**Comments:**

Having been raced in a strongly committed liberal Jewish family and community in Buenos Aires, since childhood I dreamed of following in my grandfather’s footsteps and serving the Jewish people as a rabbi. In order to fulfill this dream, I emigrated from Argentina to Israel in 1999 and began my BA studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. My first years of study were focused on gaining proficiency in the Hebrew language. After finishing my BA, I entered rabbinic school at the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, a five-year course of study, and worked in parallel on an MA in Jewish Thought at the Hebrew University; doing both simultaneously extended the period of time it took me to complete my MA. Although I was always passionate about the pursuit of knowledge, in those years I was more devoted to my rabbinic informal studies and work than to my academic scholarship, and dedicated most of my energy to spiritual, social justice, and educational activities with different segments of Israeli society and Latin American Jewry.

Only in recent years, after working extensively in the field as a rabbi and informal educator, have I realized that my true career goal is to be a scholar of Jewish Studies. Motivated by this discovery, I returned to the university and completed a second MA thesis, which was received a grade of 97 and was enthusiastically praised by my supervisors and external readers. This not only enabled me to embark on an academic career, beginning a merit scholarship-funded Ph.D. at the University of Haifa, but also reinforced my sense of my academic capacities and potential.

**Demands for outreach activities and social engagement**

**(e.g., spiritual interests, social, sporting activities, hobbies) Please make elaborate assignments and paint the scope and time, their own role and motivation.**

In addition to my deep love for literature and music from around the world, I am also passionately committed to bridging the gaps between people from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds, a commitment that is expressed in my personal life as much as in my research. I am an active member of the parent association of my daughter’s school, Hand in Hand, a bilingual Hebrew-Arabic school where Muslim, Christian, and Jewish children are educated together Inspired by the values of peace, friendship, and coexistence, this school is a unique experience in the current Israeli landscape. I am also a member of Standing Together, a Jewish-Arab movement activating for peace, equality, and social justice in Israeli society.

**I want to tell you ... (final comment)**

A strong ethical commitment has always driven my personal and professional endeavours and now motivates my academic work as well. The theoretical and practical expression of the search for social justice and a better world had always been my passion. My Ph.D. project, in addition of representing a significant contribution to scholarship on central European Jewish thought and Christian theology, enables me to connect two significant parts of my history—my identities as a Jewish humanist and a Latin American—with my passion and commitment to spreading knowledge at the highest academic level.