AHARON N. VARADY

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EDUCATION

SUNY Binghamton, Harper College **1996**
- History major; Geology and Judaic Studies minors. Phi Alpha Theta & Golden Key honor societies

Drexel University, Library & Information Science **1997**
- Volunteer archivist for the Philomathean Society at the University of Pennsylvania

University of Cincinnati, DAAP College **2004**
- Master of Community Planning, specializing in Planning and Neighborhood History

Jewish Theological Seminary, William Davidson Graduate School of Education **2013**
- Master of the Arts in Jewish Education, Naomi Prawer summer Yiddish program at Tel Aviv University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director | *The Open Siddur Project* **2009 –2023**
- Developing workflows and standards for volunteer collaboration in transcription and translation
- Authoring technical documentation, how-to and style guides, and transliteration options
- Learning and improvising with those from vastly different skillsets
- Soliciting content from scholars, educators, and other community members
- Managing a community of volunteer contributors
- Sharing ideas with comparative projects and organizations at conferences and workshops
- Communicating objectives through media interviews (The Yiddish Forverts, The Atlantic, etc.)
- Administering the opensiddur.org website and planning technology improvements

Freelance Editor | *Dimus Parrhesia Press, Jewish Initiative for Animals, Catherine Shainberg, etc.* **2016 – 2023**
- Editing manuscripts
- Collaborating with teams on the planning, design, publication, and printing of books
- Compiling, designing, and publishing innovative prayerbooks: *birkonim* (benschers) and siddurim
- Designing tabletop fantasy adventure roleplaying activities for interactive Jewish storytelling

Freelance Educator | *Teva Learning Center, Adamah (Hazon), Eden Village Camp* **2008– 2015**
- Developing new curriculum for teaching basic ecology and Jewish environmental wisdom
- Leading daily experiential learning activities and workshops to children, grades 3-8
- Facilitating innovative educational experiences for young adults and seniors
- Writing articles to promote and market event programming
- Teaching outdoor classes in basic ecology and Jewish environmental wisdom
- Editing curricular resources for teaching Jewish ecology and animal ethics
- Directing and implementing programs for the Hillel at Lousiana State University (interim, 2008)

Urban Planner | *The Shaw Group, URS, Urban Institute, Trust for Public Land* **2002 – 2008**
- Mapping with Geographic Information Systems and preparing information rich illustrations
- Licensed, AICP (2007)

System Administrator | *Datarealm Internet Services (Philadelphia, PA)* **2000 – 2002**
- Troubleshooting general and complex problems, writing scripts, teamwork
- Researching and keeping abreast of technological improvements

SKILLS

Advanced Text Editing (RTL scripts)	Website Administration (Wordpress)	OCR, image-to-text conversion
Technical Writing	Technical Support	MS Visio, ArcGIS
Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop	Troubleshooting	Open-source licensing
Publishing and Printing	Digital media	Documenting workflows