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Rabbinic Experience:

2020-2021

Temple Shalom Cincinnati, OH (300 Families)

Rabbinic Fellow

- Co-lead Shabbat services and deliver sermons on a rotating basis
- Assist religious school in Hebrew education, administration, and worship
- Co-teach online introduction to Judaism course with participants around the country
- Meet and work weekly with clergy team and temple staff

2019-2020

Texas A&M Hillel College Station, TX

Rabbinic Fellow in Student Pulpit

- Organized and led High Holy Day services with a lay cantor
- Conducted a community-wide virtual Passover Seder
- Arranged student participation and input in planning of all services
- Maintained communication with the community's executive director and staff

2018-2019

Temple Israel Marion, OH (30 Families)

Rabbinic Fellow in Student Pulpit- Bi-Weekly

- Led High Holy Day and Shabbat services, delivered sermons, and developed programming for all major holidays
- Coordinated *tefilla* with a cantorial soloist
- Guided Torah study and adult education
- Assisted an ongoing Hebrew learning community
- Provided pastoral care, grief counseling, and spiritual support for congregants
- Worked closely with the community's president, board, and security staff

2017-2018

Beth Shalom Bryan, TX (40 Families)

Rabbinic Fellow in Student Pulpit- Monthly

- Led Shabbat services, delivered sermons, and developed programming for all major holidays
- Developed High Holiday services alongside an established *tefilla* committee
- Assisted with religious school curriculum building and *tefilla*
- Led Torah study and adult education
- Maintained communication with the community's board and multiple lay committees
- Prioritized *bikkur cholim* and maintained visitation schedule of sick and elderly members

Youth & Young Adult Experience:

Youth Work

2015-2016

Congregation Beth Israel Houston, TX (1600 Families)

Youth Coordinator

- Coordinated and implemented youth programming for all ages, pre-school through teen
- Served as advisor for the community's NFTY chapter
- Oversaw Madrichim program and led three in-service seminars on leadership

Teen Work:

2018-Present

BBYO International

Jewish Education Consultant

- Consulted on thirteen conventions (8 in-person, 5 virtual), for nine regions, over three years
- Assisted teens with program planning, script writing, service leading, Jewish programming, and leadership
- Communicated with teens and staff at least three times virtually before each convention
- Provided support and back-up as a Jewish educator
- Staffed and supervised conventions to assist with programming and facilitation (both in-person and virtual)

2017-2018

Mercanz High School Cincinnati, OH

Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati Fellow and Teacher

- Developed and taught courses on Jewish social justice and Israeli culture through media
- Co-instructed and coached a competitive Moot Court Beit Din team in text study and presentation skills

Young Adult Work:

Fall 2020

Texas Hillel Austin, TX

"Life's Big Questions" Educator

- Facilitated a virtual 10-session learning fellowship with 8 students
- Adapted curriculum to online learning and emotional needs in life under Covid

Summer 2017

The Chautauqua Institution Chautauqua, NY

Jewish Coordinator of the Abrahamic Program for Young Adults

- Planned, advertised, and hosted interfaith dialogues, multi-religious events, and religious services
- Served as a Jewish resource for all members of the Chautauqua community
- Lived in an intentional interfaith community for two months

Professional Development: Nonprofit & Israel/Hebrew

Nonprofit:

Summer 2019

Zelikow School of Jewish Nonprofit Management Los Angeles, CA

Certificate of Jewish Organizational Leadership

- Completed coursework in Jewish studies, Jewish communal dynamics, and nonprofit management
- Classes included: Evolution and Structure of American Jewish Nonprofits, Nonprofit Leadership, Fundraising and Financial Resource Development, and Organizational Development

Summer 2018

Jewish Family Service of Greater Cincinnati Cincinnati, OH

Rabbinic Fellow

- Developed research on JFS community-based rabbis and pastoral support staff
- Gained knowledge and insight on running a 501c3 organization
- Worked to develop Jewish programming for JFS participants, both religious and cultural

Israel/Hebrew:

Fall 2019-Present

AIPAC Leffel Fellowship Washington D.C./Israel

Fellow

- Inter-denominational rabbinic fellowship on Israel and the rabbinate
- Attended policy conference and will attend an educational trip to Israel when available

Summer 2018

Middlebury Hebrew Immersion Program Middlebury College, VT

Student

- Signed and fulfilled 8-week pledge to speak only Modern Hebrew for duration of program

2017-2018

The iCenter Chicago, IL

Master's Concentration in Israel Education

- Undertook training in the fields of Israel education and modern pedagogy
- Participated in monthly mentorship on Israel in my rabbinate
- Improved my Modern Hebrew through completion of a semester of Ulpan Or, an intensive one-on-one Hebrew program

2016-2017

Hartman Rabbinical Students Seminar Jerusalem, Israel

Student

- Attended weekly inter-denominational learning with assorted rabbinical students and Hartman faculty

2014-2015

The Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel

Student, Year Study Program

- Immersed in traditional Jewish life and learning
- Engaged in beit midrash and seminar-style Jewish learning on Talmud, Bible, Jewish philosophy, modern Jewish history, spirituality, and Hassidism

Education:

Expected Ordination 2021

Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion Cincinnati, Ohio

Masters in Hebrew Letters, Ordination

- Thesis Topic: "New Jews: A Jewish Sociological Examination of Modern American Jewish Identity, Marriage, and Engagement" with Rabbi Jan Katzew
- HUC-JIR 5th-Year Class Representative | 2020-Present
 - Convey the opinions and sentiments of the school's senior class to student government and administration
- Chaplain Intern (Clinical Pastoral Education, ACPE Accredited Unit) | 2019-2020
- HUC-JIR Admissions Committee | 2019-Present
- HUC Va'adat Keshet | Jerusalem | 2016-17
 - Served as one of three representatives from the student body (39 students) to the program's faculty and staff

Class of 2014

The University of Texas at Austin Austin, Texas

B.A. Jewish Studies and Religious Studies

References available upon request