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**Experience\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Nehirim** *Executive Director* March 2013-Present

**P’nai Or of Portland,** *Rabbi* 2011-Present

**Pnei HaSadeh,** *Founding Spiritual Leader*2007-2011

**ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal** *Executive Director* 2004-2011

*Director of Organizing and Development* 2003-2004

**Independent consultant to non-profits and unionized companies** 1995-2003

**Community Service\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

• Five years as National Coordinator of BiNet USA: National Bisexual Network

• Facilitated NGLTF’s National Religious Leadership Roundtable from 1988 until 2004

• Managed a national bisexual clearinghouse

• Conducted Bisexual Awareness Training for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Human Rights Campaign, and the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network

• Represented BiNet USA at the NGLTF National Policy Roundtable

• Conducted dozens of workshops on bisexuality and social justice

• Conducted dozens of workshops on bisexuality and spirituality

• Facilitated bisexual support groups and leadership groups of 10 to 150 people

• Spoke at over 100 local, regional and national conferences, keynoting several

• Conducted workshops for congregations on becoming welcoming of LGBT members

• Served on the board of The Interfaith Alliance of Montgomery County, and chaired the LGBT task force

• Co-led a Rosh Chodesh group (monthly Jewish women’s gathering)

• Participated in the lay leadership of a chavura (Jewish spiritual community)

• Spearheaded the ERA Countdown Campaign in Tompkins County, NY

• Organized the first bisexual support group in Philadelphia

• Led the DC BiNetwork and the DC Alliance for Multicultural Bisexuals

• Organized dozens of conferences and retreats for a variety of causes

• Facilitated organizational design of national and local organizations

• Organized dozens of fundraising events

• Implemented major institutional donor campaign

• Lobbied to educate legislators on bisexuality, and in support of ENDA

**Publications\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Zeek Magazine, 2013: Torah, ENDA and our mandate to act
* Tikkun, 2010 Article: Bisexuality: Theory and Politics
* Kerem: 2010 Article: The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Peace Makers, a drash from Rosh HaShanah
* Kerem: 2007 Article on Simchat Brit-Girl Baby Naming Ceremonies
* Entries on Bisexuality in *Homosexuality and Religion: An Encyclopedia*, 2006
* *Blessed Bi Spirit, Bisexual People of Faith*, editor, ContinuumInternational 2000
* 1988-2000 dozens of articles in Washington Blade, Friends Journal, BiNet News on bisexuality

**Education\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Rabbinic Ordination, ALEPH Rabbinic Program 2011

JD: University of Pennsylvania Law School, 1985

BS: Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, 1981