

MIKE HOLLANDER

Mike Hollander grew up in Canada, where he attended Jewish elementary school and completed a BA from York University (Toronto) in History. Upon completion of his degree, he attended Tel Aviv University and enrolled in a Masters program for Middle Eastern Studies for overseas students. While in Israel, he helped form a group of people who made Aliyah together in 1988 to Kibbutz Ravid. He qualified as a Licensed Tour Guide after completing the Ministry of Tourism Course in 1994. Since then, he has worked full time, lecturing, teaching courses to teenagers on long-term programs in Israel, as well as taking people of all ages around Israel.



In the summer of 2001, he was sent by the Jewish Agency for Israel to be an educational emissary (Shaliach) to the Federation of Zionist Youth (FZY), the largest Zionist youth movement in Great Britain and the Israel Experience, UK (IE). Over 3 years, he worked as an educational consultant, helping plan the year's activities for over 1,000 Jewish youth between the ages of 14 and 24. These included weekly activities, seminars, residential summer camps, and Israel short- and long-term programs. He also initiated short-term educational and volunteering programs in Israel for university-aged members.

Upon returning to Israel in 2004, Mike went back to work full-time as a tour educator, and in 2008, completed his Masters Degree in Jewish-Christian Relations from the Cambridge Centre for Jewish-Christian Relations. Mike has over 25 years experience working with a wide range of ages, from individual family groups, through teenagers and university students, adult groups, political and business groups, as well as interfaith lay and clergy groups.

In the spring of 2020, when tourism stopped during the Covid-19 Crisis, Mike began to develop virtual on-line journeys to various Jewish destinations in Europe and tours to Israel, as well as historical, political and cultural presentations on Israel.