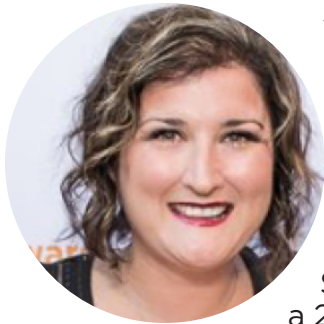


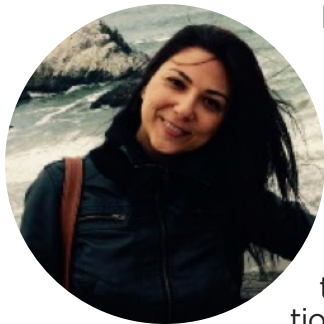
Community Representatives



Simone Abelsohn

📍 **San Diego, CA**

A huge interest and passion of Simone's is Jewish community both locally and worldwide. This is shown through her various volunteer positions in my San Diego Jewish Community, Chair of Federation's NextGen (going onto her 3rd year), seat on Federation's board as well as exec board, participation in JFS's big pal program (4th year), position on ADL's Glass Alumni committee plus more. Also, over two years ago she turned her volunteer position with Shabbat San Diego (partner of the world wide Shabbos Project create in South Africa) into a 2nd full time job. She is Shabbat San Diego's Program Coordinator. Her other full time career hat is as a realtor locally in SD.



Nooshin Afshani

📍 **San Francisco, CA**

Nooshin was born in Iran and left at the age of 17 for Austria to obtain a refugee status. Shortly after, she moved to the United States and joined her family in Los Angeles. She attended University of California, Los Angeles and focused her studies in philosophy. After receiving her B.A., she moved to Chicago and obtained her Masters in philosophy with the focus of human rights and cultural relativism. She started her teaching career at different colleges in California. She also started dedicating all her time outside of work to volunteering with human rights and women's rights organizations such as Amnesty International, and producing segments on the relative issues on a local public radio channel. After a few years, she decided to go back to school to study law. She is on the board of the young adults group of SF Jimena (Jews indigenous to Middle East and North Africa) and would like to bring that focus into JDC as well.



Meredith Bilski

📍 **New York, NY**

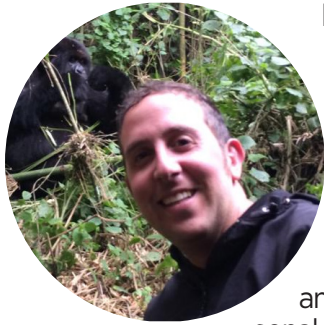
Meredith is a Brand Strategist at Mic, a New York-based and millennial-focused online media company. She attended Brown University, where she studied History and focused specifically on interethnic relations in the Eastern Mediterranean; her studies culminated in a thesis on the role of the JDC in rebuilding the Jewish communities of Athens and Salonica and Greece after the Holocaust. She lives in New York City, where she is active in the JDC Planning Group, The Blue Card's Young Leadership Committee, and UJA-Federation of New York. In her free time, she travels around the tri-state area to talk about the current state of the Greek-Jewish community, and JDC's involvement in Greece from its initial involvement in the region in 1915 to present. She co-chaired Inside Jewish China in 2016 and was a participant on Inside Jewish Greece in 2015.



Genia Blaser

📍 **Brooklyn, NY**

Genia works as an attorney for the Immigrant Defense Project where she advises defense attorneys on the immigration consequences of contact with criminal and family courts. She also works to track and monitor immigration enforcement in New York City. When she isn't working, Genia enjoys traveling, reading, and painting.



Ryan Davis

📍 **Johannesburg, South Africa**

Ryan grew up in Johannesburg, South Africa. After school, he participated in a year-long leadership program in Israel, and thereafter returned to South Africa to be involved in community work. Ryan has a master's degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from UNISA and is a registered Industrial Psychologist. He completed his internship at Comair (British Airways SA) and has worked as a management consultant at JvR Consulting Psychologists since February 2012. At JvRC, Ryan is responsible for building and maintaining client relationships and advising on and implementing interventions to enhance performance. He is particularly passionate about personal and leadership development, coaching/mentoring, strategy, and organizational development. He held many leadership positions in the Bnei Akiva youth movement, for which he now serves as advisor and mentor, and was involved in the SA Union of Jewish Students. Ryan has worked as an educator in King David Schools, as the Chief Rabbi's Director of Communications/Special Projects, and for Mizrahi as Executive Director. He has been involved in and led outreach work, and has attended Jewish fellowships and congresses abroad. In 2012, he was interviewed as a semi-finalist for the Ralph I. Goldman Fellowship in International Jewish Service. He is currently involved in the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Centre. Ryan has traveled with JDC Entwine to Rwanda in 2014 and to the Philippines in 2015.



