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**EDUCATION** 

Walden University, **M.B.A** – Entrepreneurship, 3.75 GPA, 2013

Tannenbaum College/Ohr Somayach

* **B.A. Judaic Studies**, 3.70 GPA, 2009
* **Teacher** **Certification**, Israel Ministry of Education, 2009

**EXPERIENCE  
  
Rabbi - Congregation Beth El Jacob, Des Moines, IA** **2011 – Present**

* Doubled membership through marketing, restructuring of organization and creating innovative opportunities.

**Founder/Director of JSOC of Iowa** **2011 – Present**

* Started a student organization where educational, social and professional opportunities are available to students. These include semester long weekly leadership programs, speaker series and internship and job opportunities around the US. Over 60 students have graduated the semester long program with active involvement in other areas exceeding 180 students.

**Founder, Student Leadership Program for International Students 2009 – 2011**

* Started a ten week leadership program off the Hebrew University Campus for gap year students. The focus was on advocacy, media and politics and included government officials, noted journalists and leadership skills workshops.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Keynote Speaker – Drake University; Week of Understanding

Multiple Time Guest – Iowa Public Radio

Featured Columnist – The Des Moines Register

Featured Columnist – Jewish Federations of North America Rabbinic Cabinet

Featured Columnist – Jewish Press

Guest Speaker – Yeshiva University

Board Member – Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines

Board Member – Jewish Community Relations Council of Iowa

Board Member – Iowa Senior Life Center

**HOBBIES/ INTERESTS**

* Sports, exercise, triathlons, reading biographies and inspirational texts, playing and listening to music