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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a professor at the GTU and teach Judaic Studies. My resume is attached.

I have studied the writings of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh for the past 5 (five) years and have been impressed by their profundity. He is one of the great living teachers in the world. I have used his writings in a class on Contemporary Spiritual Teachers.

He is an asset to the religious communities of this country.

Sincerely,
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Education

Hillel Academy, Perth Amboy, N.J., 1959-64;
Metuchen High School, Metuchen, N.J., 1964-68;
Prozdor Hebrew High School, Jewish Theological Seminary,
New York, N.Y., 1964-68;
Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., 1968-77
B.A., magna cum laude, 1972; M.A., 1975;
Ph.D., 1978; Near Eastern and Judaic Studies;
Dissertation: Sefer Mar'ot ha-Zove'ot by Rabbi David
ben Yehudah he-Hasid: Text and Study.
Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, 1970-71, 1977.

Employment

Brandeis University, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic
Studies, Hebrew Instructor, 1973-76;
Boston University, Department of Religion, Visiting Lecturer
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The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Oriental and
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Medieval Hebrew Literature, 1978-79;
The Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, Center for
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1979- , Director of M.A. in Jewish Studies.

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B.A., magna cum laude, Brandeis University, 1972;
Hirschfield Fellowship, Brandeis University, 1974;
National Foundation for Jewish Culture Research Grant, 1975;
National Foundation for Jewish Culture Doctoral Grant, 1976;
Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture Doctoral Grant, 1976.

Publications

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Judaic Studies, Scholars Press, 1982.
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Spirituality, Paulist Press, 1983.
"Jacob's Journey," Fiction 7 (1983).
"The Mystic and the Mizwot," A History of Jewish Spirituality,
Crossroad Press, 1984.
"Gershom Scholem and the Zohar," in a volume on Scholem edited
by Jacob Neusner, 1985.