Joey Eisman

📍 **Washington, DC**

Joey's legal name is Joseph Israel Eisman but everyone calls him Joey or Yehuda. I am the Senior Program Manager for Global Engagement at BBYO, the world's largest pluralistic Jewish teen movement. Really, that is a fancy way of saying I am the manager of BBYO's global family which includes partners in over 40 countries. I coordinate BBYO's relationships with key partners like the JDC and Maccabi World Union. My summers are excited as I direct BBYO's annual summer educational seminar in Israel for BBYO's top 100+ teen leaders and our flagship global peoplehood experience in Bulgaria convening teens from over 10 countries. Originally from Metro-Detroit, I graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Neuroscience before serving as a JDC Entwine Global Jewish Service Corps Fellow in the Baltic States (2011-12) and I have worked in close to 15 countries with local Jewish communities strengthening local Jewish teen and young adult programming. I am passionate about Jewish education, connecting Jews globally and helping individuals explore their identity.



Maia Ferdman

📍 **Los Angeles, CA**

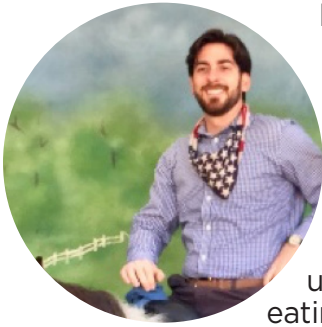
Maia is the Program Coordinator for Global Jewish Experiences and Fishel Fellow at the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles. Through the Fishel Fellowship, a partnership program between the Federation in LA and JDC, Maia first volunteered with children living in a slum outside Mumbai, India for two months with JDC Entwine. She then moved to Sofia, Bulgaria for one year as a JDC Entwine Global Jewish Service Corps Fellow. While in Europe, Maia worked for the JDC and Schusterman Foundation's initiative Junction, which provides international opportunities and programming for Jewish young adults across Europe. In this role, Maia traveled to dozens of European cities and met hundreds of European Jews who are redefining their identities and communities. Maia then went to Israel for three months, where she worked with the LA Federation's Israel office and with Unistream, an Israeli nonprofit dedicated to teaching teenagers how to create their own start-ups. Today Maia brings her diverse global experiences to various Federation initiatives and departments. Maia is an avid reader and writer, intricate doodler, and proud sister of two younger brothers. She holds a B.A. in Global Studies and an M.A. in Latin American Studies from UCLA.



Matthew Greenberg

📍 **Houston, TX**

Matthew is a corporate attorney in Houston focusing on transactions in the electric power industry. He is a graduate of American University and the University of Texas School of Law. A native Houstonian, Matthew is active in the local Jewish community and serves on the Israel and Overseas Committee of the Houston Federation. He first traveled with Entwine in 2015 to Sarajevo and subsequently served as the co-chair of Entwine's Inside Jewish Ukraine trip in 2016. Matthew speaks Spanish, Hebrew and a little bit of Danish.



Michael Gropper

📍 **Los Angeles, CA**

Michael thrives as a Jewish communal professional! His year+ experience as a Jewish service corps fellow in Mumbai, India opened his eyes and heart to the world of Jewish life and needs. He spent time serving as the director of the Birthright-Israel program in Los Angeles, the Western Regional Director for Moishe House, and is now at home learning the ropes of development for Hebrew Union College, the source of leadership in the Reform movement. Michael enjoys playing music, volunteering as a mentor for the Jewish big Brothers. Spending lots of time outdoors, eating fresh food, and relaxing with his biological and logical family.



Victoria Groysberg

📍 **Los Angeles, CA**

Victoria was born in Los Angeles, CA to Ukrainian Jewish immigrants from Odessa. Her family immigrated to Los Angeles in 1994 on refugee status with the help of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. She attended a private Russian Jewish Elementary School in Hollywood during which she performed at multiple synagogues and Jewish festivals in a choir and dance team. After attending Bravo Medical Magnet High School, Victoria received her Cognitive Science B.S. from UCLA. She now works in medical research at UCLA Health with aims to pursue a research career. She has traveled to St. Petersburg with JDC Entwine in an eye-opening and life-changing trip. She wants to give back to UCLA and to the global Jewish community through art and medicine.



