

## Profiles



**Annette Harney**

**About me**

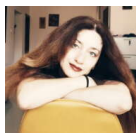
*I have been teaching at Heinz-Brandt-School for more than 20 years now. I am a teacher for English and German, but I am very interested in history and social problems. In 2009 I started a project with our students during which they developed a guided tour over the Jewish Cemetery in Berlin Weißensee. When I started a new position at school, I was not able to continue this project, but we would like to restart it. Now my children have moved out, I have bit more time and space to start something new.*

**School/Organisation**

*Heinz-Brandt-Schule, Berlin*

**Country**

*Germany*



**Yulia Drabkin**

**About me**

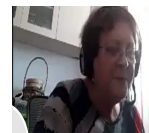
*Hi! My name is Yulia, I'm originally from Belarus, but in 2000 at the age of 23 I moved to Israel. Have an MA in linguistics, English, and literature. I have been teaching English in JHS in Petach-Tikva and am really a fan of this job. Have written and released 3 books of poetry. I am also a child of two Holocaust survivors.*

**School/Organisation**

*Ahad ha-Am JHS, Petach-Tikva*

**Country**

*Israel*



**Michal Kuperman**

**About me**

*Three things come first for me in life- the love for my family, my country and my profession. I chose to be an English teacher when I started University for practical reasons. Though my favorite subject in school was Bible and Jewish philosophy, I had heard then, age nineteen, that in Israel English teachers never go unemployed. I graduated Applied Linguistics in 1980 (BA) and Eng.Lit in 2006 (MA) all at the Tel Aviv University.*

**School/Organisation**

*Currently still teaching English at the Irony Hey High school in Tel Aviv and Syntax and Style in Translation.Com for Global Language Solutions at the Ramat Gan College*

**Country**

*Israel*



**Yonathan Bar On**

**About me**

*English teacher, historian, columnist. Loves reading on his Kindle, watching Netflix, listening to Spotify. Does school projects on refugees, human rights, songs of war, resistance and projects, national anthems.*

**School/Organisation**

*Leo Baeck Education Center, Haifa*



**Cahit Basar**

**About me**

*Hi, I am looking forward to our joint seminar in Berlin and Hamburg. My name is Cahit Basar and I describe myself as a German of Kurdish origin. I am not only a teacher, but also very passionately involved in civil society. As Secretary General of the Kurdish Community in Germany, I am committed to fighting racism and anti-Semitism. A few years ago I had the opportunity to visit Israel, to get to know Yad Vashem and the people. I learned a lot about Israel and fell in love with this country.*



**Lukas Green**

**About me**

**School/Organisation**

*Gymnasium Ohlstedt*

**Country**

*Deutschland*

<b>Country</b> <i>Israel</i>	<b>School/Organisation</b> <i>Georg- Büchner- Gymnasium, Köln</i>  <b>Country</b> <i>Deutschland</i>	
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**Ulrike Manthey**

**About me**

*My name is Ulrike Manthey. I studied Social work in Mannheim. Since 2007 I am working as social worker and since 2018 as integration manager for the „Diakonisches Werk Mannheim“ supporting and counseling asylum seekers and refugees, especially families from Iraq and Syria.*

*Since 10 years I am involved in the student exchange program between the Lessing-Gymnasium Mannheim and the Leo-Baeck Education Center Haifa. I have organized workshops with refugees from different countries - Iran, Irak, Afghanistan, Syria, Pakistan - and students from Mannheim and Haifa. For me it is a very important point in the exchange program to bring people from different cultures together.*

*In my free time I like exercising (Triathlon), I am also in the staff of a triathlon department. I am an extra (Statistin) in the Nationaltheater Mannheim.*

*The Centropa Seminar in Berlin will be my first Seminar with Centropa.*

**School/Organisation**

*Diakonisches Werk Mannheim*

**Country**

*Deutschland*



**Andreas Breunig**

**About me**

*I studied classics at the University of Heidelberg and taught Latin, Ancient Greek and Ethics at schools in Heidelberg, Mannheim and Baden-Baden. Since 2005 I work as a teacher, department manager and now deputy principal at the Lessing-Gymnasium Mannheim.*

*Our students exchange program with the Leo-Baeck Education Center in Haifa/Israel started in 2007. I like reading and traveling*

