

Curriculum Vitae

Rabbi Alona Lisitsa

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Academic Education:

2016 Ph.D., Tel Aviv University, Talmud and Ancient Texts

1999-2004 Rabbinic studies, HUC-JIR, Jerusalem; ordained at Nov, 2004

1999-2004 M.A. in Jewish Studies, HUC-JIR, Jerusalem

2000-2004 M.A. in Talmud and Halakha, Schechter Rabbinic Seminary and Institute for Jewish Studies (JTS)

1995-2000 M.A. in English Linguistics, Hebrew University in Jerusalem

Summer, 1995 Spanish Embassy Scholarship for Summer Studies of Spanish Language and Culture, Madrid State University

1991-1994 B.A. in English linguistics and Spanish and Latin-American Literature, Hebrew University in Jerusalem

1988-1991 Kiev State Institute for Foreign Languages Teachers

Courses:

1999-2000 Community Workers' Course, Communities' Department, IMPJ and Zipori Center, Jerusalem

1997-1999 Selected Courses in Jewish Studies and Community Workers' Course, Schechter Rabbinic Seminary and Institute for Jewish Studies (JTS)

1995-7 History of Jerusalem Course, Yad Itzhak Ben Zvi Institute, Jerusalem

1994-1998 Various courses in Jewish Studies, Intercultural Gaps and Group Counseling, MELITZ, Jewish Agency for Israel and King David Tower Museum

1992-3 Educators and Group Counselors' for Informal Education Frameworks Course, MELITZ

Working Experience:

2014 Sponsoring rabbi for Spain and Portugal, the EUBD

2014 Executive editor of the new Israeli Reform siddur

2008 Director of Internship and Rabbinic Mentoring at Israeli Rabbinic Program, HUC-JIR, Jerusalem

2007 Teaching Halakha and Tanaitic midrash at Israeli Rabbinic Program, and Rabbinic Texts and Liturgy at Year-in Israel Program, HUC-JIR, Jerusalem
2005 Tfilah Counseling at Israeli Rabbinic Program, HUC-JIR, Jerusalem
2004-2008 HUC FSU Projects Coordinator
2002-2007 Rabbi at kibbutz Yahel
2002-3 Student-rabbi at junior school Tali Bait vaGan, Jerusalem
1999-2001 New Immigrants' Education Department Director, IMPJ
1997- 9 Community worker and Youth Movement Branch Director in "Hinnenu Kan" Conservative Congregation, Ashkelon
1994-9 Short missions in the FSU for the Jewish Agency for Israel and WUPJ as youth and students' camp and seminars director
1995-7 Youth and adults' group leading and counseling, MELITZ and King David Tower Museum; youth counselor at community centers
1994-6 Counselor at Gesher and Joint Israel, Buncher Program
1992-4 Youth Counselor and English teacher, Neve Yakov Community Center, Jerusalem

Volunteering:

2015 – Board member of the Project Kehser
2014- 2015 teaching for the conversion for the European Beit Din, candidates from Spain and Portugal
2008 ICCI Board member
2008 -2012 Kamatz (Mevaseret Zion congregation) Board member
2004 - 2011 Member of the Secretary of Maram (Israeli Rabbinic Counsel)
2004 -2012 Maram's representative at IRAC stirring committee
2004-2008 Israeli representative at WRN

High Holiday visiting rabbi experience abroad:

2015 Reform Havura, Madrid
2014 Bet Januká, Rota, Beit Emunah, Oviedo, Spain
2013 Atid Congregation, Barcelona, Spain
2008 Rodef Shalom Congregation, Mumbai, India
2007 Beith Israel Synagogue, Oranjestad, Aruba
2002, and 2004 Beit Knesset Shalom Congregation, Brisbane, Australia

Languages: Hebrew, Russian, English, Spanish

Publications:

"The servant of God is alone. Free...", (poetry), Dror: the platform to advance freedom and responsibility in Israel, the IMPJ library, 2014.

"She comes ready", (poetry), Immersing in words: articles, stories and experience of the mikve, (eds. M. Prince, E. Gerber-Eran), Yahel center, 2014.

Parashat haMayim: Immersion in Water as an Opportunity for Renewal and Spiritual Growth, eds. A. Lisitsa. D. Marx. M. Leibovich, T. Duvdevani, Hakibbutz Hameuhad Pub. House, IMPJ, 2011

Women' health in Jewish ancient and modern texts, ed. A. Lisitsa (Russian, English), Project Keshet: Beit Bina –Women' health, Moscow, 2010

The gates of pardon aren't closed -- Things that prevent "Tshuva", 2010: www.hagim.org.il

Torah weekly portion: Matot- Massaei, 2010: <http://saloon.co.il/parasha/?p=32>

Four sons, a study for Passover in Russian, 2010: www.hagim.org.il

Hadassah or Esther? A beit-midrash study in Russian, 2010: www.hagim.org.il

Tikkun for Tu beShvat for women' groups, 2010, www.hagim.org.il

Stories and Messages, Hannukah, 2009, www.hagim.org.il

Women' health in Jewish ancient and modern texts, ed. A. Lisitsa (Russian, English), Project Keshet: Beit Bina –Women' health, Moscow, 2009

The attitude towards the elderly in Jewish sources, IRAC, 2004,
www.agenda.org.il/info/pages/ploral.doc

Publications in press:

"Redeeming Our Souls", *The Jerusalem Report*, 10th of October, 2011.

"Growing Pains", *The Jerusalem Report*, 11th of October, 2010.

Torah weekly portion, Pinhas, Shalom radio, 02.07.10

"The Sanctity of the Animal Soul", *The Jerusalem Report*, 26th of April, 2010.

"The night dreams of Shavuot", *y-net news*, 2008

"Tu beShvat in Israel", *Mifgash: an encounter with one another*, 25, UJC of Latin America and Caribbean, January, 2008.