Ken Gwynn

📍 **San Francisco, CA**

Ken was born in New York City and lived in the Philippines before eventually moving to California. Ken graduated from the University of California, Davis, and later moved to Los Angeles where he worked on a political campaign as well as a bank. Ken later moved to San Francisco where he currently manages Human Resources for a mortgage banking firm. In the summer of 2014, Ken was a co-chair/bus captain for the JFNA National Young Leadership trip to Israel where he enjoyed his second experience in Israel, while also helping to lead young adults through their own experiences. In 2015, Ken joined JDC Entwine's Inside the Philippines trip. Ken loves to travel and wants to see as much of the world as possible.



Sophie Hearne

📍 **Boston, MA**

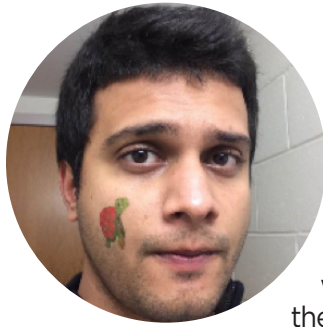
Sophie is a Boston native with a deep family connection to JDC. Sophie's first Entwine experience was in May 2017 on a trip to Morocco. She is currently the Assistant Director of JCC Greater Boston's Annual Campaign. Sophie graduated from Dickinson College in 2014 with a degree in Latin American Studies, Women and Gender Studies, and Spanish. She was on Hillary Clinton's Boston Young Finance Committee, is a member of New Israel Fund's Boston Regional Council, is a NIF Naomi Chazan Activism Fellow for 2017-2018, and is a member of The Philanthropy Connection. Sophie is passionate about social justice, Jewish continuity, and gender equality. In her spare time, she enjoys finding the best burgers in Boston, refining her bullet journal, and spending time with friends and family. Sophie can't wait to help grow JDC's Entwine presence and alumni network in Boston.



Steph Horn

📍 **London, UK**

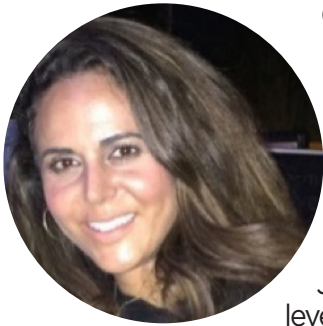
Steph lives in London and works in a hospital as a physical therapist where she gets elderly people out of bed and forces them to walk (under much protest). She has also worked with a number of football (soccer) teams and is joining Team GB in Israel this summer for the Maccabiah Games. Steph became involved in JDC on a trip to the Philippines last year and then travelled on her own for a month after, which has really given her the travel bug. Steph has a busy social life, spending time with family and friends. She loves drinking cocktails, eating good food and watching gorgeous sunsets. Steph is very involved in the Jewish community in London and has volunteered for a number of different charities over the past 10 years. Most recently, she was on a committee at UJIA (United Jewish Israel Appeal) where over £25,000 was raised by organising events for young professionals.



Roni Hyam

📍 **Columbus, OH**

Roni is an Indian Jew who came to the US for grad school and recently graduated from UMass Dartmouth. He currently works as a software engineer at DSW Inc. at its Columbus headquarters and things have never been better! He has experience leading trips to Israel and being in leadership positions, including being a Moishe House resident, Taglit Israel fellow, BBYO staffer, Resident Assistant, GSS senator etc. Because of his tendency to travel, he tries to find a Jewish community to be part of (sometimes multiple communities in a city) and make a stronger bond with them while spreading awareness about Indian Jewry. He is at an amazing place in life where the opportunities are limitless for creating a bigger, better, more connected Jewish World and living a meaningful Jewish life, something that he couldn't have even imagined back in India.



Chantal Ifrah

📍 **Los Angeles, CA**

Chantal is a School Psychologist working with Cedars Sinai's Psychological Trauma Center to provide mental health services for students of need. She uses her specialization in Art Therapy to help students express themselves in a creative manner. Chantal taught Judaic Studies for many years to stay connected with Jewish Youth. She is passionate about her Jewish Heritage and feels responsible for continuing to evolve Jewishly with her community on many levels. Recently Chantal traveled with Entwine to Argentina & Uruguay where she got to experience the work of JDC firsthand in an international setting. The trip was deeply inspiring and informative on many levels and sparked further interest for future involvement with Jewish communities around the globe.



