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**Qualifications:**

- Licensed Tour Guide – Israeli Ministry of Tourism (1979)
- “Specialist in Christianity” certification, Martin Buber Center, Hebrew University (1996)
- Refresher courses and seminars in Judaism and Christianity (ongoing)
- Holocaust Studies, Yad Vashem Institute, Jerusalem (1999 and 2006)

**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 1979, 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. She works mainly with study groups and Christian pilgrims from all English-speaking countries.

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 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. In the U.S. Virgin Islands she organized programs for tourists visiting the historic Synagogue, led tours, and managed the Synagogue’s Judaica store.

Upon returning to Israel, she added the qualification of "Specialist in Christianity" to her tour guide license. She also completed courses in Holocaust Studies at Yad VaShem Institute. She regularly attends seminars that cover a wide range of subjects about Israel.

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, and cycling and also cooking. She currently is part of a volunteer group that transports Palestinian children from the territories to hospitals in Israel for medical treatment.