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Education

Exceptional Minds Sherman Oaks, CA 2019 — present

- Courses: Animation, Photoshop, After Effects, VFX, 3D/Maya
- Expected graduation 2022

The Animation Academy Burbank, CA 2018 — 2019

- Courses: Character Design I & II, Visual Development I

Awards: Earned Certificates in Character Design I & II, Visual Development I

Santa Monica College Santa Monica, CA 2017 — present

- Major: Entertainment Technology • Minor: Animal-Based Therapy
- Expected graduation 2021

Yeshiva Zichron Paltiel Staten Island, NY 2016 — 2018

- Courses: Talmudic Studies

Professional Experience

Exceptional Minds Sherman Oaks, CA 2019 — present



Teacher's Assistant: Summer Workshop Animation Course
Character Animator: *"Myth-Logic"* - Collaborative Project for Animated Short



DREAMWORKS Mentorship, with Saul Blinkoff
DREAMWORKS / MyAbilities Network Attendee, Summer 2021
DREAMWORKS Seminar Series Attendee, Summers 2020 – 2021



Intro Speaker & Moderator at **nickelodeon**: Character Design Workshop



SKYDANCE ANIMATION Mentorship, with Bryan Davidson & Ariel Goldberg
SKYDANCE ANIMATION / BRIC Networking Summit: Exceptional Minds Representative



NETFLIX ANIMATION Mentorship, with Robh Ruppel



Volunteer at CTN Animation Expo



Lights! Camera! Access!: Exceptional Minds Representative



Integrate Autism Employment Advisors Inc.: Exceptional Minds Representative

Awards: Earned "Best-of" awards for:

Intro to Animation • Intro to 3D • Intermediate Animation

Staples Safari Zoo Camp Clayton, WA 2019 — present

Graphic Designer / Activity Director / Zookeeper

- Design marketing materials, manage website and social media, photo and video editing, manage and organize registration materials
- Manage and run activities, daily care of zoo animals and habitats, PADI Scuba instruction

Cali Distillery Gardena, CA 2020 — 2021

Graphic Designer

- Freelance photo editing, retouching, photography, and photomanipulation

Related Experience

Camp Gan Yisroel West North Fork, CA 2014 — 2018

Equestrian Director

- 2016-2018 • Senior Equestrian Director
- 2014-2015 • Assistant Equestrian Director
- Horse trainer, wrangler, and riding instructor

Awards: In 2016, earned *"Most Liked and Easy-going Staff Member"* award

VCA Century Veterinary Group Los Angeles, CA 2013

Veterinary Clinic Volunteer

- Daily animal care
- Assisted with surgeries

Software Fluency



Animate



Photoshop



Premiere Pro



After Effects



Maya



ZBrush



Substance Painter



DAZ Studio



Krita



Microsoft Office



Google Suite



Shotgun

Skills

2D / 3D

Character Design
Character Animation
Visual Development
Staying On-Model
Draftsmanship
Collaboration
Instruction/Teaching
Organization

Additional Experience

First-Aid/CPR Certified 2020 — present

PADI Scuba Certified 2014 — present

- 2014 • Open Water Diver
- 2019 • Advanced Open Water Diver
- 2020 • Rescue Diver
- 2021 • Specialty Diver

Kitchen Assistant at Pizza Station

- Los Angeles, CA 2019 — present
- Aid all aspects of food preparation

