



Chaya Abelsky, Professional Certified Coach

Chaya Abelsky founded Triumphant Journeys in 2007, after receiving certification in Life Coaching from New York University. She took a wandering journey to find her own career, having started as a computer programmer and software marketing for the Davidsohn Group, a consulting firm that worked with brokerage firms. She then moved to the NonProfit HelpDesk, where she also held a technology position, but one that required her to do a lot of individual training. She found she enjoyed the more people-oriented work.

From that point on, Chaya gave herself the gift of taking classes every year (while she worked and raised a family!). She focused on the topic of healing, a passion of hers. She learned to develop her sense of intuition, and to strengthen her natural tendencies in listening to people and accepting them for who they are. Chaya found that empowering other people was the most rewarding thing she could do.

She moved into a managerial role at the NonProfit HelpDesk and focused the organization on empowering the staff at other nonprofit organizations with skills and tools that let them run their organizations more effectively. She expanded her own capabilities by taking management skills courses. Her path eventually led her to the Life Coaching Program at NYU. In addition to her certificate in Life Coaching from NYU, Ms. Abelsky is an Associate Certified Coach of the International Coaching Federation. She received a certificate in data processing from the COPE Institute, and attended Beth Rivka Teacher's College.

Recent Assignments -

06/95 – Present *Operations Director, NonProfit HelpDesk Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island, Brooklyn NY*

- Responsible for obtaining new contracts and funding sources in both the private and public sectors by meeting with public officials, performing outreach and cold calling.
- Responsible for creating and designing marketing ideas and schemes for the various services we provide as well as presentations for contract bids, requests for proposals, fundraising and grant writing.
- Provided technical assistance to over 400 not for profit Community Based Organizations (CBO's) in the five boroughs, from network and connectivity issues, to website and database design, to workshop instruction and training.
- Developed needs/management assessments and scope of work/specification documents for CBO clientele.
- Provided computer system and software application development and customization for CBO clientele.
- Trained staff in the use of their computer equipment and programs with individual hands-on, on-site lessons.
- Assisted CBO clientele in identifying and applying to funding sources which consider grants to facilitate non-profit technology development.
- Maintained accountable documentation of all project activities and reporting to funding sources.
- Supervised employees, contractors and volunteers.
- Created work breakdown structures and drive tasks while not losing sight of overall project goals.
- Managed deliverables to a scope of work.
- Interactive experience with multi-cultural populations.
- Experience in fundraising, public relations and outreach coordination.
- Prepared and submitted press releases. Handled media relations.
- Strong interpersonal skills required – ability to manage clients professionally and diplomatically within the project structure.

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