

My name is Rotem, and I'm a licensed tour guide in Israel.

I was born in Tel Aviv, Israel, and moved to Miami, Florida when I was 2 years old along with my parents. Since I grew up in Miami, my parents wanted us (myself and my younger brother) to be exposed to Judaism and have a Jewish upbringing. They enrolled us in a Jewish Day School, and I was active in NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth). After graduating from high school I attended the University of Florida, and obtained both a B.Sc. and an M.Sc. in Soil and Water Science. A month or so after graduation I was on a plane moving back to Israel.

When I'd first moved, every weekend I'd go visit my family and ask where we're going this weekend, what new place we'll be exploring, and what we'll be seeing. I enrolled in the Ben Gurion University of the Negev and started a Ph.D. In Hydrology. As time progressed, I delved deeper into my studies, made friends, and made plans for the weekends, which meant visiting my family less frequently, and this consequently translated into less traveling and less exploring of the country.

After a year of Ph.D. studies, I realized that this wasn't the path I wanted to be on, and began looking for a job. After a few jobs in the field of Hydrology/Soil and Water Science I decided I was ready for a career change. Eventually I made my way to tour guide school, received my license in 2015 and have been guiding and having a great time doing so ever since. In 2018 I got my specialized drivers license, allowing me to serve both as a driver and tour guide for small groups, in a car that seats up to 7 people.

I love traveling, I love seeing the sights, meeting new people, exploring this amazing country, and seeing it for the first time, time and time again.