Misha Itskovich

📍 **Washington, DC**

Misha has been an engineer, a teacher, a business consultant, and an attorney among other things ... so to summarize, he is interested in all things progressive. He became interested in JDC activities, because at the core it holds the Jewish community to a higher calling, and he wanted to be a part of that.



Joan Kagan

📍 **Boston, MA**

Joan Kagan is passionate about community engagement, Jewish culture and consumer behavior. Currently, she is pursuing a joint MBA and MS in Digital Innovation at Boston University Questrom School of Business, with a concentration in marketing. She has previously worked as a market researcher, consultant and volunteered on political campaigns. Joan first traveled to Latvia & Estonia with JDC Entwine in 2012, as an undergraduate at NYU. She has remained involved with Entwine ever since, helping to spearhead several events for the NYC community, including chairing a fundraising event that highlighted JDC's disaster relief work in the wake of the Nepalese earthquake and a recent joint Shabbat dinner with REALITY and Olam. Joan participated in the Inside Israel trip in 2016, which included the first Entwine giving circle. In spring of 2017, Joan co-chaired the Inside Morocco trip (with SF Community Rep Analucia!), where she met Sophie Hearne and is very excited to be spearheading programming for the Boston community with Sophie. Joan is a strong advocate for the work that JDC does and enjoys sharing it with her peers.



Stacey Klein

📍 **Los Angeles, CA**

Stacey received a BA from UCLA and a law degree from Loyola Law School. After practicing at a firm for many years as a business litigator, she recently became assistant vice president and general counsel for a credit card processing company. Since serving as president of Hillel at UCLA and as a board member for Bruins for Israel as an undergraduate, Stacey has been actively involved in many other organizations. She has served as a Kol Ahava board member, completed AIPAC's LTI program, and will be a member of the Jewish Federation's 2017-2018 CLI class. Stacey's love of traveling led her to travel for the first time with JDC Entwine to Morocco in 2014. Since that trip she has been hooked on all things Entwine, and has traveled with them to Cuba and India. Stacey's interests include trying to travel all over the world (she's been to 31 countries and 6 continents) and trapeze!



Elana Kobernick

📍 **San Diego, CA**

Elana is a native San Diegan who loves to travel. She works as a business analyst for an aerospace company in San Diego. She has been involved with Entwine since 2008 when she traveled to the Baltics with a group of student from UC Santa Barbara. In addition, Elana has traveled back to the Baltic's, India, China, and Israel with Entwine. She is excited to be a part of Entwine's new strategy as a community representative. She previously sat on Entwine's National Steering Committee and was part of the SD Planning Group. In her free time, Elana likes to make jewelry, hang out at the beach, cook, and explore/adventure the world.



Jaclyn Laichter

📍 **Las Vegas, NV**

Jackie currently lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. She has an accounting degree from the University of Nevada, Reno. Jackie has worked for the local power company for the last 7 years in various positions in finance/accounting. Currently, she works at a power plant helping to make sure they do not spend too much money. Jackie is also an active volunteer with her local Make a Wish Foundation. She has granted many wishes including sending children with life threatening illnesses to swim with dolphins, volunteer at an elephant sanctuary in South Africa, and to meet Mickey Mouse. In her spare time, Jackie likes to bake things with chocolate, cook, travel around the world, and go to happy hour.



Elana Lavi

📍 **Los Angeles, CA**

Elana is a speech language pathologist at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. A native of Dallas, Elana earned her B.S. in Communication Sciences and Disorders from the University of Texas at Austin. She then went on to earn her M.S. in Communication Disorders from the University of Texas at Dallas. Moved and inspired by the work of the JDC, Elana began her involvement with Entwine in 2012 as a member of the Dallas Entwine planning committee. She has traveled with Entwine to Cuba and Morocco. Elana has also chaired Entwine events, as well as spoken to various Jewish organizations on behalf of Entwine. Upon moving to Los Angeles in 2014, Elana immediately became involved in the LA network, and finds joy in spreading the word of JDC's work to young professionals. Elana is passionate about traveling and exploring other cultures; she is always planning her next trip. Elana is honored to serve as a Los Angeles Community Representative and looks forward to serving JDC and the global Jewish world.



