DOREEN LEVY



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Qualifications:

- Licensed Tour Guide Israeli Ministry of Tourism (1979)
- "Specialist in Christianity" Martin Buber Center, Hebrew University, Jerusalem (1996)
- Refresher courses and seminars in Judaism (Yad Ben Zvi) and Christianity (both ongoing)
- Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem Institute, Jerusalem (1999 and 2006/2007)

Background and Experience:

Doreen was born in South Africa and attended school and university there. She moved to Israel in 1964.

She has been a licensed tour guide since 1980, and over the years has developed rich experience and expertise in leading various groups throughout Israel and Sinai. She has also built her reputation as a professional and successful guide, and has many recommendations and Thank You notes to show for it. Doreen loves her work and is proud of the level of energy and preparedness she puts into each tour.

Doreen works with Christian pilgrims, inter-faith groups, fam and incentive trips from all English-speaking countries as well as with a variety of Jewish groups and with the Ministry of Tourism.

In addition to her work as a tourist guide, Doreen has always been deeply involved in the community, and in other activities that have enhanced her capabilities as a guide.

Doreen lived in Eilat until 1990 and worked there as a tour guide. She guided throughout Israel as well as in Sinai. While in Eilat she helped found the Center for Victims of Sexual Abuse.

From 1980 to 1984 and from 1990 to 1995 Doreen lived in the Caribbean. In the U.S. Virgin Islands she organized programs for tourists visiting the historic Reform Synagogue there, led tours, managed the Synagogue's Judaica store and was an active member of the Sisterhood.

In the Bahamas, she was active in the Family Crisis Center. She initiated and directed the training program and activities for volunteers for the Victims' Advocacy Program.

Upon returning to Israel, she added the qualification of "Specialist in Christianity" to her tour guide license. She also completed an in-depth course in Holocaust Studies at the Yad VaShem International School for Holocaust Studies and is currently participating in an on-line course with the School. She regularly attends seminars that cover a wide range of subjects about Israel, Judaism and Christianity.

Doreen has also translated articles and books from Hebrew into English. In addition, she completed courses in Professional Baking at the Culinary Institute of America in New York. She has worked as a professional baker and created recipes for breads for a specialty bakery. She has written an anecdotal family cook book. She is a keen sportswoman and her hobbies include hiking, scuba diving, cycling and also cooking. She has participated in a course on Mediation. She is currently a volunteer at the Hotline for Battered Women.

Specialty tours include Jerusalem through Literature, and In the Footsteps of Biblical Figures.