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## **Experience**

**1999 – Present**

**Director, E-communities, The Lookstein Center for Jewish Education, Bar-Ilan University**

* Initiated, developed and moderate the “Lookjed list” - <http://lookstein.org/lookjed/index.php> - an email-based twice weekly newsletter supporting a virtual community of Jewish educators
* Partnered in curating an on-line virtual pedagogic center - [www.lookstein.org](http://www.lookstein.org) - including educational content, on-line advertising and real-time discussion
* Founding Editor of *Jewish Educational Leadership -* <http://www.lookstein.org/journal_all.php> - the Lookstein Center journal for Jewish day school educators.
* Developed and directed innovative fellowship program “Leading Educators On-line” funded by the Jim Joseph Foundation

**2005 – 2015**

**Senior Content Editor, Steinsaltz/Koren English Talmud**

* Composed new material for notes and realia and served as overall content editor for the new Steinsaltz/Koren English Talmud, winner of the 2012 National Jewish Book Award
* Developed on-line daf yomi educational resource based on Rav Adin Steinsaltz’ Hebrew Talmud - <http://new.steinsaltz.org/todays-daf/>
* Designed an adult education curriculum for use by the Lehrhaus Institute in San Francisco based on the Steinsaltz/Koren English Talmud.

**2006 – 2010**

**Gratz College, Adjunct Professor**

* Developed and taught an innovative on-line graduate course "Israel Within Jewish Tradition And Contemporary Jewish Life" using internet as an interactive classroom

**Summers 1996 – Present**

**Camp Moshava, Bnei Akiva of North America (Indian Orchard, PA)**

* Camp Rabbi and Educational director – Provide religious and educational leadership for a sleep-away camp of over 750 campers
* Directed the educational staff and formal educational program of the camp

**Lecturer in Jewish Studies**

**1991-2002 -** Midreshet Lindenbaum, Ohr Torah Institute (Jerusalem)

**1991-1996 -** Beit Midrash LeTorah, The Jewish Agency (Jerusalem)

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## **Education**

**EdD**, Doctorate in Education and Supervision, The Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration, Yeshiva University

**MPA**, Masters in Public Administration, Baruch College, City University of New York

**MS**, Secondary Jewish Education, The Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education and Administration, Yeshiva University

**BA**, Mathematics, Yeshiva College, Yeshiva University

## **Publications**

*Koren Talmud Bavli,* English Translation with notes and commentary by Adin Steinsaltz (2012-2016). Senior Content Editor.

"Engaging the Ultimate: The Impact of Post-High School Study in Israel," in Shalom Z. Berger, Dan Jacobson, Chaim I. Waxman, *Flipping Out?: The Impact of the "Year in Israel" on Students and the Jewish Community* (2007) Yashar Books.

Selected Articles:

“Teachers Talk About Introducing Academic Bible Study Methods in Their Classrooms,” in *Conversations* 15, H. Angel, ed. (2013) 111-121. <https://www.jewishideas.org/conversations-issue-15-traditional-and-academic-approaches-t>

"The Challenge of Teaching Modern Israel" in *Jewish Educational Leadership* 7:1 (Fall 2008). <http://www.lookstein.org/online_journal/index.php?id=224>

"Searching for Torah U'Maddah" in *My Yeshiva College,* M. Butler and Z. Nagel, eds. (2006) Yashar Books.

“Teachers’ use of computers in the North American Jewish day school: A research study” in *Jewish Educational Leadership* 1 (2003) 23-28. <http://www.lookstein.org/online_journal.php?id=63>

 “The impact of one-year Israel study on American day school graduates”
in *Ten Da`at* 12 (1999) 3-14.

## **Interests**

Serve as a member of the Zomet Rabbinic Conversion Court in Alon Shvut

Lead educational trips to Eastern Europe for adults and college age students