

RABBI LYNDA TARGAN
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SUMMARY: Rabbi with international experience in teaching, leadership, creative programming and award-winning writing. Communications expert with background as public relations professional. Extensive work in public speaking, writing articles, poetry, mediations and teaching writing workshops. Known for facilitative style, developing innovative liturgy/programs and pluralistic orientation. Oral Historian with wide-ranging work and service in the Holocaust community.

- Received numerous academic and community service awards.
- Listed in *Who's Who in Professional and Executive Women/ 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. Spoke in Prague and South Africa.
- Led Memorial Service for Holocaust victims in Berlin.

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 Valedictory 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 and Graduate 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
INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH SPIRITUALITY/ COHORT 5

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

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| TEACHER in Adult Education program at Gratz College | 2011-present |
| CO-FOUNDER WOMEN'S MIDRASH INSTITUTE | 2011-present |
| TEACHER at the 92ND STREET Y IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK | 2004-2010 |
| TEACHER in the FLORENCE MELTON PROGRAM AND SCHOLAR'S PROGRAM AT GRATZ COLLEGE, MELROSE PARK, PA | 2005-present |

FREELANCE RABBINICAL WORK, Ambler, PA 1998 – present
Rabbi/Teacher/Counselor

Led High Holiday, Festival, Synaplex and other religious and communal services. Teaches classes and facilitates workshops for Reform, Reconstructionist and Conservative congregations.

- Officiates at lifecycle events including weddings, funerals, unveilings and baby namings.
- Speaker for Jewish Federations of North America and Hadassah
- Launched *Rosh Hodesh* groups and participated in *Chevre Kaddisha*.
- Founded pluralistic *Neighborhood Havurah*.
- Taught spiritual writing, ethical wills, and other courses in various Adult Education programs.

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- Taught adult *Bat Mitzvah* classes, led Torah study groups and community workshops.
- Worked as Rabbi on a Holland America cruise ship for Passover.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

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GOLDEN SLIPPER CLUB FOR SENIORS, Philadelphia, PA 1997-2005

Rabbi/Chaplain (part-time)

Led High Holiday and Shabbat 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 in *The Jewish Times* and *The Jewish Exponent* for over 6 years on family and women's issues.
- 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 to raise 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 EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATIONS/ PRESENT & PAST:

- New York Board of Rabbis: Active Member.
- Philadelphia Board of Rabbis: Active Member; Advisory Board to Pastoral Care Division.
- The Association of Rabbis and Cantors: Active Member.
- Jewish Federations of North America: International Speaker.
- Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia: Active Board Member of Women's Philanthropy. Active Lion of Judah. Chair, Communications Division and Campaign Committees.
- Women of Vision: Active Executive Board Member and Active Membership Chair.
- Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy: Active Member of Pluralism Advisory Board.
- Hadassah: Life Member.
- Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation: Founders' Board: Member and Chair of several committees. Recently honored for 25 years of service.
- Founder of Women's Literature Series.
- 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.
- Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation: Interviewer.
- American Jewish Committee: MA Internship/Collaborated on Philadelphia Oral History Project.
- National Breast Cancer Coalition: Member; Advocate.
- Simon Wiesenthal Center: Member.
- Philadelphia Public Relations Association: Board of Directors; Member and Event Chair.
- The American Marketing Association: Member.
- Women in Communications: Member.
- Jewish Information and Referral Service: Advisory Board.

A list of awards and references can be furnished upon request.

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