

# LOREN SHEVITZ

## OBJECTIVE

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To help people make the best decisions in their process of making a spiritual journey by moving to Israel.

## JEWISH EXPERIENCE

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2008-present     Anshe Emet Synagogue ([ansheemet.org](http://ansheemet.org))  
Chicago, IL

### *Music Teacher*

- Teach Jewish and Israeli music to children ranging from junior kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Have also worked at other synagogues teaching music and Hebrew

### *Professional High Holy Day Choir*

- Sing in the professional High Holy Day Choir for services

### *Young Adult Division (2001-present)*

- Lead services occasionally, attend and help plan activities

1994-95     Project Otzma ([www.projectotzma.org](http://www.projectotzma.org)) All across Israel

### *Volunteer: Kibbutz, Immigrant Absorption Centers., Livnot U'lehibanot, Gadna, educational seminars*

- Taught English to native Israeli and immigrant children and teenagers
- Spoke Hebrew extensively, especially during 2-3 month stays each in Ashdod and Nazareth Illit where little English was spoken
- Worked with a psychologist on a study in learning motivation between Russian *olim* and *sabras*
- Participated in *gadna* for a week
- Did Livnot for 3 weeks in Jerusalem and Tzfat
- Travelled around the country for work and pleasure
- Was assigned to an "adoptive family" in Yehud; spent time there during vacation

2005     Congregation Solel     Highland Park, IL

### *Choir Director*

- Directed Adult Choir for Shabbat, holiday, and Days of Awe

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services

- Prepared music and distributed it electronically to choir members

1996-present Shircago ([www.shircago.com](http://www.shircago.com))  
Chicago, IL

*Founder, Director*

- Research, select, and arrange music to perform in a cappella style
- Teach music and run rehearsals
- Produced three albums
- Selected for first-ever Best of Jewish A Cappella (BOJAC) album ([www.bojac.org](http://www.bojac.org))
- Two-time National Quarterfinalist for Harmony Sweepstakes ([www.harmony-sweeps.com](http://www.harmony-sweeps.com))

1996-2002 Newberger Hillel Center Chicago, IL

*Coffeehouse series*

- Created a series of variety shows featuring talent throughout Chicago
- Emceed & performed in shows

*Reform Chavurah*

Periodic music leader in Shabbat services

1993-94 Hillel University of Michigan

*Reform Chavurah*

- Led services; coordinated music

OTHER EXPERIENCE

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2003-present Various Retirement Homes & Senior Centers  
Chicagoland

*Entertainer*

- Sing and play piano for Chicagoland's elderly

EDUCATION

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1996-2002 University of Chicago Chicago, IL

- M.S., Computer Science.
- Also studied Social Sciences & Music

1990-94 University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI

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- B.A., Psychology from Residential College (entails additional requirements)
- Sophomore Honors Award
- Founding member of Kol HaKavod, U-M's Jewish a cappella ensemble

1986-90      Andover High School      Bloomfield Hills, MI

- Varsity Debate Team
- National Merit Finalist
- National Honor Society

1982-90      Temple Kol Ami ([www.tkolami.org](http://www.tkolami.org)) West Bloomfield, MI

- Graduated from Religious High School
- Affirmation
- Religious Vice President of Kol Ami Temple Youth
- Bar Mitzvah

#### MISC.

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- Trilingual (English, Hebrew, Spanish)
- Member of Mensa