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**EDUCATION**

**Hebrew College, Newton, MA**

Rabbinic Ordination and M.A. in Jewish Education June 2017

**Illinois School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, IL**

M.A. in Clinical Psychology June 2006

**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI**

B.A. in Psychology June 2002

# **EXPERIENCE**

**Freelance Rabbi** September 2018 – Present

* Teaching classes at Jewish Federation, Frankel Jewish Academy, Hazon, Kibbutz Detropia, Congregation T’Chiyah, etc.
* Organizing, conference planning, event coordination with Interfaith Power and Light, Detroit Jews for Justice, Detroit Water Board, etc.
* Officiating Weddings and Funerals
* Transition Coach at Federal Corrections Institution in Milan, MI

**Temple Beth Torah, Holliston, MA**

*Interim Rabbi* June 2017 – June 2018

* Lead Shabbat and Holiday services
* Developed and taught Adult Education
* Designed and taught children’s and family education, with the Hebrew School Director
* Provided all pastoral services for the community
* Worked closely with the Board to develop a vision to help the community transition, develop better communication strategies, and address long-standing tensions
* Developed and led community wide Interfaith conversations in the city

**Jewish Climate Action Network, Boston, MA**

*Volunteer* September 2016 – Present

* Organizing protests and leading interfaith worship in support of safer energy infrastructure
* Lead groups in ritual to help communities working on social justice transform despair into clarity of vision and then into constructive and collaborative action.

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**Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly, Brighton, MA**

*Chaplain and Rabbinic Intern* September 2016 – May 2017

* Organized and led holiday celebrations, Shabbat services, and memorials for residents
* Developed and taught adult education programs in English and Russian
* Provided pastoral support for staff and residents across multiple housing sites

**Temple Tifereth Israel of Winthrop, MA**

*Rabbinic Intern* September 2015 – May 2017

* Led High Holiday Services, Shabbat Services and provided pastoral care
* Started and taught in the adult education program
* Increased student enrollment by 20% while directing the Hebrew School

**Temple Tiferet Israel of Malden, MA**

*High Holidays Intern* High Holidays of 2012 & 2013

* Organized and led adult and family services for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur
* Delivered sermons for the community for Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur

**Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY**

*Jewish Coordinator, Interfaith Program for Engaging Young Adults* June 2013- August 2013

* Worked with interfaith team to develop and implement daily programs to engage young adults and larger community in interfaith dialogue and reflection

**Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights, Chicago, IL**

*Senior Mental Health Worker* November 2006 – May 2009

* Provided case management & counseling for participants addressing medical health needs, mental health challenges, homelessness, and vocational services

**The Cara Program, Chicago, IL**

*Psychotherapy Intern* August 2005 – May 2006

* Conducted psychotherapy with adults struggling with mental health, addiction, and trauma

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

* **Appreciative Inquiry:** A process to understand and examine an organization’s strengths and successes in order to define the best hopes and possibilities and develop plan for innovation.
* **Restorative Justice**: A process to help restore relationships after destructive actions, in settings ranging from classrooms to families and larger communities
* **The Work That Reconnects**: A process that helps communities transform grief and despair into motivation, creativity, and courage in the face of social and environmental justice issues.
* **Godly Play:** An innovative story telling approach which helps children as well as adults experience the story in a new way, and use it to explore meaning, identity, and God.