

# Yael Dadoun, RJE

HUC JIR Candidate for Ordination 2020

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## Education

### **Rabbinic Ordination, Expected May 2020**

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, OH

### **M.A. in Hebrew Letters, 2019**

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, OH

### **M.A. in Religious Education, 2014**

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York, NY

### **B.A., Bachelor of Art, Political Science, 2008**

Hunter College of the City of New York, New York, NY

## Rabbinic Intern

### **Rabbinic Intern | Congregation Ohev Sholom (310 families), Harrisburg, PA | 2018 – Current**

- Co-lead Friday night and Saturday morning services with the senior rabbi.
- Enhance musical experience as Cantorial Soloist for all services including bar and bat mitzvah and other life cycle events.

### **Rabbinic Intern | Mt. Sinai Congregation (75 families), Wausau, WI | 2017 -2018**

- Served in interim capacity while synagogue transitioned from their solo rabbi of 30 years to hiring a new rabbi for the following year.
- Engaged members by leading inclusive services in their homes.
- Created and led Kabbalat Shabbat, Shabbat and high holiday services for all ages.
- Delivered sermons for Friday night and Saturday morning services.
- Cultivated new community rituals to celebrate various holidays.
- Multi-generational leadership of Shabbat Torah study on a regular basis.
- Counseled families for life cycle events including b'nai mitzvah, adult b'nai mitzvah, baby naming and conversion.
- Taught Confirmation and Hebrew for the religious school.

### **Clinical Pastoral Education | 5 local area hospitals, Cincinnati, OH | 2018**

- Provided counseling in moments of difficulty, illness and loss for patients and families in local area hospitals.
- Created relationships with members of community in nursing homes and hospitals and offered prayer and Jewish ritual for comfort.

### **Rabbinic Intern | Cedar Village, Senior Living Community, Mason, OH | 2017**

- Provided pastoral care and counseling for residents.
- Led worship services and holiday celebrations.
- Designed and developed resident survey to determine levels of religious observance which informed the strategic plan of the institution.

## Principal & Director of Education

### **Principal / Director of Education | Temple Beth Sholom (1200 families), Miami Beach, FL | 2014 – 2017**

- Managed and oversaw religious school of 280 students K-10<sup>th</sup> grade, 15 staff, and department budget of \$250,000.
- Overhauled curriculum placing greater emphasis on Judaism and Jewish identity.
- Increased participation in religious school by 25%.
- Created new middle school program, iLimud, to engage post b'nai mitzvah students and teens.
- Created meaningful rituals to engage the entire family on the b'nai mitzvah journey.
- Developed and implemented school's vision of growth in partnership with clergy, administration, and Board of Directors.
- Rebranded and directed outreach and engagement campaign in collaboration with Director of Communications and Marketing.
- Observed, supervised and evaluated teachers, mentoring them in creation and implementation of powerful learning environments, lesson plans and student assessments.
- Planned and facilitated professional development for faculty which led to enhancements in the quality of instructional delivery.
- Fostered relationships between parents and school by initiating and maintaining consistent communication between faculty and parents, administration and temple board.

## Additional Jewish Professional Experience

### **Cantorial Soloist | Congregation Ohev Sholom (310 families), Harrisburg, PA | 2012 -2014**

- Cantorial soloist for Shabbat and all High Holiday services.

### **Education Intern | Union for Reform Judaism, New York, NY | 2013-2014**

- Co-developed outreach network to 75,000 NFTY alumni.
- Co-led Israel Engagement seminar at Biennial and helped create the conference evaluation tool for Biennial participants.
- Planned and organized team for High School in Israel teen's alumni weekend.
- Co-created professional development for NFTY staff.

### **Unit Supervisor | North American Federation of Temple Youth, Jerusalem, Israel | 2012-2014**

- Supervised 14-person staff and 100 participants.
- Delivered orientation and training for staff by communicating job expectations; planning, monitoring, and appraised job performance.
- Collaborated with managerial staff to create daily programs to engage, educate and inspire young teens to solidify their identification with Israel and Jewish pride.
- Managed budgeting and operational planning.

**Youth Director & Teacher | Congregation Kol Ami (600 families), White Plains, NY | 2005-2014**

- Created and taught curriculum for grades 4-12.
- Designed and administered experiential curriculum for life-cycle learning.
- Mentored young people to help navigate and build successful futures.
- Coordinated group activities aimed at building awareness and cultivating social involvement.

**Noteworthy**

- Graduate Certificate, Israel Education, The George Washington University, 2019-2020
- URJ RJE Title Granting Commission, RJE Title Received, 2019
- President, Rabbinic Student Association, HUC-JIR, 2019-2020
- Vice President, Rabbinic Student Association, HUC-JIR, 2018-2019
- Women's Rabbinic Network Liaison, HUC-JIR, 2018
- AIPAC Leffell Fellow, 2017-2019
- Birthright Fellow, iCenter for Israel Birthright for Israel Training Certificate, 2016
- Parallel Lives Coordinator, HUC-JIR, 2011-2012
- Founder, Rosh Chodesh group for women, HUC-JIR, 2011-2012
- Leader, Birthright Israel Trips, Israel, 2007-2016
- AJWS Mexico Youth Group Coordinator, UJA Federation, 2007

**Languages**

Fluent in English & Hebrew. Proficient in French.

References upon request.