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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA, New York, NY**

*Adjunct Faculty, HL Miller Cantorial School (2009 – Present)*

- “Heart and Soul of Jewish Life Cycle-Jewish Living in Note And Deed.” Team taught with rabbinic colleague to cantorial and rabbinical students.
- Rudiments of Guitar and Song-leading for the Synagogue.

**BETH EL SYNAGOGUE CENTER, New Rochelle, NY.**

*“Shirat El” Choir Director & Bar/Bat Mitzvah Teacher (2008-Present)*

*High Holiday Hazzan for Alternative Service (2006 & 2007)*

*Adult Education Director for Annual Community-wide Kallah (2002 & 2003)*

*Hebrew School Judaic Studies & Music Teacher and early Childhood Programming Coordinator (1996-2003)*

*Music Director & Theater Arts Director, Summer Session (1996-2003)*

- Choir teaches basic sight-reading skills and gives participants confidence in performing in public. Programs expose participants and the community to a variety of authentic Jewish choral music. Group performs both in the synagogue and the local community.
- Teaching boys and girls the skills needed to read Torah and Haftorah portions, as well as their specific *parsha* and working with the parents to provide a meaningful experience for the family.
- Provided all adult programming by way of informal adult education for annual community *Kallah*.
- Hebrew School teacher for multiple grades
- As Music Teacher in the Nursery School, I created and ran holiday programs at Hannukah and Pesach in addition to weekly sessions.
- Early Childhood Programming Coordinator. Ran a weekly Shabbat service geared toward families with children aged 7 and younger, incorporating *t’fillah*, Hebrew, Torah and Jewish concepts and values. Also responsible for age-appropriate, Holiday programming throughout the year.

**FIRST HEBREW CONGREGATION, Peekskill, NY**

*High Holiday Hazzan (2013-Present)*

- Lead High Holiday services in collaboration with Rabbi and gave *D’var T’fillah* on “*Hinneni*”
- Trained congregants to read Torah with appropriate High Holiday cantillation.

**NEW YORK PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL, New York, NY**

*Chaplaincy Intern (2013-Present)*

- Work with Chaplaincy Office to attend to patients of all religions, while studying for CPE qualifications.

**BROTHERHOOD SYNAGOGUE, New York, NY**

*Guest Hazzan (2014 & 2015)*

- Collaborated with Hazzan to create program and Co-led Friday night services with acoustic guitar accompaniment for *Kabbalat Shabbat*, as well as a separate healing service.
- Collaborated with Hazzan to create program and was Guest Hazzan for *Selichot* Service.

**ORANGETOWN JEWISH CENTER, Orangeburg, NY**

*Independent Choral Consultant (2015)*

**CONGREGATION BETH EL, Massapequa, NY**

*High Holiday Hazzan (2011)*

- Conducted *Selichot* and High Holiday services and gave *D’Var Shir* on Yiddish Art Song.

**MIDWAY JEWISH CENTER, Syosset, NY**

*Interim Hazzan (2009-10)*

- Led services for *Shabbatot*, High Holidays and *Chagim*.

**PLEASANTVILLE COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE, Pleasantville, NY**

*High Holiday Hazzan (2008)*

- Worked closely with the Rabbi to craft the services, as well as conducted a small choir.

**MUSIC TEACHER**

**Westchester Jewish Center, Mamaronek, NY (1999-2000)**

**Shaarei Tikvah, Scarsdale, NY (1998-2000)**

**Greenburgh Hebrew Center, Dobbs Ferry, NY (1997-1998)**

**GOOD MORNING AMERICA, ABC ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION NY**

*Segment Coordinator (1983-1985)*

- Conducted extensive research and preliminary interviews for segments to be aired, as well as generated ideas for future segments. Position also entailed attending studio during broadcasting when necessary.

**EDUCATION**

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**JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF AMERICA, New York, NY** invested as Hazzan, Master of Sacred Music, (Class Speaker for Commencement). Master of Arts (Jewish Education).

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, New York, NY, Master of Arts (Communications) With Distinction.**

**BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, Waltham, MA, Bachelor of Arts (American Studies with Minor in Music). Dean's List**

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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**CANTORS ASSEMBLY**

*Member (2008- Present)*

*Member Executive Council (2013)*

**KOL HAZANIM, Westchester County, NY**

*Member (2009- Present)* Community of Cantors serving the area with charitable performances, nursing home visits and other acts of *Gemilut Hasidim*.

**RELATED EXPERIENCE**

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**BETH EL SYNAGOGUE CENTER, New Rochelle, NY.**

*Vice President (2003-2008)*

*Chair of Limud Adult Education Committee (2003-2007)*

*Chair or Co-chair of various Communal Events, (2004-2015) including*

- Celebration of 350 Years of Jewish Life in America (various events including day-long educational fair);
- Synagogue Centennial (year-long programming in celebration of 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary);
- Celebration Honoring Rabbi Sirner's Retirement (comprising televised guest lecture panel, special Shabbat services and Gala)

*Chair of ICAR, Committee for Synagogue Transformation Initiative (2004-2007)*

**RE-IMAGINE PROJECT, NY**

*Field Worker and Resource Coordinator (2003-2004)*

- Field work as adjunct to Master's curriculum, documenting five New York area synagogues during an 18-month process of re-configuring their synagogue schools, and the way they educate their respective communities. Topics included staff development, collaborative leadership, and systems thinking.

**SKILLS**

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Music: Classical Vocal Training, Guitar, Piano, Conducting

Languages: Hebrew, Yiddish & Spanish.

Video: Certificate for Video Production, Center for Media Arts, New York, NY