Rachel Lazar

📍 **Raleigh, NC**

Rachel is a healthcare professional currently working in the Raleigh-Durham area in North Carolina. She has her Masters degree in health policy and management with a global health concentration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a B.A. in Cultural and Medical Anthropology from Skidmore College. Prior to pursuing her graduate degree, Rachel was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Senegal where she focused on preventative health education. Rachel has participated in two JDC Entwine overseas experiences (the Philippines and Ethiopia) and is beyond excited to be co-chairing an upcoming JDC Entwine trip to Morocco. When she is not working, Rachel enjoys horseback riding, exploring different workout classes, volunteering with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and planning her next travel adventure.



Daniel Levitt

📍 **Dallas, TX**

Daniel was born and raised in Dallas, Texas. He grew up loving sports and music, and had a dislike of math. After high school at Plano West, he attended the University of Texas at Austin, and developed a love for live music while in school. He also appreciated the community of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity and eventually rose to the role of President. His senior year, he was offered a job at a boutique real estate firm, and started work the day after graduation in 2011. He has been with the company ever since. Daniel likes to attend concerts and comedy (which he has taken classes in), enjoys travel, and generally seeks out new experiences.



Carly Ezell Lobenstein

📍 **San Diego, CA**

Carly has worked in the Jewish community since 2008 for a variety of organizations including Hillel, the San Diego Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of San Diego County. She has a Bachelors of Science from the University of Arizona in Regional Development and is almost complete with a Masters in Business Administration at San Diego State University. Carly loves to get lost in new cities, read history books and travel with Entwine. She has participated in the Inside Jewish Turkey Trip and can't wait for her next Entwine adventure.



Analucia Lopezrevoredo

📍 **San Francisco, CA**

Inspired by the dynamic world in which she lives, Analucia is a global community professional with over 10 years of experience in advocacy, diplomacy, experiential education, and international development. She has worked as a social work professional in Cambodia, Cuba, Ecuador, India, México, Mongolia, Panamá, Perú, Thailand and the United States of America, and has studied and lived in Ghana, Ireland, Italy, The Philippines, and Spain. A member of San Francisco's JDC Entwine Planning Group, Analucia has traveled with Entwine to Haiti and Morocco and has chaired a number of city events including Cuba in Focus, Experience 100, Global Nosh and A Taste of Sefarad. A lover of languages and human connection, she is also fluent in Spanish, English, French, Italian, and Ladino. In addition to empower young adults to explore and develop their Jewish identity by hosting transformative Friday night dinner experiences in their respective communities. She is also the founder of Flavors of Coexistence, a program dedicated to using food as a tool to connect people to the lived [culinary] experience of Jewish communities around the world. A Sephardic Jew-tina born in Lima, Peru, Analucia can trace her Jewish heritage to Granada, Spain and Sarajevo, Bosnia. Her passion for the preservation of the Jewish diaspora is personal and profound, and her biggest dream is to one day work as an intelligence/secret operative for the JDC.



Dmitriy Lovchinsky

📍 **Dublin, CA**

Dmitriy immigrated from Russia to the United States at the age of 10. His introduction to Jewish identity came the same year as he was enrolled in Columbus Torah Academy, where he spent 4 years learning English, Hebrew, Torah and general studies. After High School, Dmitriy enrolled in the Ohio State University where he completed a double major in Finance and International Business. By his mid twenties Dmitriy founded a successful web design agency in Columbus assisting small to mid size businesses with their complete online presence. More recently Dmitriy made a switch to cloud software, where as a Product Manager in the life sciences industry he oversees Product Alliances at Veeva Systems. Outside of business, Dmitriy is the founder of RuJew San Francisco, a social group for Jewish young professionals of Russian decent. He recently participated in the second annual Moishe house RSJ retreat for young leaders and is an alumni of the recent Entwine trip to Greece and Bulgaria.



