

MELANIE LIDMAN

. WRITER . GROWER . BUILDER .



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SKILLS & LEADERSHIP

- **Fluent in Spanish and Hebrew**
- **Shdemama Ecological Learning Center**, community member / *Shdema, Israel*
- **Onya Placemaking Collective**, Community Cultivator, 2015-present / *Tel Aviv, Israel*
- **Youth Spirit Artworks**, Tiny House volunteer, 2020-2021 / *Oakland, CA*
- **Friends of the Urban Forest**, Urban arborist volunteer, 2020 / *San Francisco, CA*

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS, JOURNALISM AND SPANISH, 2008

University of Maryland, College Park
CIVICUS Citation for Civil Society and Leadership

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE, HORTICULTURE THERAPY, 2018

Seminar Hakibbutzim, Tel Aviv

EXPERIENCE

UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, TEL AVIV OFFICE

Senior Communications Assistant

2022

Wrote articles and updated website, networked with civil society organizations, activists, and media during Ukrainian refugee crisis, began building social media plan

OLYMPIC INFORMATION SERVICES

Sports Reporter, Tokyo2020 and Sochi2014

2014, 2021

Interviewed athletes directly after competition for flash quotes and news stories for internal Olympic news service, including diving, archery, sport climbing, and sitting volleyball

O2AA ECO-INDUSTRIAL YARD

Urban Farm Manager

2020 - 2021

Managed small urban farm in Oakland, CA, including 30-member CSA (weekly vegetable subscription) and plant starts nursery, founded both initiatives during pandemic in order to provide more healthy, affordable food in the surrounding neighborhood

TIMES OF ISRAEL

Environment, Religion, and Migration Reporter

2014 - 2019

Investigated and wrote long-form features related to Israeli environment, religion, migration, social affairs, medical cannabis, minorities, and emerging Jewish communities in Africa

GLOBAL SISTERS REPORT

Middle East/Africa Correspondent

2014 - 2019

Responsible for in-depth features about Catholic nuns, included frequent travel to Africa, managed freelance coverage of region, developed and led writing workshops for nuns

JERUSALEM POST

Jerusalem Affairs Correspondent

2009 - 2013

Started as news assistant, moved to full-time reporter, beat included crime, courts, city hall, Arab affairs, education, culture, sports, politics, and international stories

OUTSIDE MAGAZINE

Editorial Assistant

2008-2009

Wrote front-of-book articles for national active lifestyle magazine as well as general research, fact checking, gear testing, Q & As with outdoor icons, and daily blogging for website