

# DEBORAH SMALL (KATZ)

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## SUMMARY

Enthusiastic teacher with a strong commitment to student development and proven success in helping children reach their full potential. Excellent communication skills, easily interacts with students, parents, and other staff.

### *Areas of Teaching Proficiency Include the Following:*

*Creative Lesson Planning*

*Role Playing*

*Pupil Motivation*

*Cooperative Learning*

*Planning Activities*

*Individualized Education Plan*

## **Teaching Experience:**

### **February – June 2017 – Bellevue Hill Public School**

- Teaching First grade students English phonics, reading and writing.

### **June 2014-September 2015 – Yeshiva Sha'are Zion (Queens, NY)**

- Grade UPK – Teacher's assistant – designed art work to facilitate teaching, designed major back-drop for class graduation, designed costumes for school productions.

### **February – August 2014 - Substitute teacher at Luria Academy (Brooklyn)**

- Grades 2-3 and 3-4's

### **February - May 2014 – Yeshiva Ohel Moshe (Brooklyn)**

- Teaching all grades from Pre K, 3-4's up to 6th.

### **September 1999 – March 2000 – Beis Chaya Mushka - Los Angeles**

- Educated a 14 year-old student with Down's Syndrome who had never had any education: Mathematics, Spelling, Writing and Life Skills.

### **March 2000 – June 2001 – Harkham Hillel Academy - Los Angeles**

- Teacher Pre 1A; Teacher's Assistant for 2-3's and Pre K.
- Designed artwork to assist pupils in learning.

When I taught the Pre 1 class I designed an interesting, creative and enjoyable program to teach the children reading, writing and mathematics.

### **2009 – Author of: “When People Say “No!”**

- A collection of anecdotes about many colourful experiences I encountered from people who had stated the word, “No!”

**2010 – Author of: “Who is James Smith?”**

- My own personal experience of being scammed on an international dating site.
- I was interviewed on national television about my book.

**Education and training:**

September 2013 - Completed 120 Hour TEFL/TESOL Certified Course - Australia

- Internationally recognized TEFL Certificate course, with a practical emphasis on teaching skills, language awareness, phonology and classroom management.

1977 – Graduated AMEB Music – Piano, Conservatorium of Music, Sydney, Australia;

1990-2000 – Debbie’s Beauty on Wheels – Make-up artist for school productions;

1995-2000 - Studied dancing at the Sydney Dance Company, Sydney, Australia

2013-2017 – Studied singing techniques at La Voce Singing Academy;

2000-2002 - Designed artwork for school productions and to facilitate class room teaching;

2014-2015 – Designed artwork to assist children understand themes behind Jewish festivals. Also, designed projects with the children such as the ‘Mishkan,’ to assist their understanding of its concept.