Arya Marvazy

📍 **Los Angeles, CA**

Arya is a first-generation American, born to Iranian-Jewish parents in the bustling metropolis of Tehrangeles, CA. Most passionate about travel, languages (four and counting), and exploring foreign cultures, Arya earned his B.A. in Psychology from UC San Diego, and M.A. in Organizational Behavior from NYU. Arya has spent the majority of his career within the non-profit Jewish communal sector, with roles ranging from programming and engagement work on college campuses to talent recruitment and professional development at Hillel International's Washington, DC office. Arya is broadly involved in a variety of community organizations including JDC Entwine, where he serves as the Los Angeles City Co-Chair, and The Jewish Federation of Los Angeles, where he is involved as a Kahn Fellow. He has always been passionate about LGBTQ equality, education, and advocacy work. Before joining the JQ team full time, Arya worked as an organizational consultant with small businesses in the greater Los Angeles area.



Alissa Merksamer

📍 **San Francisco, CA**

Alissa is a food writer, editor, and copywriter living in San Francisco. She's a regular contributor to the San Francisco Chronicle and Palo Alto Weekly. She teaches SAT prep classes on the side and may one day change careers and become a full-time teacher. When Alissa's not writing, she's taking ridiculously long walks around San Francisco or playing tourist. She can't imagine ever visiting somewhere without signing up for at least one tour.



Sophie Mindell

📍 **London, UK**

Sophie grew up in London and graduated from The University of Nottingham with an engineering degree and currently works for a global integrated communications agency as a Content and Publishing Strategist specializing in social media. She was brought up in a traditional Jewish family, with Judaism and community playing an important part in her life. From high school, through to University she developed strong leadership skills by being involved with, and volunteering with a number of youth groups and societies from BBYO and Maccabi to training as a volunteer first aider with St John's Ambulance. During a university summer Sophie volunteered in Ghana with the charity Tzedek, initiating her interest in the developing world and has since sat on their communications team. Sophie loves to travel and has combined her interest in the developing world with a number of trips including India, Morocco, a WJR trip to Moldova and in 2016 her first trip with JDC to the Philippines.



Rachel Moreh

📍 **Los Angeles, CA**

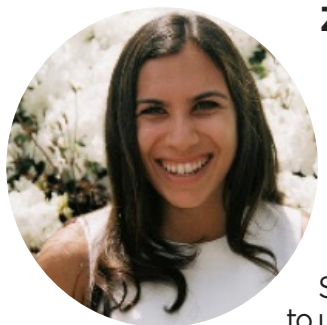
Rachel Moreh is a graduate from UCLA and received her BA in History and Israel Studies Minor. Propelled by her interest in Jewish Studies, languages, cultures and her roots, Rachel chose to be a History major. At UCLA, she served as a writing staff and social media chair for Ha'Am News-magazine, UCLA's Jewish newspaper on campus involvement with the Jewish community during her time at UCLA awakened a true passion for advocacy of the Jewish people. She also currently serves on the JIMENA Young Leaders Board in Los Angeles, where she has the opportunity to coordinate events that promote and preserve the forgotten narrative of the Mizrahi and Sephardic history on a political and cultural level. She has a great interest in foreign affairs and diplomacy, especially in relation to the state of Israel, and now works at the Israeli Consulate in Los Angeles. Before she began her job she had the amazing opportunity to serve as a JDC fellow in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Cory Orlansky

📍 **Los Angeles, CA**

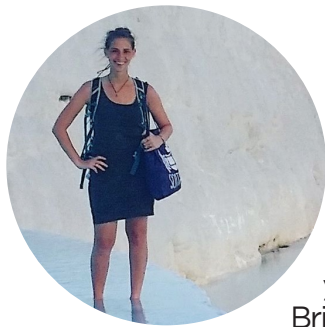
Cory currently works in the Entertainment Industry, mostly on television shows. He is one of those old school, blue collar, workers who likes/enjoys keeping busy while on the job. His interests include exploring the city, hiking/enjoying nature and trying new things.



Zoe Plotsky

📍 **New York, NY**

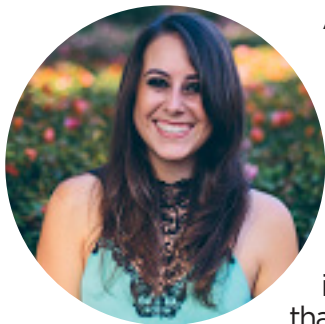
Zoe loves three things: food, feelings and Fridays. Food: Zoe grew up between two food-centric cities of New York and California, which influenced her to consider the world through the lens of food. She also freelances for the Infatuation, customizing restaurant recommendations to make sure all their users are eating at the best spots. Feelings: Zoe loves listening to her friends and helping those around her. While pursuing her BA in Political Science and Psychology at Barnard College, Zoe worked as a peer counselor on Columbia's crisis hotline. She's pursuing a Certificate in Social Impact Strategy through the University of Pennsylvania, a program that's equipped her with additional tools to understand user's feelings and experiences. Fridays: As a camp-obsessed kid, teenager, and young adult, Zoe learned early on that there was something special about Shabbat. Now, as OneTable's Strategic Partnerships and Events Manager, Zoe spends her days promoting Friday as the best night of the week.



