



# Yosef David Gottesman

## WORK EXPERIENCE

January 2010 - Current

**Scribe Sofer STAM** | Jerusalem District, Israel

- Written 30+ Sifrei Torah and hundreds of Megillot and Mezuzot, adhering to the highest halachic and scribal standards.
- Certified by Vaad Mishmeret STAM (Bnei Brak) and additional leading rabbinic authorities.
- Holds Reshut Beit Din (Bnei Brak) under Rav S. Vozner zt"l, Rav Halbershtam zt"l, and Rav Friedlander zt"l.
- Recognized as a trusted halachic professional serving congregations and institutions in Israel and abroad.

January 2009 - January 2010

**Rabbi, Leading Cantor and Mashgiach-My One Hotel** | Canazei, Italy

- Served as Senior Rabbinic and Cantorial authority for an international Jewish clientele.
- Delivered weekly sermons and Torah teachings, fostering meaningful religious engagement in a transient community setting.
- Directed cantorial concerts and fundraising events, enhancing cultural programming
- Led Kashrut supervision for hotel and food operations, representing the Biale Rebbe, Rav Ben Zion Rabinowitz zt"l (Lugano).

September 2006 - April 2007

**Assistant Rabbi, Chief Cantor-Central Synagogue Milan /Chief Rabbi-Rabbinat Trieste** | Trieste, Italy

- Served as Chief Cantor and Rabbinic leader, delivering sermons, Torah readings, and full lifecycle services.in Trieste
- Directed Cantorial programming and community concerts, strengthening synagogue visibility and engagement.in Milan
- Implemented operational and religious service improvements to enhance congregational experience in Milan.
- Acted as interim replacement for both Rabbi and Cantor during periods of absence, ensuring leadership continuity.in Trieste

March 2005 - September 2006

**Rabbi, Rav Hamachshir, Kiruv leader, and Leading Cantor- K kosher Resorts Orlando / Anshei Emuna Congregation** | Delray Beach, Florida

- Delivered sermons and led services for Shabbat, Pesach, Sukkot, and High Holidays in both congregational and resort environments.
- Organized kiruv programs, shiurim, and educational masterclasses, expanding Torah outreach to diverse audiences.
- Served as halachic authority and Rav Hamachshir, overseeing Kashrut supervision for resort and restaurant operations.

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## SUMMARY

Senior Rabbi and Chief Cantor with over 30 years of international leadership across Israel, Europe, North America, and South Africa. Proven authority in Rabbinic governance, cantorial excellence, and halachic supervision, including Kashrut oversight and certified Sofer STAM practice.

Demonstrated success in leading High Holiday services for congregations of 1,000+ members, strengthening community engagement, directing cultural and fundraising initiatives, and advancing Torah education and kiruv (Outreach) at institutional scale. Recognized for trusted spiritual leadership, operational continuity, and cross-cultural impact.

## SKILLS

- Senior Rabbinic Leadership
- Halachic Decision-Making
- Kashrut Supervision
- Certified Sofer STAM
- Chief Cantor / Baal Tefillah
- Baal Tokeah
- Torah education
- Choir training and direction
- Shabbat and Holiday Services

- High Holiday Services
- Lifecycle events
- Sermons, Torah Classes
- Congregational Growth & Engagement
- Kiruv & Torah Outreach Programs
- Cross-Cultural & International Leadership

## WEBSITES, PORTFOLIOS, PROFILES

- [www.cantorgottesman.com](http://www.cantorgottesman.com)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Performed in cantorial concerts across the United States, Canada, Israel, and Italy, Appeared on international radio and television broadcasts, performed for the Israeli Ambassador in Rome and at the famous Piccolo Teatro, Milan, Italy; Produced and performed on five international Jewish music albums. Presently and has been for 25 years Administrative Director of Irgun Avrechey Italia that spread Torah in Italy through opening kollels, lectures, concerts, and outreach.

July 2000 - March 2005

**Rabbi, Leading Cantor and Scribe-Young Israel of Chomedey** | Laval, Quebec Canada

- Served as senior Rabbinic and Cantorial leader for an established Orthodox congregation.
- Delivered weekly sermons, Torah readings, and full Shabbat and Yom Tov services, contributing to increased membership engagement and attendance.
- Led High Holiday Services, and lifecycle events, serving as a central spiritual figure within the community.
- Directed synagogue choir, and fundraising concerts, strengthening community cohesion and financial support.
- Oversaw kiruv initiatives and adult education programs, expanding Torah learning opportunities.
- Provided certified Sofer STAM (Scribe) services, authoring and maintaining ritual scrolls and mezuzot.

August 1994 - June 1999

**Leading Cantor- Bais Hakeneset HaGadol of Acco** | Acco, Israel

- Served as Leading Cantor in one of Israel's largest Orthodox synagogues.
- Led High Holiday services for approximately 1,200 congregants,
- Developed and directed a boys' choir and synagogue, enhancing communal participation and youth engagement.

September 1993 - August 1994

**Leading Cantor United Orthodox Hebrew Congregation** | Cape Town, South Africa

- Served as Leading Cantor for a major Orthodox congregation.
- Led High Holiday services, contributing to congregational spiritual life and continuity.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### Ordination As Rabbi

Rabbi P. Hirshprung Zt"l, Montreal, Canada

### Diploma of Cantorship

Cantorial Academy of Tel Aviv, Tel Aviv, Israel  
Jerusalem Cantorial Institute, Jerusalem, Israel

**Postgraduate Studies** | vocal production and Cantorial liturgy  
Dr. M. Arman/Dr Sobol

**Graduate** | Kol Torah, Mir, and Poniovitch Yeshiva

**Certified Scribe** | Sofer STAM  
Vaad Mishmeret STAM, Bnei Brak, Israel

## LANGUAGES

**Italian:**

Native

**Hebrew:**

**English:**

Proficient

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