

## Curriculum Vita of Mira (Miriam) Angrist

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| <b>EDUCATION:</b> | Post Graduate Studies, 2004-5 | Hebrew University<br>Melton Center for<br>Jewish Education<br>Jerusalem, Israel |
|                   | M.S.W. 1987                   | Rutgers University<br>School Of Social Work<br>New Brunswick, NJ                |
|                   | B.S.W. 1985                   | Hebrew University<br>School Of Social Work<br>Jerusalem, Israel                 |

### WORK EXPERIENCE IN HEBREW INSTRUCTION

#### **Boston University, Department of Modern Languages and Comparative Literature 2008-present.**

*Lecture in Hebrew and Head of the Hebrew program*, Teaching courses for novice, intermediate and advanced levels. Developed three new courses: novice accelerated course (LH 139) and two advanced courses entitled "Israeli Popular Music" (LH330) and "Israeli Culture through Media" (LH340). Revised fifth semester course (LH 311). Participated in and presented at Department language workshops and new staff orientation. Collaborated with other language instructors on proposing topics to MaFLA and ACTFL. A member of the CETLI seed grant group to develop online language courses. A member of the search committee for the Head of the Russian program. Organized events for the Hebrew program, such as film festivals, Open Mic Night, guest speakers and holiday parties.

#### **Hebrew College, Hebrew Language Program and Prozdor High School, Newton MA 2005-present.**

*Hebrew Language Instructor* for adult learners (Ulpan) and for courses at all levels.

*Director of Hebrew Program, Prozdor Complementary High School* with enrollment of 600 students. Developed a new Hebrew curriculum based on the proficiency approach, provided in-service professional development workshops for Hebrew teachers, and mentored 15 Hebrew teachers.

#### **Union For Reform Judaism (URJ), Department of Lifelong Jewish Learning, New York**

**2000-2011**

***Consultant in Hebrew Instruction.*** Training Hebrew teachers in URJ curricula. Presenting and facilitating workshops at national conferences. Producing a bi-monthly newsletter for teachers. (<http://archive.urj.net/educate/teacheducate/dafkeshet>).

See also my web page:

[http://urj.org//learning/teacheducate/hebrew//?syspage=article&item\\_id=2837](http://urj.org//learning/teacheducate/hebrew//?syspage=article&item_id=2837)

**Israeli Complementary School (K-8), Lexington MA 2009-2011.**

***Director.*** Revised Hebrew curriculum for the entire school, mentored Hebrew staff, organized school events, and collaborated with Jewish organizations, such as Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP).

**Rashi Jewish Day School, Newton MA 1997-2007.**

***Hebrew Teacher.*** Mentored teachers, conducted in-service workshops for Hebrew teachers, and planned school events related to Israeli culture and Hebrew language.

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN HEBREW INSTRUCTION****ACTFL and Hebrew At The Center, Newton MA 2005-2007 & 2011-present.**

Attended workshops led by Prof. Vardit Ringvald (Brandeis) and Ms. Lipton (Hebrew at the Center) on The Proficiency Approach to Hebrew Instruction and OPI.

**Hebrew University, Melton Center for Jewish Education, Jerusalem, Israel 2004-2005.**

Year-long coursework with Professors Navo and Olstein, on Concepts and Methodology of Teaching Hebrew as a Foreign Language, and Professional Development Models in Hebrew Education.

**Hebrew College, Newton MA Summer 2005.**

Attended workshops led by Hilla Kobliner (a well known Hebrew text book author ) on Teaching NETA (new Hebrew curriculum) to Middle and High School Students.

**Hebrew University School for Overseas Students, Jerusalem, Israel 1981.**

Served as summer Ulpan instructor, and attended workshops led by Hilla Kobliner on Hebrew Instruction for College Students.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

Massachusetts Foreign Language Association (MaFLA)

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)  
 National Association of Professors of Hebrew (NAPH)  
 Union for Reform Judaism (URJ)  
 Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education (CAJE)  
 National Association of Temple Educators (NATE)  
 A member of Hebrew COP (Community of Practice) led by Prof. Grinvald

## **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

Dec 2011: Presentation of workshop for Hebrew teachers at Metro West Jewish Day School, Framingham, MA, on Evaluating Student Performance.

Oct 2011: Presentation at MaFLA, on Playing with Hebrew Language and Warm-up Activities before Beginning a Language Lesson.

Sep 2011: Presentation of a series of workshops for Hebrew teachers at Prozdor, on The Proficiency Approach to Hebrew Instruction (Co-leader with an ACTFL trainer).

Feb 2011: Webinar presentation on What Hebrew Teachers Need to Know - The Relationship Between Knowledge and Practice. <http://urj.org/learning/meetings/webinars/archive/>

Aug 2008: Presentation at CAJE on Making Hebrew Come Alive.

Nov 2007: Keynote speaker at BARTE (Boston Association for Reform Temple Educators), on Expanding Hebrew Beyond the Classroom.

June 24-26, NAPH in NY “Online homework assignments to promote productive skills”

April 24-27, 2014 NCOLCTL (National Conference of Less Commonly Taught Languages) in Chicago “Enhancing and Sustaining Quality Outcomes for LCTLs Through the Use of Technology”.

## **PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS**

Assessing students' language performance, curriculum writing, integrating technology into Hebrew learning and modalities in professional development.