**School/Organisation**

*Lessing Gymnasium Mannheim*

**Country**

*Deutschland*



**Lowell Blackman**

**About me**




*My first Centropa Summer Academy was in Berlin back in 2013, and I was smitten. Since then, I have attended three subsequent CSAs, two Centropa Jewish Network conferences in Berlin and Krakow, and Centropa seminars in Jerusalem.*

*I was born in New York, attended Brooklyn College, and later earned my MA in history from Columbia University. I taught English when I lived in Sweden and, upon my return to the US, taught history, humanities, and English at the United Nations International School for 21 years.*

*From 2002 until last month, I taught English literature and language arts to advanced English speakers classes in grades 9, 10, and 11 at Atid HS of Sciences in Lod, Israel. I was given wide latitude to create my own curricula where I used an interdisciplinary approach to teaching English. Among other things, this independence allowed me to incorporate the treasure trove of Centropa materials into classroom tasks, activities, and projects - most notably the annual 9th grade Roots Family Film Project modeled after Centropa's own biographical films.*

*Centropa has also provided me the opportunity to work with another CSA participant, Martina Dethloff, a teacher in Berlin, and together, with a third teacher, we devised a student exchange where my 10th graders first visited Berlin and then we hosted her 10th /11th graders when they came to Israel.*

*I look forward to working both with German and Israeli teachers during our seminar. One of my own interests deals with remembrance, how we honor the memory of people and how we commemorate events from the past in public and private spheres, how we create literature, poetry, and art to express our own connection to that remembrance, and how we convey the idea of the importance of remembrance to another generation for whom events and people appear as facts or might even*

		<p>be ghosts.</p> <p><i>I think the whole concept of remembrance is so important to both our nations and, for me, Berlin is a living testament to how people honor that idea of memory.</i></p> <p><b>School/Organisation</b> Atid High School of Sciences, Lod</p> <p><b>Country</b> Israel</p>
 <p><b>Martina Dethloff</b></p> <p><b>About me</b> <i>I'm a teacher of religious studies and ethics. First time I joined a centropa summer academy was in 2015 in Krakau. There i meet Branka Diminevska and Jeff Ellison. In 2016 we sat up a project on the education platform edmodo " Together - „Facing stereotypes, racism and antisemitism – lets do something against it“ with students from Walther Rathenau Gymnasium/ Berlin, Bernhard Zell Amshe Emet Day School /Chicago and Pestaloci school/ Skopje. With Lowell Blackmann I organized an exchange between his israelian students and my students in Berlin. We visited Israel in Oktober 2019 while the israelian groups came to Berlin in march 2019.</i></p> <p><b>School/Organisation</b> Walther Rathenau Gymnasium / Berlin</p> <p><b>Country</b> Deutschland</p>	 <p><b>Amikam Peled</b></p> <p><b>About me</b></p> <p><b>School/Organisation</b> Har-Tuv regional highscool</p> <p><b>Country</b> Israel</p>	 <p><b>Amir Tamari</b></p> <p><b>About me</b> <i>I teach History in Kiryat Ono, I live in Ramat-Gan and i have two kids (Gilad and Alon). Besides that I am currently writing my Master Thesis (about the economic shift to the Gold Standard - during the the German Second Reich in 1871), and I Guide youth delegations from Israel to Poland.</i></p> <p><b>School/Organisation</b> Peres Kiryat Ono</p> <p><b>Country</b> Israel</p>



**Oliver Rebou**

**About me**

*Hello everyone! My name is Oliver which derives from latin or old german, nobody knows for sure. In any case the name is mentioned in the epic "Rolands Song" from the 11th century. So its meaning is either "olive tree planter" (nice) or "wolf" (less nice). I strongly prefer the olives. In my free time i like to spend time with my psychedelic rockband though we're to old to really freak out. Besides that i found out last summer that it's very pleasing to go kayaking.*

**School/Organisation**

*Geschwister-Scholl-Gymnasium Ludwigshafen/Rh.*

**Country**

*Deutschland*



**Lena Soltendieck**

**About me**

*Hi, I am a teacher at a school in Germany. I teach English and history.*

*My students range from the age of 10 to 19.*

*While I have always liked indoor plants, these past month of staying at home have turned me into an enthusiast and I enjoy every day within my urban jungle.*

