

RABBI LYNDA TARGAN
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- SUMMARY:** Rabbi with solid experience in international teaching, creative programming and motivational speaking. Communications expert with strong media background. Known for mentoring/facilitative style, developing innovative liturgy/programs with pluralistic orientation. Award winning author of articles, poetry, meditations. Oral Historian with extensive work in Holocaust community.
- Listed in *Who's Who in Professional and Executive Women* and *Who's Who in American Women*.
 - Awarded Center for Leadership and Learning (CLAL) Internship 2000-2001.
 - Recognized by National Center for Jewish Healing for writing healing meditations.
 - Served as mission delegate to Israel, Poland and Germany. International speaker.

EDUCATION: ACADEMY FOR JEWISH RELIGION, Riverdale, NY
Rabbinic Ordination May 2003.

- Elected President of student body.
- Served as Treasurer on Executive Board for 3 years and chaired various committees.
- Received Rabbi Hershel J. Matt Creative Liturgy Award for adult *B'Not Mitzvah* curriculum.
- Received Rabbi Chana Timoner Creative Liturgy Award.
- Received Student Association Leadership Award.
- Founded and served as Editor of the student newsletter and initiated library project.
- Trained as Chaplain at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Hospital.

GRATZ COLLEGE, Melrose Park, PA
MA, Jewish Communal Studies, 1998 *Summa cum laude* (Delivered Vaedictory Address)

- MA, Jewish Liberal Studies, 1996 *Summa cum laude***
- Awarded Nettie R. Ginsburg and Nathaniel I.S. Goldman Prize for Highest Academic Standing.
 - Received I. Bernard Rabinowitz Memorial Award (twice), and Arnold R. Ginsburg Prize for Constructive Leadership.

ADDITIONAL

EDUCATION: **TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, Philadelphia, PA**
BA, English/Education, 1971; Graduate level courses
ULPAN AKIVA, Netanya, Israel
THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY, Jerusalem, Israel
DRISHA INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION, New York, New York
RECONSTRUCTIONIST RABBINICAL COLLEGE, Elkins Park, PA

PROFESSIONAL

EXPERIENCE: TEACHER at the 92ND STREET Y IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK 2004-present

TEACHER in the FLORENCE MELTON PROGRAM AT GRATZ COLLEGE, MELROSE PARK, PA 2005-present

FREELANCE RABBINICAL WORK 1998 – present
Rabbi/Teacher/Counselor

Leads various liturgical services, as well as teaches classes and facilitates workshops for Reform, Reconstructionist and Conservative congregations.

- Founded pluralistic *Neighborhood Havurah*.
- Teaches spiritual writing and other courses in various synagogue Adult Education programs.
- Taught adult *Bat Mitzvah* classes; led Torah study groups and community workshops.
- Launched *Rosh Hodesh* groups and participated in *Chevre Kaddisha*.
- Worked as Rabbi on a Cruise Ship for Passover.
- Officiates at lifecycle events including weddings, unveilings, funerals and baby namings.
- Speaker for Gratz College and Hadassah and Consultant for Jewish Family Service.

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE:**

(continued) **GOLDEN SLIPPER CLUB FOR SENIORS**, Philadelphia, PA 1997-2005

Rabbi/Chaplain (part-time)

Led High Holiday and Shabbat and Memorial services. Facilitated discussion groups.
Pastoral services.

LT COMMUNICATIONS, Ambler, PA 1981 – 1998

Principal

Developed and executed public relations projects and full-service campaigns for highly visible companies, small businesses and non-profit organizations.

- Wrote monthly column, *All in the Family* in *The Jewish Times* and *A Woman's World* in *The Jewish Exponent* for over 6 years.
- Engineered public relations for first Israeli delegation for 1983 International Summer Special Olympic Games. Press material printed in Hebrew and English, distributed internationally as part of Kennedy Foundation press package.
- Named coordinator for Federation Day Care Services' annual capital funds campaign and led agency in raising over \$600K.
- Appointed National Public Relations Director of Friends of AKIM, USA, Inc., to coordinate special events and fundraising activities for Association for Habilitation of Mentally Handicapped in Israel.
- Directed public relations for a troupe of mentally handicapped Israeli artists to participate in National Committee/Arts for the Handicapped.
- Worked as Director of Public Relations for Gratz College in Melrose Park, PA and helped launch \$5M capital funds campaign.

**VOLUNTEER
ASSOCIATIONS/
PRESENT & PAST:**

- New York Board of Rabbis: Member.
- Philadelphia Board of Rabbis: Member; Advisory Board to Pastoral Care Division.
- The Association of Rabbis and Cantors: Member.
- Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia: Chair, Communications Division and Campaign Committees. Women's Philanthropy: Member; Lions of Judah: Member; Women of Vision, Member.
- Steven Spielberg's Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation: Interviewer.
- The Rabbi Devora Bartnoff Memorial Conference on Judaism and Healing: Planning Committee Member.
- Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia: Member, Writer, Youth Symposium Facilitator, Judge Mordechai Anielewicz Creative Arts Award.
- American Jewish Committee: Internship/Collaborated on Philadelphia Oral History Project.
- Simon Wiesenthal Center: Member.
- Hadassah: Life Member.
- Jewish Information and Referral Service: Advisory Board.
- Philadelphia Public Relations Association: Board of Directors; Member and Event Chair.
- The American Marketing Association: Member.
- Women in Communications: Member.
- Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation: Founders' Board: Member and Chair of several committees.
- National Breast Cancer Coalition: Member; Advocate.