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Work Experience

- 1996-Present **Freelance Israeli Tour guide**
Since receiving my license in 1996 I have guided hundreds of individual clients as well as groups – through personal contacts as well as through travel agents. While based in Jerusalem I am proficient at guiding in virtually all parts of the country. I have guided synagogue tours (from all branches of Judaism), Christian pilgrimages, interfaith groups and those who do not define themselves along religious lines. I have worked with major tour operators and travel agencies; such as Abrams Travel, Daat, Keshet, Israel Maven, Israel Ministry of Tourism, and more. I have guided many Birthright groups, mostly organized by Jewish Journey, as recently as the summer, 2019.
- 2000-2013 **Director, Ramah Programs in Israel**
I oversaw educational programs for English-speaking tourists and students in Israel. See www.ramah.org.il. From 1996 I guided adult and family groups for the organization (average of two trips a year.) I have also guided teen and adult groups in Prague, Poland and Spain.
- 1985-1996 **Director, Ramah Israel Seminar**
- 1980-1985 **Director of In-Service Training**, Melton Centre for Jewish Education in the Diaspora, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Education

- 2018 Specialization in **guiding Christian pilgrims**, Yad Ben Zvi Institute
- 2017 Preparatory course for guiding in the **Western Wall Tunnels**
- 2015 Course in **Guiding with the Bible**, Yad Ben Zvi Institute
- 2015 Honorary **Doctorate of Pedagogy**, Jewish Theological Seminary, NYC
- 2007-2008 Certification, **Israeli Folk Dance Instructor**, Wingate Sports Institute
- 1996-1997 Course towards **Israeli Chauffeur's License**
- 1994-1996 **Tour Guide Course**, Israeli Ministry of Tourism (License # 5384)
- 1976-1980 **Ed.D.** (Doctor of Education), Teachers College, Columbia University, NYC
- 1974-1976 **M.A.**, Jewish Education, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, NYC
- 1969-1974 **B.A.**, Major in Music, Columbia University, NYC
- 1969-1974 **B.H.L.** (Bachelor of Hebrew Letters), Jewish Theological Seminary, NYC

References Available upon request