**School/Organisation**

*KGS Sehnde*

**Country**

*Deutschland*



**Yahel Ox**

**About me**

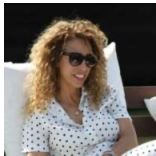
*Shalom, my name's Yahel, and I've been teaching at Keshet Primary School in Israel for six years. I love working here as it delivers an inclusive education, which caters to students with physical, psychological, and mental disabilities. I am also very proud of the fact that the school enrolls students from both the religious and secular communities, and love how the students collaborate in harmony.*

**School/Organisation**

*Keshet Primary School*

**Country**

*Israel*



**Yonat Gross**

**About me**

*I am Yonat from Yavne, Israel. I am a mother of three and an English teacher (16 years) in a Junior High school.*

*When people ask me: how did you learn English so well I tell them I had four English teachers: John, Paul, Ringo and George... the younger students have to google it to understand...*

*I love traveling, hiking, running and music is my real passion. A few years ago I had a radio show and radio is something I would love to do more in the future.*

**School/Organisation**



**Markus Freundorfer**

**About me**

*I am teaching since 2003, my subjects are English and History. I worked for several museums in and around Munich and also as seminar teacher.*

**School/Organisation**

*RS Miesbach*

**Country**

*Deutschland*



**Daniela Dutke**

**About me**



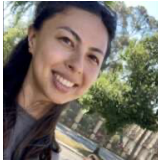



*Hi, I'm Dani and I've been working at the Dientzenhofer secondary modern school for about 10 years now. I studied German and History at the University in Bayreuth. My hobbies are mountain sports, swimming, horse riding and going to concerts.*

**School/Organisation**

*Dientzenhofer Realschule Brannenburg*

**Country**

*Deutschland*

<p>Ginsburg JHS, Yavne</p> <p><b>Country</b> Israel</p>		
 <p><b>Charlotte Posmik</b></p> <p><b>About me</b> born 1979, living in Berlin Pankow with my 13 year old son. originally from Altenburg in Thuringia I like to travel and to read. Also going to music concerts regularly.</p> <p><b>School/Organisation</b> Heinz Brandt Schule (ISS)</p> <p><b>Country</b> Deutschland</p>	 <p><b>Anke Schinner</b></p> <p><b>About me</b> I am a secondary school teacher for the subjects French, music and catholic religion. As I have had the opportunity to participate at several Centropa seminars, I really appreciate the international way of working, the cooperation with different institutions and the great material which I have been happy to use in some of my classes.</p> <p><b>School/Organisation</b> Käthe-Kollwitz-Gymnasium, Dortmund</p> <p><b>Country</b> Deutschland</p>	 <p><b>Etelle Kalaora</b></p> <p><b>About me</b> Hi, my name is Etelle and I am a history and English teacher in "Tevel", a school in Jerusalem. Prior to teaching, I studied History and Education (BA) and Medieval History (MA) at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. I have a deep love for history, and especially love exploring the daily lives of people throughout history. In my free time, I enjoy reading, practicing yoga, traveling and hiking - in Israel and around the world.</p> <p><b>School/Organisation</b> Tevel School, Jerusalem</p> <p><b>Country</b> Israel</p>
 <p><b>Stefanie Böhm</b></p> <p><b>About me</b> Hello, I'm Steffi. I'm from Hamburg. I'm 44 years old. I have 3 children and I'm a teacher for religion and German. And I'm a psychological advisor. Our school has a lot of students who immigrate to Germany. So I heard a lot of prejudices about Israel from them. For me it's important building bridges between Germany and Israel and between our pupils and Israelin</p>	 <p><b>Judith Nockemann</b></p> <p><b>About me</b> I live in Hattingen, in the beautiful Ruhr area, where a lot of mining was done in earlier times. Since 1994 I work at a middle school, teaching religious education and biology in the grades 5 to 10. (As a class teacher there are always other subjects.)</p>	 <p><b>Ludwig Peter</b></p> <p><b>About me</b> I'm a philanthropic person. I teach English (5th-10th grade) and history (6th-10th grade) in Murnau which is 45 minutes in the south of Munich. I like the outdoors, to connect with other cultures, meet new people and have interesting conversations.</p>

pupils. I think meeting each other, stay together is one of the best possibilities to overcome prejudices. I was in Israel five times and I like the people, the culture and the country really.

**School/Organisation**  
Stadtteilschule Öjendorf

**Country**  
Deutschland

Since 2013 I have been working mostly as a teacher trainer.

The topics of democracy education and the culture of remembrance are very important to me. In this context, I was able to take part in a training course in Yad Vashem in 2017.

