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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A diligent, patriotic national strategy professional with close to 10 years of progressive experience across a broad range of functions in the public, private, and academic sectors. Proven ability to adapt to new environments and fields, combining dedication and creativity, to optimize intelligence analysis, operational planning, and strategy development in respective places of employment. **Skills and Areas of Expertise include:**

- Intelligence Analysis
- Risk Assessment
- Interpersonal Relations
- Microsoft Office
- Dark Web
- Native English Proficiency
- Strategic Planning
- Report Writing
- Work Under Pressure
- Google Workspace
- Trading Platforms
- Full Professional Hebrew Proficiency
- Operations
- Research
- “Out-of-the-box” Thinking
- Social Media Networks
- HubSpot
- Elementary Spanish Proficiency

Interested in the fields of: national security, cultural studies, logistics, criminology, technology, foreign affairs, finance

EDUCATION

ColumbiaX (edX program of Columbia Business School) | Remote **2021**
Professional Certificate - Corporate Finance

Tel Aviv University | Tel Aviv, IL **2019 – 2020**
M.A. Political Science - Security and Diplomacy
• *Finished with a 3.8 (93) Grade Point Average*

University of Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh, USA **2010 – 2014**
B.A. Political Science - International Relations and Administration of Justice

EXPERIENCE

Project Zion - Yesod Leadership Program for Young Entrepreneurs | Jerusalem, IL **2022 – Present**
Board Member

Project Zion is a non-profit organization established in May 2022, whose focus, via spearhead program “Yesod”, is providing a platform for accelerating social entrepreneurship with the goal of producing generations of young leaders. The program recruits 18 exceptional individuals, between the ages 25-35, who display inherent leadership abilities, an inclination to entrepreneurship, and a socio-political connection to the State of Israel; over the course of 18 months, these participants develop their own original ideas for social entrepreneurship with mentoring, personal development, and venture capital assistance from Yesod.

BICI Solutions | Herzliya, IL **2021 – 2022**
Intelligence Analyst

- Collection and analysis of intelligence using OSINT, WEBINT, and HUMINT methods in accordance with the nature and objective of each case, with emphasis on legal, financial, and business information of individuals and companies of interest
- Composition of 10+ formal, written intelligence reports detailing the methodology and findings for provision to company clients
- Collaboration with Case Managers and Operations Officers in building an effective work plan and guiding the case from start to finish, in turn contributing to company profits totaling upwards of \$260,000 for 10+ cases

YW Benedict English Services – Self-Employed | Remote **2019 – Present**
Proofreader & Editor of English Content

- Proofreading and revision of professional and academic written content, e.g., cover letters, applications, CVs, essays, and reports

Institute for National Security Studies | Tel Aviv, IL **2020**
Intern

- Spearheaded the research project of mapping Iraq’s energy sector; e.g. facility details, financing, key personnel, and global impact
- Composition of weekly reports on topics of domestic politics, foreign policy, security, and economy of Iraq

Alliance Center for Iranian Studies | Tel Aviv, IL

2019 – 2020

Intern

- Strategic assessment of Iranian activity in the Middle East region under the guidance of ACIS Founding Director and development of original perspective on findings for the purpose of publishing academic work

Harvard Business School | Boston, USA

2019

Research Assistant

- Evaluation of more than 300 historical articles and subsequent data entry for economic and technological innovation research project

Embassy of Israel in Vietnam (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel) | Hanoi, VN

2017 – 2019

Deputy Chief Security Officer

- Joint supervision of all security matters related to the Embassy and diplomats in Vietnam:
 - Management of seven-person unit in matters of routine procedure and operational planning
 - Development and implementation of effective security protocols to prevent and deter potential threats
 - Preservation of Information Security and logistical handling of sensitive material
 - Maintenance of working relations with local government authorities and strategic contacts
- Operation in VIP Protection of the Ambassador and the Defense Attaché, in Vietnam and Laos
- Translation of written regulation book for the entire Israeli security apparatus from Hebrew to English

MILITARY SERVICE

Israel Defense Forces | 7056 Battalion, 226 Brigade (Paratroopers), Northern Command (Reserves) **2021 – Present**

Israel Defense Forces | 202nd Airborne, 35th Brigade (Paratroopers), Infantry Corps (Regular) **2014 – 2016**
Sergeant, Combat Paratrooper

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Gevim | Tel Aviv, IL

2019 – 2020

- Leadership program composed of weekly meetings on the topics of social initiative, community, and identity