Get to Know Esther Stafford!

What is your role in the School?
I am a Haruv USA and Media Staff Assistant.

Have you always lived in Oklahoma? Or, are you a transplant? Tell us more!
I was born in Russia, lived in Israel for 10 years, and now I am in Oklahoma.

Where did you go to school?
I have a Master’s Degree in Education (EFL) from the Novosibirsk State Pedagogical University.

What are some of your favorite places you’ve worked, work you’ve done?
In Russia I worked as an interpreter in the field of Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP); in Israel I worked as an English teacher in the Hebrew University Project “YES” and in America I worked at Barnes & Noble.

Why do you like working at OU?
My position as a Haruv USA Staff Assistant gives me an opportunity to utilize my knowledge and understanding of psychology, Israel and Hebrew. The OU School of Social Work faculty and staff are amazing and I can learn a lot from them.

What goals do you have for Haruv USA?
To deepen the connection between Haruv Institute in Jerusalem and OU School of Social Work.

What is your favorite thing about social work – or what surprised you about social work?
I was surprised by the state-of-the-art simulation training program – it’s fantastic!

Do you have any hobbies?
Birding.
Tell us an interesting fact about yourself that few people know or that would surprise people?

I love mushroom hunting.