I also enjoy working in networks locally in Hattingen.

I am firmly convinced that international and intercultural work is very enriching, which is why I am very much looking forward to the workshop.

I would be happy if the Centropa project resulted in a permanent exchange with a school and if a cooperation in teacher training were to develop.

P.S. : Actually, I'm three! I take part in the seminar, but in my school my dear colleagues Gerke Sedat (history, religion) and Karsten Heilinger (social sciences) are also interested in a joint project.

**School/Organisation**  
Realschule Grünstraße (Hattingen, North Rhine Westphalia), ZfsL Lüdenscheid

**Country**  
Deutschland

**School/Organisation**  
Realschule "Im Blauen Land" Murnau

**Country**  
Deutschland



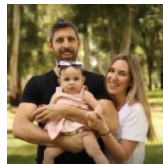
**Michael Hamke**

**About me**

Long-time English and Geography comprehensive-school teacher for kids aged 12 to 19. Co-coordinator for school exchange with Israel since 2014.

**School/Organisation**  
Bischöfliche Maria-Montessori-Gesamtschule Krefeld

**Country**



**Lorelle Schwartz**

**About me**

Hi, my name is Lorelle. I live in Tel Aviv Israel right opposite the sea! I am originally from South Africa and have been living in Israel for 11 years. I am married to Tamir and we have a wonderful daughter, Adelle who is 2.5 years old. I have been teaching for 9 years, and I currently work at a school in Givatiym. I teach English to 5th-7th graders and I have my own class of 30 kids in the 6th grade.




**School/Organisation**



**Elena Yugova**

**About me**

Hello, my name is Elena. I am originally from Russia but have been living in Israel, Petah-Tikva for 15 years. I have been working as an English teacher in a JHS in Petach-Tikva since 2016. I am married and have a son, David who is 2.8 years old. My primary fields of interest are history and HE (Holocaust Education), I studied History (MA) in Moscow and I'm currently studying at Haifa University (MA), Holocaust Studies.

<p>Deutschland</p>	<p>Borochov</p> <p><b>Country</b> Israel</p>	<p><b>School/Organisation</b> Ahad-Haam, JHS</p> <p><b>Country</b> Israel</p>
 <p><b>Michael Heitz</b></p> <p><b>About me</b> Hi everybody, born in 1965 I grew up in the Kraichgau, a region in Southwest Germany with an impressive and still vital Jewish heritage. I am married to Margit and we have two grown-up children and one grandchild. In the 1990s I studied at University of Education and Hochschule fuer Juedische Studien Heidelberg and graduated as Master of Education. After teaching some years at a comprehensive school in Wald (ZH), Switzerland, we moved back to Germany in 2004 and I have been teaching at Albert-Schweitzer-Schule Sinsheim (Vocational school – College for Education; subjects: English, Pedagogics, Psychology, Philosophy, Religious Education) since. One of my aims is to find an adequate approach how to teach about the Shoah and Judaism for high school students and aspiring educators. I have been a board member of the German-Israeli Society Rhein-Neckar/Mannheim since 1998 and have visited Israel frequently (first time in 1984) during the last three decades.</p> <p><b>School/Organisation</b> Albert-Schweitzer-Schule Sinsheim, 74889 Sinsheim, Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, Baden-Wuerttemberg</p> <p><b>Country</b> Deutschland</p>	 <p><b>Orit Berlin</b></p> <p><b>About me</b> After working around 20 years in Hi-Tech in Israel on projects around the globe, I decided to do a career change. I wanted to do something good for the society I live in, something where I would feel I was contributing to people in our country. I went back to the university and became an English teacher. This year I am teaching 4 groups one of them is youth at risk. Being a teacher fills me with pleasure and a sense of satisfaction. I am very much content with this change in my life. I feel I can influence their lives. My family is diverse, our origin consists of many places (Europe, Asia Africa and Israel) my daughters, I and my husband are the new jews the new Israelis</p> <p><b>School/Organisation</b> Amal Hadera Art and Science</p> <p><b>Country</b> Israel</p>	 <p><b>Amichai Tiitman</b></p> <p><b>About me</b> I have been teaching History and bible for eight years. I live with my wife and daughter in Jerusalem. I like discovering new people through discussions on things that matter.</p> <p><b>School/Organisation</b></p> <p><b>Country</b> Israel</p>