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WORK EXPERIENCE

Solomon, Sherman and Gabay, Intern

June 2021 - June 2022

I interned for an attorney. I was full time last summer and am working a few hours per week during the year. Please see the additional information section on page 4

Embassy of Sri Lanka, Assistant to the Honorary Consul to Sri Lanka

July 2021 - June 2022

I work closely with the Sri Lankan embassy. Please see the additional information section on page 4

Rise Against Hate, Intern

November 2020 - June 2022

I intern for Rise Against Hate (RAH), a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about racism and civil rights, investigating racial disparities, providing public awareness in law, and standing up to hate wherever we see it. At RAH, I have done extensive research on a wide array of topics, including wage disparity, voter turnout, use of police force, ways to reduce police bias, and the recent rise of Anti-Semitism in America and around the world. I have also put in over 30 hours into pioneering a sub-branch of RAH called Fighting Anti-Semitism, and I am currently working on a solo project to create a website for Fighting Anti-Semitism that is user friendly, informative, and helpful.

Have Faith Haiti Mission, Volunteer

February 2021- July 2022

My father and I went down to the Have Faith Haiti Mission in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, with Mitch Albom, a philanthropist and renown author, who runs and supports the mission. While there, I had the opportunity to live amongst and meet all 47 kids at the mission and become a part of their family. I ran and taught magic workshops and seminars to many of the kids, and used magic, one of my passions, to teach the important lesson that anything truly worth learning takes hard work and commitment. I also used magic to develop connections and relationships with the children (between the ages of 3 and 19), have fun with them, and inspire them to be the best versions of themselves. I also acted as an English tutor and reviewed and edited their essays and homework. Another role I had while there was as an assistant to my father, Dr. Victor Mellul, by helping him examine, chart, and treat

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

First Year Ambassador (Freshman Ambassador at the Slifka Center)

President of the NCSY greater Philadelphia Region (10th grade –present)

Co-President of Model U.N. (12th grade)

Co-President of Mock Trial (12th grade)

President of Jewish Student Union (10th grade–present)

Senior Patrol Leader (highest leadership position) of my Boy Scout Troop. (11th grade–present)

- Will achieve rank of Eagle Scout this year (12th grade)

Vice President of Reach Out and Read (10th & 11th grades)

President of Senator Ben Cardin Jewish Scholars Program (10th grade)

President and Founder of Magic Club (10th grade)

Varsity Tennis Captain (12th grade)

LANGUAGES

English, French, Hebrew: Fluent, Read, Write

Spanish: Proficient, Read

AWARDS/Achievements

Harvard Dataverse Research Citation: One of ten researchers on the published Waterford Township Police Use of Force study (11)

the children and staff at the mission for tropical and cutaneous diseases. And, I performed magic tricks for the younger children to make them feel comfortable as the experience of getting examined can certainly be overwhelming.

Kars 4 Kids, Intern

July 2020 - Present

I intern for Kars 4 Kids affiliate, Oorah. Over the summer, I gained valuable leadership and business skills while helping manage and provide logistical support for Oorah's Zone country retreat. Currently, I am working closely with Oorah on a weekly basis to develop and strengthen the valuable skills in business and leadership I acquired over the summer as part of the training.

The Franklin Institute, Volunteer

June 2019 - August 2019

In the summer going into tenth grade, I had a fantastic time volunteering for the Franklin Institute as a counselor at the Discovery Camp and assisting with museum exhibits. Discovery Camp is a place for kids to explore their inner scientist and develop the skills and confidence they need to pursue a career in the field of science. I spent over 180 hours volunteering at the museum, not including the hour long commute each way – and every single minute was worth it. I loved helping the kids out on their epic science journeys and teaching them about science and how much fun it is. I loved leading activities and fostering my camper's curiosity. While I did teach specific science concepts to my campers, I emphasized teaching them the skills required to be good scientists and tried to inspire them to be the best they could be. I used my love of magic to entertain all of the kids at the camp, and even my colleagues, with some of my favorite magic tricks. I built close relationships with my campers, and taught them to be confident in themselves.

Dermatology and Skin Care Associates, Office Coordinator

June 2018 - Present

I have worked as an assistant, coordinator, and intern for my father's medical practice since the summer before seventh grade. I have spent countless hours over the last seven years filing charts, learning how the business is run and operated, and learning about medicine.

EDUCATION

Yale University

August 2025- June 2029

I am currently a Freshman at Yale University. I intend on double majoring in Ethics Politics and Economics (EP&E) and Psychology. I am currently taking 5 classes, even though the standard at Yale for first semester Freshmen is only 4.

