

# HANNAH ELKIN, MAJE, MTS

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## EDUCATION

### Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

Los Angeles, CA

- **Rabbinic Ordination Candidate** (Expected May 2021)
  - Rabbinic Thesis: *A Complicated Woman: Meanings of Piety and Transgression in the Book of Judith*
- **Master of Arts in Jewish Education** (2019)
  - Recipient, Rabbi Mordecai Soloff Award for Excellence in Jewish Education
  - Curriculum Guide: *Intimacy Ed.: A High School Curriculum for Creating Respectful Relationships*
- **Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters** (2018)

### Harvard Divinity School

Cambridge, MA

- **Master of Theological Studies:** Focus in Jewish Studies and Women, Gender, and Religion (2015)

### Middlebury College

Middlebury, VT

- **Bachelor of Arts:** Major in Religion, Minor in Modern Hebrew (2013)
  - Magna Cum Laude, Religion Department Honors
  - Recipient, Woolsey Prize in Biblical Studies

## RABBINIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills, CA

#### *Rabbinic Intern* (2019-Present)

- Assisted in organization and execution of the Religious School's transition to virtual programming during Spring 2020, consulted with Rabbi-Educator and advised faculty on technology and best teaching practices.
- Partnered with Honeymoon Israel LA (HMI) staff and lay leaders to plan innovative High Holy Day services.
- Led workshop on High Holy Day themes and rituals for HMI and temple young adults to build creative rituals for virtual Reimagined Contemplative services, supported lay leaders' production of original ritual pieces.
- Directed, led, and edited Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Reimagined Contemplative virtual services.
- Coordinate temple's young adult group (YoPro), organize programs for Shabbat and holidays, partner with lay leadership board, and engage new members and group leadership.
- Co-teach Introduction to Judaism classes with Associate Rabbi, sit on conversion *b'tei din* as needed.
- Oversee Religious School's teen teaching assistant program in both live and virtual settings, including leadership trainings, community building, and classroom supervision.
- Lead Shabbat services and Torah study 1-2 times a month in both live and virtual settings.

### Beit T'Shuvah

Los Angeles, CA

#### *Spiritual Counselor* (Summer 2019)

- Provided spiritual and emotional support to clients struggling with the challenges of addiction recovery.
- Taught Torah study and facilitated weekly processing groups for Beit T'Shuvah residents.
- Partnered with spiritual counseling staff to address concerns and needs of Beit T'Shuvah residents.

### Temple Beth El

Charlotte, NC

#### *Summer Rabbinic Intern* (Summer 2018)

- Led services and shiva minyanim, delivered sermons, taught weekly Torah study, and made pastoral visits.
- Designed and led creative Tisha B'Av text study and ritual focused on contemporary justice issues.
- Created programming for congregational community weekend retreat, led retreat as Scholar-In-Residence.

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## Temple Ner Ami

Camarillo, CA

### *Student Rabbi* (2016-2018)

- Served as spiritual leader for congregation of 100 Reform Jewish families during monthly visits and holidays.
- Led services, delivered sermons, taught multiple adult learning courses, and provided pastoral care.
- Prepared individually with students for *b'nai mitzvah*, supported and guided families in planning process.

## Children's Hospital, Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA

### *Chaplain Intern* (Summer 2017)

- Completed Clinical Pastoral Education unit of 400 hours of practical experience, supervision, and education.
- Provided pastoral care to patients and families from a wide range of religious, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds.

## EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## Louchheim School for Judaic Studies, HUC-JIR-University of Southern California

Los Angeles, CA

### *Teaching Assistant* (2019)

- Teaching assistant for HUC faculty member's History of Judaism class, USC undergraduate level course.
- Taught weekly discussion section of 25 undergraduates of diverse backgrounds with varied previous knowledge.
- Supported students' preparation and success in the course, graded papers and exams on Jewish history.

## University Synagogue

Los Angeles, CA

### *Religious School Curriculum Consultant* (Summer 2019)

- Restructured comprehensive Judaic and Hebrew curricula based on best practices for Jewish education.
- Researched and organized individualized curricula by grade, wrote memos and guides for their implementation.

## Leo Baeck Temple

Los Angeles, CA

### *Rabbinic-Education Intern* (2018-2019)

- Assisted in administration of the Religious School, supervised faculty, edited lesson plans, led school programs and services, and built relationships with students and parents.
- Oversaw programming and organization of the Religious School weekend-long retreat, and with 24-hour notice comprehensively reorganized, planned, and led retreat after retreat site was impacted by wildfires.
- Partnered with lay committee to plan and execute Yom Limmud, the congregation-wide day of learning.
- Wrote and taught Judaic and Hebrew curricula and lesson plans for students between 1st grade-6th grade.

### *Religious School Teacher* (2016-2020)

- Wrote and taught curricula for 6th grade and 9th grade classes.
- Taught classes for 1st grade-12th grade as substitute teacher over a period of four years.

## URJ Greene Family Camp

Bruceville, TX

### *Summer Education Director* (Summer 2014, Summer 2016)

- Oversaw immersive summer Education program for camp's 800-900 campers, aged seven to seventeen.
- Designed and executed multiple all-camp programs, organized and led creative Shabbat and weekday services.
- Supervised two Summer Assistant Education Directors, worked with faculty of regional clergy and educators.
- Wrote and taught immersive Jewish education curricula and programs for each camper age group.

### *Summer Assistant Education Director* (Summer 2013)

- Created, revised, administered, and taught unit curricula for campers aged eight to thirteen years old.
- Helped create, lead, and coordinate weekly Shabbat services and creative weekday prayer experiences.

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## COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

<b>HUC-JIR Taskforce on Safer Campus Community</b> <i>Los Angeles Campus Student Representative</i> (2020)	Los Angeles, CA
<b>HUC-JIR, LA Worship Committee</b> <i>Committee Chair</i> (2019-2020) <i>Gabbai Coordinator</i> (2017-2019)	Los Angeles, CA
<b>HUC-JIR, LA Student Government (HaKeshet)</b> <i>President</i> (2018-2019)	Los Angeles, CA
<b>HUC-JIR Spiegel Seminar on Sexual Harassment</b> <i>Planning Committee Member</i> (2017-2018)	Los Angeles, CA
<b>Harvard Divinity School Gender-Based Violence Student Committee</b> <i>Founding Member, Peer Advocate</i> (2014-2015)	Cambridge, MA

## FELLOWSHIPS AND PROJECTS

<b>Jewish Center for Justice</b> <i>Seminary Cohort Fellow</i> (2019-Present)	Los Angeles, CA
<b>American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)</b> <i>Leffell Rabbinic Fellow</i> (2017-2019)	Washington, D.C.
<b>Former Soviet Union Pesach Project</b> <i>Student Intern, Participant</i> (2015-2016)	Jerusalem, Israel/Belarus
<b>Keshet Birthright</b> <i>HUC-JIR Shabbat Fellow</i> (2015-2016)	Jerusalem, Israel

*References available upon request*