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CONGREGATIONAL AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- 2021- Current
Columbus, OH
- Congregation Beth Tikvah – Biweekly Rabbinic Intern**
- Collaborating with a 5-person clergy team to co-lead and create weekly Shabbat services, holiday programming, and High Holy day experiences for a 470 household congregation
 - Provide rabbinic coverage while senior Rabbi was on sabbatical for 4 weeks, this included funeral and grief needs
 - Contribute to weekly staff meetings with the senior Rabbi and Executive and Educational directors
 - Orchestrate teen programming and B’nei Mitzvah preparation for 6th and 7th graders and lead T’filah for the religious school
 - Guide and mentor a conversion student for over a year of study
 - Building community through congregational meals and pastoral visits with members, and celebrated shabbat in congregants’ homes
 - Revived Temple Sisterhood through leadership development and creating a monthly mah jongg group
 - Teach weekly Torah study group and occasional adult education sessions
- August 2022
Bozeman,
MT
- Camp Yallah Montana – Religious and Spiritual Director**
- Served as sole Rabbinic leadership for the inaugural year of a camp for children throughout the state of Montana
 - Initiated and collaborated with leadership in planning, operations, and development of the camp, its schedule, and its design including creating camp song sessions, learning units, and prayer experiences
- June-August
2020
Cincinnati,
OH
- Mayerson JCC – Rabbinic Intern**
- Infused Jewish learning and culture in all programs and offerings at the JCC by working with leadership in the departments relating to camp, youth, education, media and seniors
 - Facilitated education courses on various topics, including a three-part series on Song of Songs
 - Renewed senior community through weekly virtual Shabbat gatherings for members of varied Jewish backgrounds
- 2019-2021
Bryan, TX
- Congregation Beth Shalom – Monthly Student Rabbi**
- Led Shabbat, High Holy days and Jewish Holiday services and programs both in person and remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Guided adult education courses monthly, topics including Hebrew 101 to Liturgy, to Judaism in relationship to non-Jews
 - Facilitated whole school activities for religious school for elementary-aged students
 - Served as a pastoral presence in the community, visiting sick, elderly, or grieving congregants
- 2020-2021
Kokomo, IN
- Temple B’nai Israel – Quarterly Student Rabbi**
- Led Shabbat, High Holiday, and Jewish Holiday services and programs
 - Shepherded the small community remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic

EDUCATOR EXPERIENCE

- June-August 2022
Memphis, TN **Temple Israel – Guest Educator**
-Facilitated monthly remote Torah study group and built community through discussions and learning
- May-July 2022
Cincinnati, OH **Rockwern Academy – Intern to the Principal**
-Completed 100 hours of working with the day school principal as part of a paired course in Principalship at Xavier University
-Designed Chag Camp programs for pre-K through 4th grade students and served as lead administrator and point of communication for these programs based at synagogues around the city
- June-August 2019
Jerusalem, Israel **NFTY in Israel – Mechanechet/Lead Educator**
-Trained for six months and visited sites to prepare for guiding NFTY in Israel trips
-Managed both Israeli and American staff as part of a team responsible for over 40 teenagers
-Coordinated the daily itinerary, programming, religious, and educational activities
-Educated teens on the history and political climate of Israel and peoples in the land of Israel from the Canaanites to current day
- 2019-2022
Cincinnati, OH **Isaac M. Wise Temple – Teacher and The Jewish Foundation Fellow**
-Created 6th grade curriculum and taught students about the history of the Jewish people
-Taught weekly remote Hebrew classes to small groups of 5th and 6th graders

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022- Current
Cincinnati, OH **University of Cincinnati Hospital – Student Chaplain**
-Comforted patients and families mainly in the ICU
-Prayed with patients of all backgrounds and faith traditions
- May-August 2021
Cincinnati, OH **Westchester Hospital – Student Chaplain**
-Visited patients throughout the hospital and in every department including the emergency department, infusion lab, ICU, and palliative care units
-Prayed with patients of all backgrounds and faith traditions
- May-August 2021
Cincinnati, OH **The Season Senior Living Community – Rabbinic Intern**
- Fostered community and a sense of connection for the residences through weekly Shabbat services and discussions before and after prayers
-Taught weekly adult education courses on Jewish food, Israel, and the minor holidays

INSTITUTIONAL ENGAGEMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

- 2022-current
2021; 2022-current
2019-current
Spring 2022
Summer 2020
2019; 2022
December 2018
- I-Center**, I-Fellows Master's concentration in Israel Education
ACPE (Association of Clinical Pastoral Education), Level II
American Israel Public Affairs Committee, *Leffel Fellow*
Resetting the Table, Facilitator training
JOIN, (Jewish Organizing Institute & Network) Rabbinical Student Training Course
Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), Pesach Project in Ukraine participant, and Inside Jewish India participant
Encounter Programs, Emerging Young Leaders program

POST-GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE EXPERIENCE

- 2016-2018
Washington, DC **Edlavitch DC JCC – Executive Assistant**
-Managed CEO’s calendar and coordinated institutional meetings for the board of directors’ and its committees, including attendance and recording of minutes at monthly board meetings
-Assisted in Entry Point DC’s Shabbat Cluster programming for young professionals by organizing training sessions, communicating to participants, and leading kick-off dinners for over 200 people
-Oversaw budget for room rental usage as well as budget and ordering for the Seniors Program
- 2015-2018
Arlington, VA **Congregation Etz Hayim – Youth Director and Teacher**
-Collaborated with a co-teacher to design and facilitate curriculum on identity, ethics, and sexuality for middle school students
-Managed marketing, outreach, and day-of logistics for monthly youth group events for ages 10-14
- 2015 **Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) – Legislative Intern**
- 2014 **Religious Action Center (RAC) - Machon Kaplan Participant**
- 2014 **Hillel International – Development Intern**

EDUCATION

- May 2023 **Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion**
Rabbinic Ordination
October 2021 Master of Hebrew Letters
- December 2022 **Xavier University**
Master of Education Administration
- May 2016 **The George Washington University**
B.A. Psychology, Minor in Judaic Studies

PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS

Barbara Freidman Prize for Leadership, 2022

Creditor, Menachem. *A Year of Torah*. October, 2021. <https://www.amazon.com/Year-Torah-Menachem-Creditor/dp/B09KF2HMM1>

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