Yeshivat Hakotel

August 2022- June 2025

Although I was admitted to Yale for the fall semester of 2022, I decided to further my religious studies for three years at Yeshivat Hakotel. Yeshivat Hakotel is a

The President's Volunteer Service

Award (Gold): Earned this award for the volunteer work and research I do with Rise Against Hate (12)

Rabbi Herman J. Zwillenberg History

Award: Awarded to a student who displays outstanding academic achievement and superior intellectual promise in the field of history (11)

Harvard Book Award: Awarded to an outstanding student who demonstrates excellence in scholarship and achievement in other non-academic areas (11)

Jewish Philosophy Award: Awarded to a student who exemplifies the best of the theory and practice of Jewish Philosophy (11)

Kohelet Scholar with Distinction: Awarded for outstanding scholarship (11)

A Honor Roll at Cherry Hill East (9&10)

Model United Nations: Best Position Paper (I received this award as a novice) (11)

Cherry Hill East Boys Tennis Sectional Champion: Sectional Champion for tennis (9th)

Audience Choice Award: Won the award for the audience's favorite film for Names Not Numbers at my local film festival (8th)

rigorous Talmudic studies program located in the heart of Jerusalem. While I was in Hakotel I was part of the two-year leadership program. I ran the Public Speaking Network (PSN) dedicated to improving public speaking and presentation skills for the students of the yeshiva.

Kohelet Yeshiva Highschool

September 2020 - June 2022

GPA: 5.11 Weighted (5.0 scale) & 4.21 Unweighted (4.0 scale)

I attended Kohelet and took 4 AP classes in my senior year (the maximum allowed is 2 and in special cases 3). Despite the 1.5 hour commute each way, and 12+ hour days, I loved school and am still committed to being the best student I can be.

Cherry Hill High School East

September 2018 - June 2020

GPA: 7.0 Weighted (7.0 scale) & 4.0 Unweighted (4.0 scale)

I attended Cherry Hill East for my freshman and sophomore years. I was ranked number 1 in my class, participated in a myriad of clubs, and played Junior Varsity tennis as a Freshman. Due to COVID-19, we did not have a tennis season my Sophomore year.

PROJECTS

Yachad Siddur Initiative — *Community Service Project*

January 2021 - March 2021

Worked with a special needs Jewish High Schooler and learned about Jewish prayer texts and their meaning with him.

Reach Out and Read — *Club Book Drive for Children*

November 2019 - February 2020

I co-founded a club where we organized a book drive and collected over 5,000 books for underserved children and children in hospitals.

School Liaison to Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum

April 2018- June 2018

My teachers selected me to write the introductory essay for the school compilation of Holocaust poems. I was also chosen to present the poems at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Israel on behalf of my school (Kellman Brown Academy), placed in the Yad Vashem archives.

Names Not Numbers — *Holocaust Documentary*

September 2017 - March 2018

This documentary was composed of the stories of four Holocaust survivors. I had the pleasure and honor to interview Ms. Nella Glick and preserve her story in history. As a part of this process, I worked closely with two of my peers to draft the questions, learn the filming techniques (and how to use the equipment), and do all

the editing in order to create the documentary.

Book Mates

September 2015 - June 2018

Reading program with underprivileged kids at the KIPP Lanning Square School in Camden.

Better Together

September 2015 - June 2017

I worked with the elderly to teach them how to better use technology such as ipads and the different features that come with them.

Additional Information Section

Intern for Solomon, Sherman & Gabay and Assistant to Honorary Consul of Sri Lanka

In the summer of 2021 I interned for David Sherman, managing partner at Solomon, Sherman & Gabay, and served as his assistant in his work as Honorary Consul of Sri Lanka. My duties for the firm included preparing clients for depositions by asking them detailed questions to paint a clear picture, both for the client and the record, of the events that occurred and the impact they had on the client's life. I regularly sat in on, and in some cases participated in, depositions, arbitrations, and court hearings.

Mr. Sherman recruited me to work directly with the embassy of Sri Lanka and assist him in his role of Honorary Consul. I worked closely with a number of high-level members of the Sri Lankan delegation, in particular the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Commerce. It's been an amazing experience to have the opportunity to learn about an entirely new culture and about how business contracts are negotiated. I researched and identified the best American companies for Sri Lanka to consider doing business with, (including Zapico and AMETEK), and which business sectors (i.e., herbs, coconut products, tea, etc..) would be most profitable to enter. I also communicated closely with many local institutions and crafted monthly reports that were discussed at meetings with the ambassador. Additionally, I lobbied the offices of Congressman Scott Perry and Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan, both well-respected members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee at the time, to communicate and coordinate Sri Lanka's position on House Resolution 413.

Working for Mr. Sherman was an incredible experience, and one for which I am truly grateful. It has shown me what being a lawyer really entails, what true diplomacy looks like, and above it taught me the importance of integrity.

Intern for Rise Against Hate

Harvard Dataverse research citation link:

<https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/SMBNIB>