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 Based in Israel | Native English Speaker | Oleh Hadashah

Professional Summary

Experienced and passionate early childhood education leader with over 15 years of proven success in directing programs, mentoring educators, and building inclusive, developmentally appropriate curricula. Skilled in Reggio Emilia, anti-bias education, and fostering culturally responsive classrooms. A dynamic team builder with a deep commitment to Jewish values, family engagement, and innovative pedagogy.

Education

M.A. in Education – Curriculum, Teaching & Learning

Sonoma State University | California, USA | 2009

Focus: Early Childhood Education

B.A. in Theater & Dance

Sonoma State University | California, USA | 2000

Certifications & Skills

- California Program Director Permit
- Reggio Emilia & Anti-Bias Education Specialist
- Strategic Leadership & Staff Mentorship
- Curriculum Design & Implementation

- Intermediate Spanish | Beginning Hebrew
 - Excellent Written & Verbal Communication
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Professional Experience

Child Development Director

YMCA of San Francisco – Marin Branch | San Rafael, CA

2017 – 2020

- Directed four California State Preschool programs in partnership with public schools.
- Supervised and mentored 20+ educators across multiple classrooms.
- Designed and delivered professional development in Reggio Emilia, anti-bias, and reflective practice.
- Developed inclusive, inquiry-based curricula with strong family and community engagement.

Interim Assistant Director

Beth Ami Community Nursery School | Santa Rosa, CA

2018 (6-month consultancy)

- Supported school leadership through administrative restructuring.
- Implemented new enrollment and billing systems.
- Mentored staff, conducted assessments, and ensured licensing compliance.

Lead Toddler Teacher

Gan Shalom Preschool, Congregation Beth Israel | Berkeley, CA

2015 – 2017

- Designed and launched a new toddler program grounded in Jewish values.
- Led home visits, conferences, and ongoing communication with families.
- Trained assistant teachers in early childhood best practices.

Lead Pre-K Teacher

Beth El Nursery School, Congregation Beth El | Berkeley, CA

2011 – 2014

- Led classroom for 24 children ages 4–5 with an emphasis on emergent curriculum.
- Conducted developmental assessments and conferences.
- Created rich documentation using photography and student portfolios.

Languages

- English – Native
- Hebrew – Basic (actively learning)
- Spanish – Intermediate

Now in Israel

Open to roles in early childhood education, leadership, curriculum development, or nonprofit community engagement. Eager to bring my experience and heart to Israeli children, families, and institutions.