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- A journalist, editor, and translator, with over 25 years' experience in news media, I believe that my editorial and managerial experience would be an asset to any news organization.
- I am passionate about current affairs and I am a firm believer in the role that news media play in informing, entertaining and engaging readers.
- As an early advocate of online news, I spearheaded my current employer's efforts to become
  a digital-first publication, shifting the emphasis from print to online, while maintaining the
  highest standards of journalistic integrity and accuracy.
- I have managed large teams of reporters, editors and graphic artists often while working against tight deadlines and, on many occasions, in a warzone atmosphere.
- I host a biweekly podcast for Haaretz, covering Israel, the Middle East and the Jewish world.
- I am proficient with all the computer tools used in the media, from pagination using InDesign, editing with InCopy and video/audio editing on a variety of platforms.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Haaretz Newspaper and Haaretz.com | May 1998 – present

During my 24 years with Haaretz, I have been responsible for the day-to-day operations of Haaretz.com and Haaretz daily newspaper's English edition, including:

- Editorial management of Haaretz.com website, including a 24-hour news desk with a team of more than 50 editors, reporters, copy editors and translators across Israel, Europe and North America.
- Supervision of online journalistic projects, including all editorial and technical aspects.
- Management of daily print edition, weekend supplements and special supplements.
- Responsibility for managing human resources and recruitment, including scheduling a news desk with more than 100 weekly shifts.

As night editor for both the Hebrew and English print editions of Haaretz, I was responsible for the editorial production of the newspaper, including the selection of articles and photographs for all pages and the design of the front page. I supervised a team of 20 editors, graphic artists and proofreaders, as well as coordinating reports from Haaretz's correspondents in the field, analysts and section editors. During this time, I also edited several supplements, including special editions for conflicts, elections and sporting events.

As Haaretz English Edition's on-staff reporter, I covered local and national news for Israel's English-speaking community and for the Haaretz.com website. During this period, I reported on national elections, sporting and community events, as well as writing features and opinion articles in English and Hebrew.

- Managing editor
- Deputy editor
- Heads of news desk
- Copyeditor
- Reporter
- Columnist
- Translator
- Podcast host

| Shomrim: The Center for I                       | Shomrim: The Center for Media and Democracy   August 2020 - Present   |  |  |
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| <ul><li>Copyeditor</li><li>Translator</li></ul> | Editing and translating news articles, features and investigative reports for Shomrim, a nonprofit and non-partisan independent news organization based in Israel. I have edited and translated articles, inter alia, on the Pandora Papers, high-level corruption in Israel and the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community. |  |  |

| Eldor Communication Technologies   January 1995 – May 1998 |  |  |
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|  | Responsible for English-language communications for one of Israel's leading security and defense suppliers of cables and fiber optics for communication infrastructures. |  |

| Academon, Hebrew University of Jerusalem   September 1992 – January 1995 |  |  |
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| <ul><li>Department<br/>Manager</li></ul>                                 | In addition to managing the academic bookstore's English-language department, I was responsible for the computer department, which supplied equipment to university staff. |  |

## **EDUCATION**

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, One-Year Program | August 1986 – May 1987

• Courses: Hebrew language; Israeli history; photography

Kibbutz Yagur, Ulpan | May-August 1986

• Three-month intensive Hebrew-language course, combined with agricultural work.

Royal Grammar School, Newcastle, UK | 1978-1986

A-levels and O-levels.

References will be provided upon request.