholar.