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**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Education**

2021–2022 - Completion of MA research and thesis, University of Haifa, Faculty of Education, Department of Leadership and Policy in Education, in the doctoral preparation track.

2009–2010 – M.A., Tel Aviv University: Leadership in Education, *cum laude*

1990–1993 – B.A., University of Haifa, Departments of Special Education and Sociology-Anthropology

**Work Experience**

**2016–present**. Principal of a six-year secondary school, Urban School A, Haifa, with a Nurture Index of 10. This involved managing a school with about 200 staff members and 1000 students from various cultures, characterized by high level of differentiation.

**2010–2016**. Principal of an upper division secondary school and pedagogic director for six years at the ORT Darsky High School in Akko. As part of my duties, I developed and implemented a special applied program to advance and improve educational achievements.

**2007–2009**. Class-level director and coordinator for an academic program at the ORT Darsky High School in Akko, to promote students attaining a high-level matriculation certificate that enables them to be accepted into a university.

**2005–2010**. Developed and implemented the “To Be Human” program at the ORT Darsky High School, Akko, in collaboration with the Jewish Agency. This social-ethical program educates students to accept cultural diversity, choose tolerant and forgiving behaviors, and to find shared values and a common denominator of humanity, which is the basis of human rights. Dozens of adolescents, including Jews, Israeli Arabs, and Americans of various religions, took part in the program. Two Jewish and Arab youth delegations were sent to student meetings in the United States under the auspices of this program.

**1996–2007**. Coordinator and homeroom teacher for the special education classes, ORT Darsky High School, Akko. As part of my role, I developed curricula and a learning system adapted to students at risk of dropping out and special education students.

**1994–1996**. Teacher and homeroom teacher in special education classes, ORT Educational Campus, Middle School, Akko.

**Research Papers**

2022. Research dissertation (thesis): Topic: “The concept of self among second- and third-generation youth living under social-economic exclusion.” Supervisor: Professor Avihu Shoshana. University of Haifa, Faculty of Education, Department of Leadership and Policy in Education.

2011. Final project for university-accredited M.A. degree. Topic: “Assessment of the implementation of a program for social involvement among partners in school activities: A case study.” Supervisor: Rinat Oren with guidance from Dr. Gadi Bialik. Tel Aviv University: Department of Administration and Leadership in Education.

**Committee Memberships**

2022–present. Member of the national forum “Talent Managers” at the Israel Ministry of Education.

2017–2019. Member of the Education Committee, Haifa Municipality.

2017–present. Member of steering committee for the Western Haifa Youth Centers, Haifa Municipality.

2017–present. Leader of the National Planning Committee for Western Haifa, with the Haifa Municipality and the National Planning Committee.

**Prizes**

2018–2023 (six consecutive years). Israel Ministry of Education national award for an outstanding school rated with high and excellent levels of achievement on indicators for advancing students in academic, social, and ethical realms. “This award is an expression of appreciation for your leadership and the significant educational work of the entire teaching staff. You bring about change, encourage students to reach beyond their expected abilities, influence and contribute to shaping the students’ future and help them attain academic, personal, social, and ethical excellence. There is no doubt that your investment, perseverance and determination have led the school and students to these achievements.”

2023. Israel Ministry of Education award to a principal for making breakthroughs in the fields of values, community, and pedagogy. “The initiatives include: opening a course of study in healthcare systems in collaboration with the Rambam Medical College, improving technological skills among the educational staff, promoting programs for at-risk youth, building a systemic program for immigrant students, and promoting acceptance of the bilingual track.”

2022. District educational award for the school on behalf of the Ministry of Education: “For your unique and impressive way of guiding your students towards remarkable achievements in the educational, ethical, and social realms. Your school is appreciated and has a good reputation in the community, and has developed high-quality relationships with the local authority and the Ministry of Education, which contribute significantly to the school’s advancements.”

2018. Haifa Mayor's Award for social involvement and community volunteering, for excellent organizing activities and contributions to the community.

2011–2015. ORT Israel Award for Outstanding Manager, for outstanding achievements.

2015. National Education Award for the school on behalf of ORT Israel, for in-depth processes, excellent achievements, and far-reaching, valuable activities.

2015. Ministry of Education, North District personal award to an outstanding educator. “An example, role model, and leading educator, who initiates and leads broad and significant educational efforts... [for] building pedagogical programs, mechanisms for routine teaching, learning, and assessment processes while promoting individuals within the system...” “...your initiatives have a significant effect on students’ achievements...”. “A professional educational leader who leads the school community and has a view of partnership through unity and pride...”.

2013. District Education Award for the school on behalf of the Ministry of Education, North District, for in-depth and excellent achievements.