

JEWISH FEDERATION NEWS

Meet Our New Shlichah: Adi Rodavsky



Adi Rodavsky

My name is Adi Rodavsky and I have the honor of carrying the title of the new Community Shlichah of the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte. Later this month, I will be starting my journey, which I hope will include each and every one of you.

I am 26 years old and I live in Holon, a city which lies to the immediate south of Tel Aviv. I have completed my high school studies at Mikve Israel Agricultural School, which was founded at 1870, the first agricultural school in Israel. In Mikve Israel, they educated us in the value of Zionism, working with the land; because of that, I know how to milk a cow and harvest excellent tomatoes.

When I graduated high school, I went to serve in the Israeli Navy. I made friends, sailed aboard various ships and overall, had a once in a lifetime experience. Immediately after the

army I went to study in the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, a place which has become my academic home. I have a B.A in International Relations and Journalism, a second B.A in English Literature and a teaching diploma, all achieved in the same university. I am now writing my thesis work towards my M.A degree in New Media.

In addition to studying, my other passion is teaching. I come from a family of educators: teachers, headmasters, and professors. Once I finished my teaching diploma, I went to teach in the only place I considered home, Mikve Israel. Coming back to teach in the school I learned at with the staff who taught me was an amazing experience. I teach English and English literature and I specialize in the classes other teachers mistakenly label as "challenging." I also teach B.A students as part of my work as a T.A. Many people

are very surprised when I tell them I prefer passionate, unruly teenagers to well behaved B.A students.

I am an only child to two amazing individuals. My mother taught elementary school children for over 25 years before retiring and my father has worked all his life for the IDF. Most of our family lives in the UK. Despite being an only child, my parents have always raised me to be independent and pursue my passions and ambitions.

Having a family who lives abroad was my first connection to Jewish people who do not live in Israel. This connection deepened during my high school years when I worked with groups of Jewish teenagers who came to learn about agricultural schools in Israel and during my military service when I worked with students from the Birthright project.

That is all about me in a nutshell, I am looking forward to meeting all of you and getting to know at least this much about each and every one of you. I have no doubt that my time in Charlotte will be an eye-opening and educating experience for me. I hope that during our work we will teach and learn from one another; that, in my opinion is the best way to form and strengthen connections. Until then, I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer. ✨

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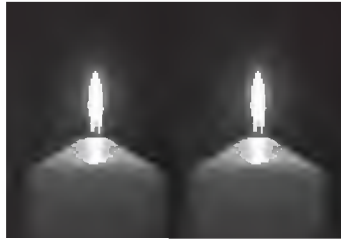
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