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Philosophical Statement

I strive to create both communal and meaningful prayer experiences through exciting melodies and traditional *Hazzanut*. I want to be an example for the community in building a congregation full of collaboration and meaningful relationships. My goal is to share the joy and love I have for music and prayer. I plan to not only spark a love for lifelong learning of Jewish music, texts, Israel, Hebrew, cantillation, and liturgy through innovative teaching methods, but to also spark a love of caring for one another and living our lives *yad b'yad*, hand in hand as a community. I hope to enrich each individual's life, and to use my education and experiences to inspire my congregants to feel closer to Judaism and to each other.

Educational Background

H.L. Miller Cantorial School, Jewish Theological Seminary New York, NY

Fall 2009 – Spring 2014

- Diploma of Hazzan- Candidate 2014 and Masters of Sacred Music- Candidate 2014

William Davidson Graduate School, Jewish Theological Seminary New York, NY

Fall 2011- Spring 2014

- Masters of Jewish Education- Candidate 2014

Florida State University Tallahassee, FL

Fall 2005 - Spring 2009

- Bachelor of Arts in Classical Voice- Graduated May 2009 (Recipient of Music Scholarship)
- Minor: Religion
- Magna Cum Laude; Member: *Phi Beta Kappa*

Professional Experiences

Hazzan Sheni and Youth & Family Programming Director, Temple Beth El WPB, FL

August 2014- Present

- Lead/co-lead Shabbat services, high holy day services, and festival services
- Co-officiate b'nei-mitzvah
- Teach children and teens preparing for b'nei-mitzvah
- Create and lead all youth and family services
- Create and lead all youth and family programs and events
- Co-perform cantorial concerts
- Co-officiate lifecycle events such as: funerals, baby naming, bris, and *aufruf*
- Organize and create activities for community events
- Visit/create and lead activities at the local schools

Cantorial Intern and Educator, Temple Beth Rishon Wyckoff, NJ

Fall 2012- Spring 2014

- Lead/co-lead Shabbat services
- Teach and co-officiate b'nei-mitzvah
- Create and lead family services that result in meaningful conversations about *tefillah*
- Teach trope class and prayer class for pre-b'nei-mitzvah students
- Teach Jewish music to Hebrew school students from kindergarten-6th grade
- Conduct, arrange, and teach music to teen choir.
- Created and performed Solo concert

Education Intern Park Avenue Synagogue Manhattan, NY

Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

- Observe Director of Congregational School Rabbi Eve Rudin
- Participate in meetings between staff, administrators, teachers, and parents
- Assist Hebrew school teachers
- Work on programs: write curriculum for Adult Learning Shabbat, and observe/collect data for a new Hebrew program called "Hebrew Through Movement"

Student Cantor-Educator, Ahavath Achim Hebrew Congregation Wichita, KS Fall 2011- Fall 2013

- First female chazzan
- Led the following services: Rosh Hashanah Maariv (day 1 and day 2), Rosh Hashanah Musaf (day 1 and day 2), Kol Nidrei, and Yom Kippur Musaf
- Created and taught lessons for 6-12 year old children

Jewish Home Lifecare New York, NY Fall 2012

- Pastoral Care Intern: provided comfort and companionship to elders once a week.

Religious School Teacher, Ansche Chesed Manhattan, NY Fall 2011- Spring 2012

- Taught Judaica and Hebrew (*Mitkadem*) to 5th graders twice a week

Religious School Teacher, Congregation Shomrei Torah Tallahassee, FL Fall 2009 - Fall 2010

- Taught 1st and 5th graders Hebrew.

Music Director, Temple Israel Tallahassee, FL Summer 2009

- Music Director- Taught Jewish music to students from kindergarten through 6th grade

Koach Intern, Hillel Florida State University Tallahassee, FL Fall 2006 - Spring 2007

- Created programs once a month through Hillel, which provided young students a connection to Conservative Judaism; created and organized Iron Chef Latkes (which resulted in FSU dining hall providing kosher style food); and Israel @ 60.

Special Skills

- Chant Torah, Haftarah, and Megillot
- Classical voice training
- Cantorial vocal training in *nusach* with Hazzanim: Faith Steinsnyder, Robert Kieval, Richard Nadel, Lawrence Avery, and Raphael Frieder.
- Studying piano
- Proficient in Hebrew
- Choir Skills: arrange music; and conduct choirs

Leadership

Cantorial School Student Organization President New York, NY Spring 2013-Fall 2013

- Work on/coordinate/organize the following Cantorial School events: JTS Shira B'tzibur (community power sing), social events, and annual Tzedakah Concert (Cafe Shira)

Temple Beth EL Volunteer West Palm Beach, FL 2005-2013

- Help lead services

Florida State University Hillel President Tallahassee, FL Fall 2007-Fall 2008

- Oversaw the Hillel board, created/participated/assisted with Hillel programs, attended events at the capital as the FSU Jewish Students' Representative, and amended the constitution.

Florida State University Hillel Music Chair Tallahassee, FL Fall 2006 - Spring 2007

- Created music programs for Shabbat services.
- Found and organized leaders for different *tefillah* services

Academic Awards and Honors

- Sang for Israeli Consul General of Florida and Puerto Rico, on Yom Ha' Atzmaut
- 2010 CA Hazzanut Study Award, co-recipient
- 2011 Amy B. Putterman Memorial Prize
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- 2012 CA Sidney Q. Janus Award
- 2012 CA Alumni Award in Memory of Hazzan Max Wohlberg

References upon request