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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

BIRTH TO THREE YEARS

- *Certified Music together Teacher, 2004-present
- *Early Intervention Assistant, Alameda County Office of Education, serving children 18 months- three years with developmental delays, 2004-present
- *Director and Teacher of The Itty Bitty Kiddie Gym in Oakland-A toddler music and movement program for kids 9 months-three years, 2001-2003
- *Director and teacher of The Shalom Schools Parent/Baby group for kids 6 months through three years, 2004.

PRE-SCHOOL

- *Music Specialist at Growing Light Montessori, 2004.
- *Head teacher at Gan Shalom Preschool, 1997-2004
 - Created and implemented original curricula in music, science, art, puppetry, and Judaica
- *Pre-school Music and Puppet Specialist, 1998-present
- *Substitute preschool teacher, East Bay Schools, 1996-1997
- *Pre-school teacher at Salmon Creek School, Garberville, 1994-1995
- *Nanny for a family of six children, Israel, 1996.
- *Lifeguard and swimming instructor at the YMCA, teaching ages 3–adult, 1988-1992

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- *2nd grade Hebrew schoolteacher, 2003-present
- *5th grade teacher at Kehilla community Hebrew school, 2000-2001
- *Substitute Hebrew schoolteacher for Bay area schools, 2000-2004
- *Created and taught puppetry after-school programs focusing on community building and conflict resolution at Oakland Hebrew Day School and Tehiya Day School, 2002-2004
- *Designed and implemented after-school drum class at Tehiya Day School, 2003-2004
- *Primary substitute in Montessori classroom grades 3-5, Novus School, 2001-2003
- *Developed a nature program for at-risk youth, Santa Barbara, 1994

ADULT EDUCATION

*Led staff training workshops on circle time activities at the Shalom School in San Francisco. September, 2004 and 2005.

*Workshop presenter for teachers, East Bay Jewish Early Child Educators conference: Incorporating puppetry in the classroom, Rest Time and Circle Time. 2002, 2003, 2004.

*Engaged in formal and informal parent education as director and teacher of the Itty Bitty Kiddie Gym and The Shalom School Parent/Baby group. 2003

- Compiled parent education articles

- Led discussions on parenting issues including, bedtime rituals, temperament, discipline, learning styles, music and language acquisition, and brain development.

*Facilitated a Breema workshop for Birth Assistants, 2005

*Taught Breema bodywork at the Breema Center in Oakland, 1999

*Created a Breema workshop at the Laughing Momma Studio in Fairfax, 2000

*Assistant teacher for a 200-hour, month-long massage training at the Kripalu Center, Lenox Massachusetts. Assisted students with body mechanics, Swedish massage strokes, emotional release and conscious communication techniques. 2002

*Counselor at Livnot U'Lehibanot (a work study program for adults ages 18-31 in Israel), 1995

- Coordinated work schedules, led songs and activities, prepared meals, acted as liaison between staff and participants, counseled individuals, and mediated conflicts.

VOLUNTEER WORK

*Introduced massage to low-income senior citizens at The Center for Elder's Independence, 1997

*Volunteered as a massage therapist for low-income clients and AIDS patients, Quan Yin Healing Center, San Francisco, 1997

*Worked as a Massage therapist, receptionist, and cashier at the National Holistic Institute massage clinic, 1997

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

*Professional Musician: guitarist, vocalist, drummer, and Children's music recording artist with four CD's

*Free-lance puppeteer.

* Drum and Guitar teacher for adults and children

- *Founder, writer, producer, director, puppeteer, and musician for two theater groups: "Queen Esther and Miriam", and "The Puppet Players": a multi-media puppet theatre troupe
- *Professional artist specializing in watercolors and gouache
- *Organizer of Kids' program in Chicago—facilitated creation of a theater show with more than one hundred kids, June 2001
- *Puppet specialist at Eclipse Dance Theater Camp, 2002-2004.
- *Organized and led High Holiday kids' services and programs at Chochmat Ha Lev and the Coast-side Jewish community, 20002-2004

EDUCATION

- *Enrolled in a Master's program in Pre and Peri-natal Psychology at the Santa Barbara Graduate Institute.
- *Music Together Teacher Training, 2004
- *B.A. Degree, Religious Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara, Dean's Honor list, June 1994
- *12 units of E.C.E., including coursework linking the mental health field and child- care
- *Spanish Language course in Todos Santos, Guatemala, April 2002
- *Attended the California Association for Early Childhood Educators Conference for 4 years.
- * Completed level 1 and 2 Sandtray-worldplay therapy with Gisela Schuback DiDominico
- *Heartwood Institute: 230 hours, Polarity Therapy, Body-Mind, Breath-work, 1995
- *National Holistic Institute: 720 hours, Holistic Health Educator certificate. 1997
- *The Breema Center, 500+hours, certified practitioner and instructor, 1997-present