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SUMMARY

Highly motivated, using digital tools to instill a love of learning within every child. Innovative by applying digital tools to enhance, extend, and redefine student learning, meeting and exceeding curriculum goals. Detail and results oriented. Collaborative, works as a Team Player to get the job done. Instrumental in gearing the organization forward to reach new heights. Works with diverse populations and cultures in various day school settings.

EXPERIENCE

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

SINAI Schools, Teaneck & Livingston, NJ 2016- present
Solomon Schechter School of Queens, Flushing, NY 2013 - 2016

- **Research** – Researching educational digital tools via social media, reading online reviews, beta testing, or networking with other educators.
- **Mentor** – Practicing the Appreciative Coaching method, providing coaching and mentoring to teachers in order to accomplish curriculum goals. Teachers gained confidence in their use of various digital tools and were able to use them in the classroom which led to increased levels of student engagement.
- **Implementation and Integration of Educational Technology** – Provides digital tools to redefine student learning in order to help them reach their potential, making it possible to extend learning beyond the walls of the classroom.
- **Collaborates** – with Head of School and other Administration Team members within the school to infuse technology into the educational areas of the school.
- **Develops professional learning opportunities** – designed to support faculty in the design, development and delivery of curriculum and instruction with computer-mediated communications.

TEACHER

Bais Yaakov Elementary School for Girls, Baltimore, MD 2006 – 2013
Margolin Hebrew Academy, Memphis, Tenn. 2003 – 2004

- With the proper integration of educational technology, not only did levels of student engagement increase, but there was also strengthening of students' level of comprehension skills in the area of Chumash comprehension.

CONFERENCE PRESENTER

The following are a sampling of conferences at which I have presented.

June 2014 & 2016 SMART Technologies - ISTE Trade Show Teacher Denver, CO

Trade Show Teacher and Presenter for SMART Technologies for the ISTE Conference

- Informal demos in the SMART booth, where teachers have the opportunity to explore SMART products and see practical classroom examples, lessons, and resources
- Speaking one-on-one with other teachers and administrators about how uses of SMART products and the benefits, outcomes and results from implementing technology in the classroom

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CONFERENCE PRESENTER – CONTINUED

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| January 2016 | FETC 2016 Conference Presenter
<i>Partnership for Change: Principal and Ed-Tech Coach</i> | Orlando, FL |
| May 2014 | GOOGLE Camp Presenter
<i>Presenter to fellow Educational Technologists</i> | Troy, NY |
| July 2013 | Center for Jewish Education Tech Boot Camp
<i>Teaching Educators about the following tools and how to integrate them in their classrooms</i> | Baltimore, MD |
- This includes: Social networking, Digital Citizenship, iPad tips and tricks, Educational apps, Google Apps for Education, Various web-tools for presentation and content creation, Screen casting, Podcasts, and Vodcasts

EDUCATION / TRAINING

- **Certificate in School Leadership, Yeshiva University, New York, NY** July 2016
Nurturing Positive Faculty Culture, 21st Century Learning, Blended Learning, Budgeting and Finance, Parent Partnerships
- **Certificate in Blended and Online Learning, Yeshiva University, New York NY** July 2014
Principles, Standards, and Assessment of Online Blended Instruction; Online/Blended Course Design and Development, Online/Blended Instruction and Facilitation
- **Certificate in Educational Technology, Yeshiva University, New York, NY** July 2013
Introduction to Educational Technology Integration, Teaching with Technology, Educational Technology Practicum
- **Master of Arts in Teaching (K-8), The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN** December 2005
- **Elementary Education Certification (K-8), TN State Dept of Education** May 2005
- **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, NJ** June 1998

CERTIFICATIONS AND AWARDS IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

- SMART Technologies SCET (SMART Certified Education Trainer) (2015)
- SMART Technologies SMART amp Champ, March 2015
- Certified Google Apps Educator, January 2015
- Recipient of Legacy Heritage Fund SMART Board Grant, April 2014
- Certified Trainer in SMART Notebook, & Response SMART Technologies
- SMART Certified Lesson Developer (2012)
- SMART Exemplary Educator
- [2011 Winner of the JumpStart Classroom Grant, DYMO/MIMIO](#)
- 2011 Winner of the Extron Pole Vault System, Extron Electronics

EDUCATIONAL BLOGS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

- Climbing the Ladder of Educational Technology <http://edtechmorah.blogspot.com>
- Guest blogger for Technology for Children with Special Needs, Maryland Learning Links <http://olms.cte.jhu.edu/olms2/6325>
- Guest reviewer and blogger for Teachers with Apps <http://teacherswithapps.com/>
- Blog posts featured on SMART Technologies EdBlog <http://edblog.smarttech.com/?s=rebecca+simon>
- App Reviewer for YU 2.0 Ning
- Digital Portfolio <http://rebeccasimon.wixsite.com/edtechportfolio>

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- International Society of Technology in Education (ISTE)
- Member of NYCIST (New York City Independent School Technologists)