

Rabbi Royi Shaffin

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“Inspiring Rabbi & Educator”

SKILLS & EXPERTISE

- “America’s Most Inspiring Rabbis”
- Non-Profit Administration
- Inspiring Religious Services
- Holocaust Educator
- Experienced Jewish Educator
- Multi-Million \$ Fundraising
- Social Media and Marketing
- Fluent Hebrew
- Increase: Members&Students
- Published Author
- Tour Guide: Israel & Europe
- Award-Winning Public Speaker

EDUCATION

Rabbinic Ordination, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, NY, 2005

PhD, Gratz College, **Holocaust and Genocide Studies**, Philadelphia, PA, in process

M.A., Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, NY, 2005

B.A. Cum Laude, University of Judaism, **Jewish History & Sociology, Political Science**, Los Angeles, CA, 1998

CURRENT POSITION

BAY RIDGE JEWISH CENTER

Brooklyn, NY

2022-

Senior Rabbi

- Conduct Shabbat, holiday, high holiday, and weekday services
- Officiate at life-cycle functions.
- Teach adult education
- Teach and advise Hebrew School
- Outreach to the larger Jewish and general community
- Provide pastoral counseling
- Home visits

RABBI/EDUCATION DIRECTOR

CONGREGATION OR ATID

Richmond, VA 2011-2015

Senior Rabbi and Education Director

- Multi-million-dollar fundraising campaign
- Ran daily school operations
- Successfully grew school enrollment from 26 to nearly 100 students.
- Hired and evaluated the faculty
- Planned teacher training programs
- Applied for and was awarded the “Framework for Excellent School” status by United Synagogue
- Trained Bar/Bat Mitzvah students to conduct services, read Torah and Haftarah, and give sermons.

TEMPLE BETH OR

Brick, NJ 2008-2011

Senior Rabbi and Principal

- Managed the budget
- Oversaw the daily functions of the school
- Wrote the religious school curriculum
- Taught Hebrew High School & Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class.
- Initiated a pre-school program and Hebrew High School program.
- Initiated a school-wide *tefilah* (prayer) program and wrote a unique religious school siddur.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATOR

JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE/FEDROM

Romania and Hungary, 2004-2005

Rabbi, Teacher, Youth Leadership Seminar Leader

- Led services
- Taught classes
- Taught post-Holocaust youth leaders seminar - an effort to revive Jewish communities in Eastern/Central Europe

MARCH OF THE LIVING

Poland and Israel, April 1998

Rabbi, Tour Guide and Holocaust and Israel Educator

- Taught about the Holocaust
- Gave tours of important Jewish historical sites in Poland and Israel
- Led services and gave religious direction to students as they dealt with post-Holocaust Judaism
- Served as a Hebrew-English and Yiddish-English translator
- Served on the March of the Living Planning Committee
- Attended nightly staff planning meetings

SHOAH FOUNDATION

Los Angeles, CA 1997-1998

Visual History Cataloguer

- Holocaust historical and geographic research
- Created sections of the search engine keyword database
- Classified, segmented, and summarized Holocaust survivor testimonies
- Served as a Hebrew-English and Yiddish-English translator

JEWISH FEDERATION

JEWISH FEDERATION OF THE GREATER EAST BAY

Oakland, CA 1994-1995

Community Development

- Served to build bridges of cooperation and communication between Jewish communal agencies
- Created a Jewish organization database and catalogue
- Created a welcome program for new members of the Jewish community
- Served on the planning committee for the Federation annual campaign
- Direct fundraising, donor cultivation and donor relations

JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

HEBREW LANGUAGE ACADEMY

Brooklyn, NY 2021- **2022**

- ***Middle School Hebrew Teacher***

SOLOMON SCHECHTER

Queens and Long Island, NY 2020-2021

- ***Lower School and Middle School Tanakh and Hebrew Teacher***

EL PASO JEWISH ACADEMY

El Paso, TX 2016-2017

School Rabbi and Judaica Teacher

- Gave curricular and religious direction
- Led school-wide tefilah and religious programs
- Taught Mishnah and Talmud

AMERICAN HEBREW ACADEMY

Greensboro, NC 2007-2008

Campus Rabbi and Judaica Teacher

- Taught advanced Jewish classes including Tanakh, Talmud, Kabbalah, Jewish Ethics, and "Davenology".
- Planned the school's Jewish Studies curriculum, conducted services and facilitated student-led services.
- Advised "Moot Beit Din" debate group, served on Rabbinic Council, pastoral counseling.

SINAI AKIBA ACADEMY

Los Angeles, CA 1999-2000

Judaica Teacher

- Taught advanced Jewish classes including Tanakh, Hebrew, Jewish History, Torah Reading, and Jewish Ethics
- Trained Bar/Bat Mitzvah Students

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

New York, NY, 2004-2005

- Co-taught Rabbinical School/Graduate School course titled “**Academic Hebrew**”.

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

Newport News, VA, 2014-2015

Adjunct Professor

- Taught an undergraduate course titled “**Visions of Judaism.**”

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA LINCOLN

Lincoln, NE, 2006-2007

Adjunct Professor

- Taught a Graduate/Undergraduate course titled “**Israel and the Middle East.**”

PUBLICATIONS

Shaffin, Royi, *The Hollywood Bible*, Gaon Books, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 2017,

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=h8VMOPb9RA4&t=11s>

<http://shepherdofisrael.wordpress.com/>

Shaffin, R, “*My Rabbi, Mr. DeRieux*”, Spoden, J., *To Honor a Teacher*, Andrews McMeel, 1999

Keidar, Gal and Royi Shaffin, “*Zichronot Hayofi*” (Hebrew), *Dor*, September/October 1998

The Times of Israel, El Diario, The Forward, CitiBeat Magazine

