

## Curriculum Vitae

Donnell Netanel Abraams Reed  
(born in Pittsburgh, PA on 9/19/1965)

### Education

1986 BA, Politics, Philosophy and Economics, 3.5 GPA, Cum Laude, University of Pittsburgh (specialization in Russian and Eastern European Studies); 1984-1985 General Editor of the *Pittsburgh Undergraduate Review* (then the nation's only professionally refereed undergraduate scholarly journal, supported by the National Collegiate Honors Society); 1985 University of Pittsburgh's candidate for the Truman Scholarship; 1985 J. Steele Gow Political Fellow with Congressman Doug Walgren; two-month study abroad in Leningrad, USSR; 1986 wrote honors thesis in International Relations with Professor Richard Cottam

1986-87 Doctoral candidate in Philosophy (specialization in political and moral philosophy and philosophy of law), Columbia University, New York

2004 Orthodox rabbinical ordination, Laws of Shabbos, Rabbi Dovid Ostroff, Yeshiva Pirchei Shoshanim, Har Nof, Israel

2007 Orthodox rabbinical ordination, Dietary Laws, Rabbi Don Channan, Yeshiva Pirchei Shoshanim, Har Nof, Israel

2012 Completed first year of law studies, University of London International Programmes

### Professional Experience in the Translation Industry

1997 to present - Founder, Managing Partner, Translator, at his own translation company, Donnell Reed & Partner; performed legal and financial translation work mainly from German but also from Spanish, French, Italian and Russian into English; managed daily business, including large-scale translation projects. Initially formed in Berlin, Germany as a *Partnerschaftsgesellschaft* (registered professional partnership), Donnell Reed & Partner was transformed into a New York LLC in May 2010.

1993-1997 - Co-Founder, Managing Partner, Translator, Hempel & Reed GbR, Legal and Financial Translation, Berlin, Germany; performed legal and financial translation work mainly from German but also from Spanish, French, Italian and Russian into English; managed daily business, including large-scale translation projects

1990-1993 - Translator, Asociados de Translator, Madrid, Spain; performed legal and financial translation work from Spanish into English

1989 - Formatted Russian texts on computers, Unitext, Berlin, Germany

1986-1988 - Temporary paralegal and ATEX operator for the law firms Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meager & Flom and Dewey Ballentine, New York

### Languages

German and Spanish, fluent spoken and written; strong reading knowledge of Hebrew, French, Italian, Portuguese and Russian

## ***Community and Rabbinical Activities***

### ***Jersey City, NJ***

*January 2023 to present* Community Rabbi of [Congregation Mount Sinai of Jersey City Heights, N.J.](#) Lead services, give regular Torah classes, perform pastoral duties, host meals, write weekly newsletter, publish seasonal magazine, *The Tablet*, supervise kashrus in a bakery, conduct outreach to perspective members.

### ***Monsey, NY***

*2008 – 2022* Kehilla Bais Eliyohu David. Gave Torah discourses when the head rabbi, HaRav Yechiel Chaim Richard, was absent; organized father-and-son learning (*Avos u'Banim*); organized learning group for yeshiva boys on Shabbos afternoons with accompanying trips to Brooklyn for the grand celebration (*Siyum Mishnayos*); helped organize shul events (Chanuka, Purim, etc.); conceived and published shul newsletter, *Touching Bais*; treasurer of the shul for over five years; organized the shul Internet system and regularly sent out the prayer times and other news to members

*2012 - 2020* Project with Rabbi Dr. Isaac Wurzburger and Rabbi Shmuel Möller to make a new translation (with our own commentary) from the German of Rav Schimschon Rafael Hirsch's commentary on the Psalms

### ***Berlin, Germany***

*1995-2007* Gabbai (clerical assistant) to Rabbi Yehuda Teichtal, Chabad Emissary and Official Chief Rabbi of the Berlin Jewish Community. Gained detailed insight in how to organize a Jewish community on a large scale. Rabbi Teichtal provided support to literally thousands of Jews.

- As sole gabbai, was responsible for developing many aspects of synagogue life; was instrumental in growing the synagogue from barely 10 men into a blooming minyan with more than 100 Jews, men and women, young and old, sitting around the kiddush table after Shabbos morning services
- Helped develop Jewish infrastructure and promote Jewish life in Berlin by:
  - kashering a dairy farm to produce Jewish milk (*cholov Yisroel*)
  - hosting Shabbos guests and Jewish visitors to Berlin
  - organizing weddings, bar mitzvot and Pessach sederim for the regular synagogue goers
  - kashering private kitchens and kitchens in hotels and restaurants
  - most importantly, helping to found the Talmud Thora Schule for our children
- Regularly helped to raise funds for activities and for the construction of a new synagogue (EUR 5 million project), the first synagogue built in Germany with private funding after the Second World War
- Gave regular discourses about the weekly Torah portion during kiddushim and on other occasions, sometimes to large audiences of hundreds of people
- Gave shiurim on the Laws of Shabbos in the evenings
- As gabbai of a now large synagogue community, also regularly welcomed prominent guests to the synagogue and Berlin
- Was personally in charge in September 2007 of organizing the *Nacht der offenen Türen* (Open-House Night) for the Synagoge Münsterische Straße, when thousands of Berliners, Jews and non-Jews alike, passed through the synagogue to learn about Judaism

*1994-2007* Active in the Lauder Foundation, first established in Berlin by U.S. diplomat Joel Levy and then directed by Rabbi Joshua Spinner. Learned in the beis midrash and supported activities.

*1992-1998* Hosted Friday evening meals for groups of up to 20 young adults, with Pessach sederim of up to 60 guests.

*1989-1998* Member of Fraenkelufer Synagoge. Organized a discussion group about the weekly Torah portion based on the written shiurim of Rabbi Menachem Leibtag, which we translated into German and Russian and posted on Rabbi Leibtag's website (<http://www.tanach.org/german.htm>). Was one of three gabbaim at the synagogue for four years.