# Tzvia Rubens-Jasper

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#### **EDUCATION**

## Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute for Religion (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Rabbinical Ordination: Expected May 2022 Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters: October 2021

Capstone Project: "T'filat Omanut:

An Artistic Companion Siddur for Kabbalat Shabbat"

(Advisor: Rabbi Dr. Richard Sarason)

#### University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Graduate Certificate in Judaic Studies: May 2017

#### Bradley University (Peoria, Illinois)

Bachelor of Science in Public Relations: May 2015 Minors in Business Management and Leadership Capstone Project: Public Relations Campaign for the Common Core State Standards: "What Do You Need to Know So Your Child Can Know?" (Advisor: Dr. Maha Bashri)

#### STUDENT PULPIT AND INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

# Adath Israel Congregation (Cincinnati, Ohio) Rabbinic Intern

Co-lead monthly Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat morning worship; lead weekly Adult Education program; organized and implemented a weekly Art Beit Midrash; and visited with elderly congregants.

## City Shul (Toronto, Canada) Summer Rabbinic Intern

Lead monthly Zoom Saturday morning worship; weekly Adult Education classes; participated in weekly meetings to create a new mission and vision for the shul; participated in monthly meetings to design a new siddur for the synagogue; received regular formal mentoring from Rabbi Elyse Goldstein.

2021-2022

Summer 2021

# Jewish Hospital (Cincinnati, Ohio)

2020-2021

#### **Clinical Pastoral Education Intern**

Earned one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education credit in a hospital and an in-patient assisted-living facility. Practiced pastoral care, received supervision and chaplaincy training.

# Congregation Beth Adam (Cincinnati, Ohio) Education Intern

Summer 2020

Developed a school curriculum for online learning; curated take-home boxes that correlated with the online learning curriculum.

# Congregation Anshe Emeth (Piqua, Ohio) Monthly Rabbinic Intern

2020-2021

Lead hybrid in-person High-Holiday services, and monthly Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat services; transitioned the synagogue during the Pandemic into using a variety of new technology platforms; and innovating the Shabbat services to accommodate new modes of worship.

## United Hebrew Congregation (Joplin, Missouri) Bi-Weekly Rabbinic Intern

2019-2020

Lead in-person High-Holiday and Kabbalat Shabbat services until Purim 2020; switching to a Zoom platform, and transitioned the synagogue during the beginning of the Pandemic into using a variety of new technology platforms; taught bi-weekly Torah study and Adult Education courses; worked with a conversion student through completion; officiated at one Bat Mitzvah and one funeral.

# Camp Livingston (Livingston, Indiana) Judaic Director Fellow

2019

Developed a Judaic curriculum for a pluralistic Jewish over-night camp; oversaw the day-to-day Jewish activities; tutored students with a wide range of learning styles for B'nei Mitzvah; organized and lead weekly Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat morning services.

# Synagogue in the Hills (Rapid City, South Dakota) Monthly Rabbinic Intern

2018-2019

Lead in-person High Holiday and monthly Kabbalat Shabbat services; taught monthly Torah study and Adult Education courses; visited elderly congregants; and officiated a Bat Mitzvah.

#### **EDUCATION EXPERIENCE**

## Kulanu (Cincinnati, Ohio) Jewish High School Teacher

2020-2021

In the Fall, taught 8-12<sup>th</sup> graders a weekly interactive Zoom cooking class based on the Shabbat table from around the world; in the Spring, taught 8-12<sup>th</sup> graders an interactive Zoom cooking class based on what can be found in the Jewish Deli, and interwove Jewish history with cooking.

# Rockdale Temple (Cincinnati, Ohio)

2018-2020

**Religious School Teacher** 

Taught 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th grade Holocaust and Ancient Jewish History and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Hebrew

#### B'nei Mitzvah Tutor

Tutored students with a wide range of learning styles.

# JCC Day Camps (Lake Zurich, Illinois and Cincinnati, Ohio) 2015-2016, 2018 Israel Specialist

Developed and implemented Israel programming, oversaw, and developed an innovative Israel Day program, and worked closely with our Israeli staff to create programing.

#### **Programming Specialist**

Developed the drop-off and pick-up structure, worked closely with the other specialists to implement their programs, oversaw, and implemented Shabbat programming each week.

#### Art specialist

Developed and implemented an art curriculum for grades 3-8, taught art projects to the aftercamp programs, and created and taught a project-based learning curriculum for grades 9-10.

# JEWISH INVOLVEMENT

Moishe House (Cincinnati, Ohio) Senior Advisory Committee Member	2017-2018
Shalom Hartman Institute (New York City, New York)  Create Equal Student Seminar Participant	2017
Challah for Hunger (Peoria, IL)  Founder and President of the Bradley University Chapter	2013-2015
Hillel (Peoria, Illinois)  Member of the Public Relations and Programming Committee	2011-2015

# Youth Groups USY and NCSY (Chicago, Illinois)

2010-2011

Weekly Member

## PUBLICATIONS AND RELEVANT WORK

## CCAR Journal - 50th Anniversary of Women in the Rabbinate

Expected 2022

Art and Liturgy Contribution

#### Calligraphy by Tzvia

2018-Present

Online Etsy store dedicated to Jewish art

#### **Non-Binary Conversion Certificate**

2021

Published on RitualWell

#### Amidah Kavana

2021

Published on RitualWell and in the City Shul Siddur

### Jewish Journal: Roshner's Torah Talk

2021

Guest Speaker on Parsha Vayetze

#### Novel and Midrash

Completed Fall 2020

Dinah: Daughter of Canaan

#### **CALLIGRAPHY BY TZVIA**

Along with my passion for rabbinics, I am also an artist who uses Jewish motifs and themes throughout my work. Calligraphy by Tzvia is the name for my work as an artist which includes mediums such as micrography, crochet, painting, and calligraphy. Below are some of the ways in which I have used my art within the Jewish community.

# Art Beit Midrash (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Expected 2022

#### **Teacher**

Developing a weekly education program that will be open to every age,

Which will inspire an artistic response to Jewish texts based on the Exodus story.

## Chanukah Bazar (Cincinnati, Ohio)

2021

#### **Advisor and Vendor**

Developed a public relations campaign to advertise a local Chanukah bazar, drawing in over 500 unique shoppers and participated as a vendor.

# JCC Global Day of Learning (Cincinnati, Ohio)

2021

#### **Art Teacher**

Lead 20 adults in an innovative art project based on the theme "Women Breaking boundaries."

# Ish Festival (Cincinnati, Ohio) 2021 Vendor An art vendor in a bi-annual Jewish arts festival in Cincinnati. Under One Roof: Sukkah Art Exhibit 2019, 2021 **Artist** Contributor on behalf of the JCC Day Camp and on behalf of HUC-JIR Parsha Wine and Paint Course (Joplin, Missouri) 2019 **Instructor** Used the weekly Torah portion to create a text study which the students responded to through an art project. Israel Volunteer Project (Jerusalem, Israel) 2018-2019 Chaplain

References Available Upon Request

Facilitated art classes with the elderly and provided pastoral care.