

Marc Mandel

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Summary of Qualifications

- Over 23 years rabbinic experience including lifecycle officiating, counseling, community outreach and marketing to expand congregational membership, adult education, fundraising, public relations, Torah reading, pastoral care and teaching (i.e. Talmud, Chumash and Tanach, Halacha, history, philosophy, etc.).
- Dynamic and seasoned public speaker who makes appearances regarding various aspects of **religion, family relationships, Israel and Jewish Education**.
- Supervise faculty as head of religious school and create curriculum and special programs.
- Computer literate, with proficiency in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, Filemaker, and the Internet.

Education

Bangor Theological Seminary; Portland, Maine
Doctor of Ministry: Congregational Studies, received 1996

Yeshiva University; New York, New York
Semicha (Rabbinic Ordination), received 1988

Wurzweiler School of Social Work; New York, New York
Masters Social Work (MSW), received 1988
Major: Community Organizing and Planning

Yeshiva University; New York, New York
Bachelor of Arts, received 1983
Major: English and American Jewish Literature

Yeshivat Sha'alvim, Israel 1979-1980

Professional Experience

1996-2009 Beth Jacob Congregation; Beverly Hills, California

Associate Rabbi

- Share in all rabbinic responsibilities of a vibrant, growing congregation of over 700 families, catalyzing the shul to a period of 30% growth. Collaborative team player and energetic leader.
- Perform all rabbinic functions such as lifecycle events, counseling congregants and their families in every capacity, answering halachic questions, coordinating adult, senior and family education programming, the delivering of weekly sermons and classes, ongoing study groups with discussion series in people's homes and Israel related programs, Director of Talmud Torah program.
- Baal Koreh, Baal Tefillah and Baal Tekiah.
- Scholar in residence at various synagogues, schools, organizations and events.

2007-2009 Academy of Jewish Religion; Los Angeles, California

Professor

- Jewish Philosophy and Talmud

2007-2008 Touro College Los Angeles

Professor

- Psychology and Jewish Law

2001-2006 Shalhevet High School; Los Angeles, California

Instructor

- Jewish Philosophy and Law
- Jewish History
- Biblical Studies

1996-2003 Veteran's Hospital; Los Angeles, California

Hospital Chaplain

- Provide pastoral care to the sick.

1996-2001 Hillel Hebrew Academy; Beverly Hills, California

Instructor

- Judaic Studies

1996-1998 Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation; Los Angeles, California

Survivor Information Hebrew Translator

- Perform extensive translations of testimonies.
- Select work based on relevance of content and accuracy.
- Handle and coordinate special projects.
- Conduct high-volume of research via the Internet.
- Review and scrutinize employee's performance and work.
- Utilize comprehensive knowledge of history and geography to enhance and hone work.
- Develop reports for Regional Coordinators based on current database information.

1992-1996 Shaarey Tphiloh Synagogue; Portland, Maine

Senior Rabbi

- Serve as spiritual leader, increasing membership growth by 45% and working creatively to synthesize and energize a diverse community.
- Counseling congregants and their families in every capacity perform weddings and funerals as well as death and bereavement counseling, deliver weekly sermons.
- Headmaster of Talmud Torah program and supervise faculty.
- Teaching, reading the Torah and leading services.
- Weekly visits to the sick and the elderly.
- Scholar in residence at various synagogues, organizations, universities and events.
- Design and implement outreach projects and advertising campaigns.
- Direct, organize, and teach adult, family and senior education classes.
- Develop and host radio show with guest personalities, interviews, music and Torah discussions.
- Kosher supervisor for Vaad Hakashrus of New England.

1988-1992 Baron Hirsch Synagogue; Memphis, Tennessee

Assistant Rabbi/Youth Director

- Share in all rabbinic responsibilities (in one of the largest Orthodox congregations), benefitting from the extraordinary experience of learning from and working alongside an experienced, charismatic Rabbi and act as Rabbi in full capacity during the Rabbi's absence.
- Deliver weekly sermons.
- Teaching, reading the Torah and leading services. Created Learners and youth minyanim.
- Coordinate special events and programming. Teach adult, family and senior education classes.
- Initiate and produce radio show with guest personalities, interviews, music and Torah discussions.
- Headmaster of Talmud Torah program and supervise faculty.
- Camp Director of the South's only Orthodox sleep away camp.
- Director of South's singles weekends and events.

1987-1988 Jewish Home for the Elderly; Fairfield, Connecticut

Rabbi/Chaplain

- Spiritual guidance and atmosphere on Shabbat.
- Individual visits to each of six nursing units for structured programs throughout Shabbat.
- Conduct services and weekly Torah portion for the residents.
- Memorial services, weekly evaluation forms, lecture series, and one on one counseling.

1986-1988 Yeshiva University, New York

Assistant Dean of Student Activities

- Activity planning, leading services, holiday programming, seminars and faculty liaison.

Committees and Boards Served

- Executive Committee of Rabbinical Council of America
- Executive Committee Board of Rabbis, Los Angeles
- Bet Din (Rabbinical Court) in Boston
- Association of Jewish Studies
- National Federation of Community Broadcasters
- Religious Zionist Organization of Los Angeles
- Portland Jewish Federation
- Portland Jewish Community Center

Rabbinic Awards and Speaking Engagements

- *Recipient of Rabbinic Leadership Award at Yeshivat Sha'alvim Los Angeles Scholarship Reception*
- *Panelist and lecturer for OU Conference and Seminar for Gabbaiim: "Role of the Gabbi in the Shul and the Community"*
- *Panelist for Hillel Hebrew Academy Annual Rabbinic Forum: "Partnership Between the School and the Home"*
- *Speaker for RCA Midwinter Conference: "Jewish Family Challenges and Problems"*
- *Keynote Speaker Jewish Community of Portland, ME: "Challenges and Opportunities Facing Israel"*
- *Chairman Yeshiva University Wurzweiler School of Social Work 50th Anniversary: Featuring Dr. Richard Joel, President of Yeshiva University*
- *Panelist Israel Bonds Luncheon hosted by television star, Monty Hall*
- *Chairman RCA conference in Florida: "Rabbis Personal and Professional Life- Harmony or Dissonance?"*

Personal

Rabbi Marc Mandel spent the first 26 years of his life growing up in West Lawrence, NY. His mother and siblings are all still living in the Five Towns. Rabbi Mandel attended (HIL) HAFTAR and MTA (Yeshiva University High School). Rabbi Mandel grew up in the White Shul where he was taught how to Lain and Doven at the age of eight. Rabbi Mandel is an avid book reader who enjoys Shakespeare, Saul Bellow, world news (Israel, Politics and the Middle East) and Jewish literature. He also enjoys, tennis and hiking, and has spearheaded his own cycling, running and tennis clubs opened to the entire Jewish community. He recently led a 50 mile bicycle trip to Long Beach, California that raised \$11,000 for a hospital in Israel. Rabbi Mandel's wife, Jacqueline grew up in Los Angeles attending Yeshiva University High School of Los Angeles and is also a graduate of Stern College Yeshiva University. Growing up in L.A., Jacqueline was very involved in NCSY (serving on the Regional Board of the West Coast) and Bnai Akiva. Jacqueline has been very involved in the Los Angeles community, chairing and fundraising events, producing and directing the Hillel PTA fashion show of their children's school and chairing the banquets. Jacqueline has also been the Director of Public Relations and Special Events at a local Jewish high school and was Director of Recruitment at Touro College Los Angeles. Rabbi Mandel and his wife have 6 children ages 9-20.