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SKILLS

- Innovative research
- Change and Growth Management
- Administrative Operations
- Board Oversight
- Effective Communicator and Public Speaker
- Integrity and Transparency
- Jewish and Israel Education
- Organizational Structuring
- Team Leadership
- Industry Expertise
- Portfolio Management
- Executive Leadership
- Entrepreneurial and Innovative
- Operational Analysis
- Leadership and People Development
- Community Building
- Department Development
- Donor Relations
- Grant Submissions

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Seasoned and proactive professional with a unique hybrid skillset that touches in-depth and innovative research, leadership, global operations management, and vast experience in community building and leading complex processes with big organizations.

Has expertise, experience, and publications in the fields of economics, history and philosophy of ideas, political history, Diaspora studies, environmentalism, Jewish studies, and community building.

Was a research fellow on several research institutions and think tanks, and excelled in complex problem solving and in applying cutting-edge theoretical knowledge to the field.

Results-driven and resilient in developing teams while improving processes and increasing productivity. Bringing solid understanding of industry trends, excellent communication skills, talent for spotting areas in need of improvement and implementing changes with strategic approach.

WORK HISTORY

2014 - Current

Founding Director, *Hakhel*

Hakhel is the first Jewish Intentional Communities Incubator.

- Created the organization's mission and vision statements for use by employees.
- Sparked and supported new expressions of Jewish life in the Diaspora through mentorship, seed funding, and global network building.
- Developed curriculum for community building.
- Reviewed operating budgets periodically to analyze trends affecting budget needs (millions of Dollars annually).
- Prepared comparative analysis of operating programs by analyzing costs in relation to services performed.
- Provided 130 communities in 30 different countries with customized professional assistance.
- Led and managed a global team.
- Communicated and partnered effectively with all personalities and people in various job positions and

EDUCATION

Expected in 2023 -24
Post-Doctoral Fellowship Position
Harvard Divinity School
(August 2023 – May 2024)

Expected in 2023
PhD
Ben-Gurion University, Be'er
Sheva, Israel

- Research about the history of politics and ideas in the relationship between Israel and World Jewry.

2018
Rabbinical Ordination
The Strauss-Amiel Institute,
Jerusalem

2015
M.A.: Science, Technology and
Society
Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan

2009
B.A.: Economics and Geography
Hebrew University, Jerusalem

LANGUAGES

Hebrew: Native language

English:  C2
Proficient

sectors by being courteous, enthusiastic, and offering clear feedback.

- Developed short- and long-term community development strategies to revitalize Jewish life in various settings.
- **the President of Israel awarded Hakhel the 2020 Jerusalem Unity Prize.**

2008 - 2023

Co-Founder, Social Businesses and Enterprises, Israel

- Co-founded and led six different organizations in the fields of community building, closing socioeconomic gaps, education, environmentalism, and employment.
- Between 2022-23, a partner at CallAnswering, an Israeli start-up that developed AI-based solutions for contact centers.
- Developed key operational initiatives to drive and maintain substantial business growth.
- Aligned organizational objectives with company mission, increasing revenue, profit, and business growth by collaboratively developing integrated strategies.
- Drove implementation of new market expansion to propel the business forward and adapt to market changes.
- Established and administered annual budgets (up to millions of Dollars) with controls to prevent overages, minimize burn rate, and support sustainability objectives.

2011 - 2018

Co-Founder, Makom, Israel

Israel's national umbrella organization for intentional communities, representing over 250 communities from all walks of life.

- Worked with internal and external partners and led cross-functional teams to develop intricate business plans.
- Collected data and performed community needs analysis.
- Continually maintained and improved the company's reputation and positive image in markets served.
- Raised and managed millions of Dollars.
- Mentored local personnel on best practices and protocols to maximize productivity.
- Set, enforced, and optimized internal policies to maintain demand responsiveness.
- Developed a program to promote new managers from within, building and maintaining a cohesive leadership structure.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Essays

"Are the Ultra-Orthodox the Key to Israel's Future?" in *Mosaic Magazine*, December 2014.

"Intentional Communities and Moral Behavior" in *Conversations*, issue 33, January 2019.

"COVID and Shmita" in *Rabbis Writing on Covid-19 (temporary name)*, pending publication.

לביא, אהרן אריאל (2018), "אנחנו ואנחנו: זהות יהודית בתפוצות ובישראל". השילוח גליון 9, אפריל 2018.

לביא, אהרן אריאל (2021), "על מומחים ונבחרים: עלייתה ונפילתה של נציבות הדורות הבאים בכנסת". השילוח גליון 23, ינואר 2021.

לביא, אהרן אריאל (2022), "דרך תכלת: לתולדותיו של כתב עת חלוצי". השילוח גליון 28, ינואר 2022.

Books

על הכלכלה ועל המחיה: יהדות, חברה וכלכלה. ירושלים: הוצאת ראובן מס, 2008.

On Economy and Sustenance: Judaism, Society and Economics. Tel Aviv: Contento Publishers, 2016.

שבע: רעיונות כלכליים וחברתיים בהשראת שנת השמיטה. ירושלים: הוצאת מכון בת"ר, 2022.

Seven: Shmita Inspired Social and Economic Ideas. Jerusalem: Keter Institute and Contento Publishers, 2022.

Presentations at Academic Conferences:

The Annual conference of the Israeli Association for the History and Philosophy of Science. Jerusalem, March 2011.

The Annual conference of the Israeli society of Economics. Ma'ale HaHamisha (Jerusalem), June 2011.

The Annual conference of the Society for Social Study of Science. Cleveland, OH, October 2011.

“Historiography as Intervention: Communicating Across Geographies, Communities and Divides”. Pre-conference at the annual gathering of the International Communication Association conference. Phoenix, AZ, May 2012

The Annual conference of the Society for Social Study of Science. San Diego, CA, October 2013.

The Annual conference of the Association for Israel Studies. Kinneret College, June 2019.

The Triennial conference of the International Communal Studies Association. Copake, NY, July 2019.

The Formation of New Jewish Communities: Fourth Biennial Graduate Student Workshop. Boston, MA, Brandeis University, January 2020.

Climate Change in the Social Sciences. Tel-Aviv University, online, January 2021.

The Annual conference of the Association for Israel Studies. Online, June 2021.

The Annual Conference for Torah and Science. Lev College, Jerusalem, April 2022.

Communities and Communitarity in a Pluralist Society. Western Galilee College, Akko, June 2022.

The Annual conference of the Association for Israel Studies. Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, June 2022.

The Triennial conference of the International Communal Studies Association. Skanderborg, Denmark, July 2022.