

Human rights, diplomatic advocacy, community development, intergroup relations, and international trade. Longstanding relationships with government officials and stakeholders, access to inner workings of multilateral institutions, across political, strategic and social issues. Talents include results-oriented government relations, broad-based coalition-building, strong communications skills, cultural fluency, sustainable change management, hands-on leadership development, and effective team dynamics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Gotham Government Relations

Director of National Government Relations

2018 to present

Conceptualize, strategize and lead outreach to governmental and opposition clients from Middle East, Africa, Europe and Central Asia, focused on bilateral relations, frozen assets, anti-corruption, human rights, religious freedom, democracy, client relations, business development, in New York and Washington.

The Hutton House Lectures, Long Island University

Adjunct Professor

2014 to present

Teach continuing education courses on history, politics and culture, in Greenvale, NY.

Independent Consultant

2011 to present

Plan and run international conferences and delegations; draft articles, analysis, speeches, and Congressional testimony; vision and manage communications, web and social media for foundations and organizations; lead business development, organizational change, government relations, media strategies, humanitarian initiatives, and educational campaigns.

The Dietrich Bonhoeffer Institute

Senior Fellow

2020 to 2022

Promoted and contributed to this community of contemporary faith and action, aspiring to the model of the famed theologian who rallied spiritual and political opposition inside Nazi Germany.

TEACH-NYS: Educational Alliance for Children in New York State

Executive Director

2011 to 2012

Revived statewide grassroots advocacy coalition in partnership with New York State Catholic Conference and negotiated with state legislative leaders, generating \$44 million in additional reimbursements to non-public schools and setting the stage for \$100+ million in retroactive and future increases; Led fundraising for annual \$350,000 operating budget and \$250,000 in independent political contributions, in New York.

Policy Director, American Council for World Jewry

2009 to 2011

Developed and managed website, research, strategic plan, press, branding, policy events, international initiatives on United Nations, Palestinian economic development, U.S.-Africa relations, in New York.

World Jewish Congress

Director of International Organizations; Executive Director, American Section 2005 to 2008

Implemented best practices, brought \$10 million non-profit operation into compliance with federal and state laws, and restored reputation of a legendary institution; Led relations with United Nations and other international, regional and non-governmental organizations, including diplomatic corps; facilitated diplomatic advocacy among 80 global affiliates; served three years as Treasurer of CONGO, UN Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations; Revived International Council of Jewish Parliamentarians; Coordinated North American affiliates, Board development, and outreach to U.S. Government, American Jewish agencies and civil society, in New York.

National Coalition Supporting Eurasian Jewry (formerly National Conference on Soviet Jewry)

Director of Governmental Relations 1999 to 2004

Liaison to Capitol Hill, Executive Branch, diplomatic community, foreign governments, and multilateral organizations; Shaped and spearheaded official pan-European mandate against anti-Semitism and racism; Shepherded and scripted human rights provisions in key bilateral trade agreements; Directed public information and website, in Washington, DC.

Middle East Insight Magazine

Managing Editor 1997 to 1999

Coordinated concept, articles, photos, editing and production, conducted interviews with leading policymakers; Produced special issues, high-profile events, track-two diplomacy, in Washington, DC.

United Nations Watch

Fellow 1995 to 1996

Drafted speeches, op-eds and policy statements on human rights and UN reform, in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Washington Institute for Near East Policy

1992 to 1993

Soref Research Fellow

Researched Palestinian politics and Middle East peace process, published policy analysis, advised diplomats and policymakers, in Washington, DC.

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

1991 to 1992

Ralph I. Goldman Fellow

Managed community projects and staff development, in Mumbai, India; Oversaw MIS and served as local liaison for distribution of U.S. Government food aid, in Moscow, Russia (1991 to 1992).

Anti-Defamation League

1988 to 1989

Assistant Regional Director and Acting Regional Director

Coordinated fundraising, media relations, civil-rights investigations, training, law enforcement liaison, and community and interfaith outreach, in Connecticut.

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles **1993 to 1995**
Graduate Studies, Political Science
Wexner Foundation Graduate Fellow (1993 to 1995).

Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University **1989 to 1991**
M.A., Middle East Studies
Kagan Fellow; Selected for U.S. Presidential Management Intern Program

Temple University **1987 to 1989**
B.A. summa cum laude, Political Science
Phi Beta Kappa; President's Scholar; Kohn Award.

Rhode Island School of Design **1984 to 1987**
Architectural Studies

University of Haifa **1983 to 1984**
One-Year Overseas Studies Program

Languages: Fluent English and Hebrew, functional Arabic and French.