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PROFILE:

As a social activist, I have devoted my life to the public in various spheres. I was among the leaders who organized a quiet revolution to establish quality institutions for Sephardic students in Israel in order to circumvent the problem of discrimination and alleviate their difficulties in admission to appropriate institutions. During the course of my life, I was involved in many battles waged for the second Israel through those close to Gedolai Israel; among them the Rosh Yeshiva of Ponevezh, Rabbi Barch Dov Stefanski, Shlita, the Rosh Yeshiva of Porat, Rabbi Shalom Cohen, Shlita and the Chief Rabbis of Israel: Rabbi Shlomo Moshe Amar, Shlita and Rabbi Yona Metzger, Shlita. As one of the associates of Aryeh Der, I set up headquarters for advocacy and a protest tent for him together with Rabbi Uri Zohar. Over the years, I was involved in the fight for child allowance led by Knesset Member, Meir Porush.

Since the founding of Carmei Ha'ir, I have been engrossed in intensive fundraising activities to support the philanthropic activities. In the last decade, my time has been divided between Israel and the United States.

Through these obligations, I have proven my ability in the capacity of initiation, organization and management of large, complex projects.

Beyond this, I am a volunteer in the Burial Society of the Askenazi and Sephardic Committee of Jerusalem.

EXPERIENCE:

1990 Established the "Knesset Shalom" Yeshiva for Sephardic students from distinguished homes.

1994 Established the "Emra Daat" Yeshiva for excelling Sephardic students from distinguished homes.

1995-7 Managed "Emra Daat" Yeshiva while continuing studies there

1997-8 Established "Magen David" Yeshiva in the Hashmonean Settlement.

This is a yeshiva of higher learning for excelling Sephardic students from distinguished homes.

Worked as an instructor and lecturer at the yeshiva

The yeshivas mentioned above were opened as part of the revolution of establishing high caliber learning institutions for excelling students from distinguished Sephardi homes.

1999- Director of yeshiva section of the "Maayan Toranete Education Center" - a Network of high schools for boys and girls established throughout Israel.

2001 Further participation in the continuation of the revolution to include the establishment of primary schools for girls and boys. Further yeshivas, high schools and seminars were initiated. The need for Sephardic parents to send children to boarding school at an early age was drastically reduced.

2002-3 .The establishment of Toranete centers of learning in Modi'n and nearby communities under the auspices of "Lma'yan Achai"

Acting Torani Project Director and Coordinator for "Lma'yan Achai" and representative for the Wolfson Foundation who funded the project.