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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Self-directed and motivated entrepreneur, always looking to innovate. Loves working in teams with other motivated individuals on solving difficult challenges and exceeding expectations.

SKILLS

- Project management
- End-end product development
- User Experience and product psychology
- Musical instruments: Saxophone, guitar, piano
- Web-based software engineering
- Database management software
- Program testing software
- Various languages: C#, Java, Python, Javascript

WORK HISTORY

Founder, 10/2014 to Current

Hacking Generation Y – Worldwide

Hacking Generation Y (hackgeny.com) was formed to promote youth entrepreneurship through collaborative learning, bringing together high school students and excite young men and women to in joining and continuing education in the field. Its first 36 hour hackathon (January 2015) brought together some 450 bright high schoolers from all over the US and internationally to Silicon Valley, partnering with Google, MIT Launch, Anderseen Horowitz and some 30 hours sponsors. Subsequent hackathons include one in Jamaica (April 2015) and upcoming hackathons in Israel and India (June 2015).

Intern, 10/2014 to 02/2015

Irrational Labs - Dan Ariely – California, United States

A nonprofit that applies behavioral economics findings to product, marketing, and organizational design problems, co-founded by leading behavioral economist and best selling author Dan Ariely. Through understanding human decision making and motivations helping companies (including Google, Intuit, Netflix and Fidelity) create compelling value propositions, grow their customer base and keep them engaged.

Founder and CEO, 07/2013 to 07/2014

AnyMeal – Worldwide

AnyMeal is a platform to help people discover restaurants and dishes that are suitable for their diets and eating preferences. Drew Bent, my Co-Founder, and I met at an MIT Entrepreneurship program where we created AnyMeal.

Intern, 06/2013 to 07/2013

Google – Tel Aviv, Israel

Worked with a team at Google Tel-Aviv to advance a new feature in Google Search.

EDUCATION

High School Diploma: 2014

Walworth Barbour American International School - Even Yehuda, Israel

- Valedictorian, Senior Excellence Award
- Recipient of Rensselaer PolytechnicInstitute Scholarship
- AP Computer Science, AP Calculus BC, AP Physics B, AP English Language, AP English Literature

Other: Entrepreneurship, 2013

MIT Entrepreneurship Summer Program Launch - Massachusetts

Took part in a 4-week entrepreneurship program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Other: Mathematics, 2012

Stanford Summer Program EPGY (Education Program for the Gifted Youth) - California, United States
Studied Number Theory in an intensive 4-week course taught at Stanford University.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Chosen for Forbes 30 Under 30 List
- Speaker at international conferences: #140conf (TLV, 2009 & 2010), #140conf (NY, 2011 & 2012), DLD (Munich, 2012), TLV University (TLV, 2014), TEDx (Palo Alto, 2015)
- Valedictorian of Graduating Class
- Outstanding Senior Award
- Secretary General at TIMEMUN: 600+ Participants Conference of Model United Nations
- Captain of Robotics team: Semi-finalists 2012 state competition
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Scholarship Award
- Chosen for Forbes 18 Under 18 list