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EDUCATION

CANTORIAL ORDINATION,

May 2020

MASTER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION,

May 2020

MASTER OF SACRED MUSIC,

May 2019

Thesis: *Hear Our Voice! Songs of Revolutionary Jewish Socialism*

Hebrew Union College-Jewish

Institute of Religion, New York, NY

BACHELOR OF ARTS

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

With HIGH HONORS in MUSIC,

May 2012

Concentration in Vocal Performance

Minor in Education Studies

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

Graduate-Level German Language

Immersion Program,

July-August 2013

Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT

Summer Ulpan-

Hebrew Language Intensive,

August 2008

Undergraduate Study Abroad Program

September 2008-January 2009

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

LANGUAGE

German

Fluent

Hebrew

Advanced

Yiddish

Upper-intermediate

PULPIT EXPERIENCE

TEMPLE SHAREY TEFILO-ISRAEL

South Orange, NJ / September 2019 – Present

STUDENT CANTOR

- Works with *b'nai mitzvah* students and families to prepare for their celebration in a way that suits each student's individual needs
- Supported teen leaders in the preparation and leadership of children's Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services
- Collaborated with clergy team and musicians on creative service for Erev Rosh Hashanah incorporating contemporary music and brief teachings

GARDEN CITY JEWISH CENTER

Garden City, NY / September 2015 – June 2019

STUDENT CANTOR

- Collaborated with Rabbi and accompanist to plan congregational transition to the Mishkan HaNefesh High Holy Day Machzor
- Created and led family-oriented "Shabbat for Science" service and program
- Developed and implemented curriculum for weekly religious school-wide *t'filah* with students ranging from pre-k to sixth grade

LEADERSHIP AND PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

East End Temple

New York, NY / September 2020-Present

MUSIC EDUCATOR

- Lead and implement religious school music and *t'fillah* curricula
- Teach in-person religious school classes for grades 2, 5, and 7
- Work individually with *b'nai mitzvah* students to strengthen Hebrew schools according to their unique skills and needs
- Plan and lead weekly virtual tot, youth and family services
- Teach weekly online Introduction to Judaism course

JOIN FOR JUSTICE

Boston, MA / December 2019 – April 2020

"DON'T KVETCH, ORGANIZE!" COURSE INSTRUCTOR

- Lead the "Don't Kvetch..." online course's first cohort of ACC Cantors
- Conduct phone check-ins and provide individual feedback to course participants
- Facilitate three 90-minute live online cohort sessions

T'RUAH: THE RABBINIC CALL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

New York, NY / June – August 2018

SUMMER FELLOW IN HUMAN RIGHTS LEADERSHIP

- Interned three days weekly at partner organization Community Voices Heard, a member-led organization working for racial, social and economic justice for all New Yorkers
- Forged connections between CVH and the Jewish community through one-on-one relational meetings

MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL

New York, NY / June – August 2017

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION INTERN

- Provided spiritual care to patients and their families in the Neurology Unit, Neurosurgical ICU and Medical ICU
- Responded to emergency pastoral needs as chaplain on call
- Improved pastoral skills through critical reflection in individual and group supervision

URJ SIX POINTS SCI-TECH ACADEMY

Byfield, MA / June – August 2015; June – August 2016

GIRLS UNIT HEAD, SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

- Created and curated Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and blog content
- Supervised camp videographer and photographer
- Co-Created camp programs and Shabbat *maccabia* theme days

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SUCCESS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS (HARLEM 4)

New York, NY / October 2013 – June 2014

ASSOCIATE TEACHER (SECOND GRADE)

- Co-taught Common Core Mathematics and English Language Arts curriculum to class of 30 second grade students

TEMPLE BETH-EL

Hillsborough, NJ / September 2012 – May 2014

MUSIC TEACHER, SECOND GRADE TEACHER

- Assisted Cantor with planning and implementation of religious school music curriculum for grades K-6
- Developed and taught second grade Hebrew curriculum

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **CONGREGATION RODEPH SHOLOM**, New York, NY
September 2015 – June 2019 / B'NAI MITZVAH TUTOR
- **LEMBERG CHILDREN'S CENTER**, Waltham, MA
September 2011 – May 2012 / TEACHING ASSISTANT
- **BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY MUSIC DEPARTMENT**, Waltham, MA
September 2010 – May 2012 / UNDERGRADUATE DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE

SCHOLARSHIP

Lavranchuk, Amelia. "Leonard Bernstein's 'Jeremiah' Symphony: Jewish Content and Connotations," term paper submitted to Brandeis University, contributed by Jonathan D. Sarna. 2011. SC-15793. American Jewish Archives, Cincinnati, Ohio.

References available upon request

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Curriculum Development
Special Education
Guitar
Musical Arranging
Yiddish Song
Illustration and Graphic Design
Community Organizing

AWARDS

- **MICHAEL ALPER MEMORIAL PRIZE IN EDUCATION**
HUC-JIR 2019
- **WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM AWARD**
HUC-JIR 2019
- **LOUISE ARNOLD PRIZE IN HUMAN RELATIONS**
HUC-JIR 2019
- **PAUL GINSBERG MEMORIAL PRIZE IN JEWISH HISTORY**
HUC-JIR 2018
- **TEMPLE BETH-EL OF GREAT NECK PRIZE**
HUC-JIR 2018
- **GOLOMB FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**
HUC-JIR 2017
- **PALM BEACH LITURGICAL CULTURAL FOUNDATION PRIZE**
HUC-JIR 2017
- **MICHAEL AND JENNIE CANICK PRIZE IN HEBREW LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**
HUC-JIR 2016
- **CANTOR DEBRA STEIN AWARD IN TRADITIONAL HAZZANUT**
HUC-JIR 2016
- **RHODA AND JEROME MALINO PRIZE IN BIBLE**
HUC-JIR 2016
- **ABRAHAM AND ANNA HELMAN MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**
HUC-JIR 2015
- **DAVID A. GREENE, M.D., CLASS OF '71 PRIZE IN MUSIC**
Brandeis University 2012
- **MAX KADE TRAVEL GRANT FOR RESEARCH AND STUDY IN GERMANY**
Brandeis University 2012