Brittany Ritell

📍 *London, UK*

After Graduating from Brandeis University with a Bachelor's in Business, Brittany joined the 2015 - 2016 Jewish Service Corps Cohort with a placement in Copenhagen, Denmark. During that year, Brittany was involved in various projects including starting a BBYO chapter there, coordinating a Scandinavian Jewish teen leadership conference and planning a 10-day Scandinavian summer camp. Now, Brittany works in Glasgow, Scotland as a Jewish youth worker, frequently running Jewish assemblies in school, working with the various youth movements and planning a teen trip to Poland for fall 2017. During her spare time, Brittany is an avid dancer and has taken up boxing and gymnastics since moving to Glasgow.



Ashton Rosin

📍 *Los Angeles, CA*

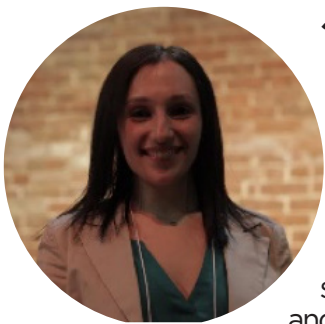
While studying International Development and Disability Studies at UCLA, Ashton Rosin was first exposed to the powerful opportunities delivered within the JDC Entwine platform. Upon graduation she had the honor of serving in the Jewish Service Corp as a fellow in JDC-Israel's Disabilities department from 2014-2015. After spearheading the creation of a nationwide project to empower college students with disabilities to achieve their rights within higher education settings, Ashton returned home to serve as a disability consultant and develop innovative content in her role at Summit Series. Ashton's innate desire to seek out those stories that often remain untold brought her to discover and cultivate the passion to promote the human rights of vulnerable populations, whether that be refugees, Holocaust Survivors, or people with disabilities. Today, Ashton works on strategic business initiatives, community building, and the creation of venture capital platforms including social enterprises, in her role as Chief of Staff of Drobny Capital.



Isaiah Rothstein

📍 *New York, NY*

Rabbi Isaiah Rothstein was born and raised in Monsey, NY, and is the youngest of three boys. Growing up in a mixed-raced Lubavitch family, Rothstein spends much of his professional life creating platforms for marginalized groups to engage in meaningful Jewish communal practice that celebrates the diversified wisdom in our world. After a year and a half of yeshiva study in Israel, Rothstein received his BA from Binghamton University where he became inspired to become a Jewish leader. After Binghamton Rothstein received rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva University and a MA from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work. Currently, Rothstein is the spiritual leader at Carmel Academy and a rabbi and member of the leadership team at The Beis Community of Washington Heights. Isaiah also is proud to community organize with Yeshiva University, Limmud NY, B'chol Lashon, the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) Hazon, and JFREG.



Jackie Shapiro

📍 *Great Neck, NY*

Jackie is a dedicated "professional Jew," as she likes to call it. By day she works in the Jewish non-profit world, and by night she's involved with a tremendous amount of Jewish organizations, her favorite being the JDC :) She is involved with UJA-Federation's EPIC committee as well as their young professional programming, and sits on the board of JCC Manhattan 20s and 30s programming. She is the first person in her family to have been born in America (everyone is from the FSU, mainly from Odessa, Ukraine and Baku, Azerbaijan). Along with her NY-born identity, she strongly identifies with the RSJ community which JDC has enabled her to closely work with and strengthen her connection to. Her other hobbies include working out and being a foodie.



Roey Shoshan

📍 *Atlanta, GA*

Roey Shoshan is an enthusiastic Jewish professional. After a promising career in the Israeli sports media industry he has moved from Israel 6 years ago to Atlanta and currently work for the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta as the director of the Israel and overseas department. He has a bachelor degree from the University of Bar Ilan in political science and international relations. Roey has one brother living in Israel along with his entire family. His is a BIG sports fan, especially Basketball and soccer. His favorite food in the world is couscous.

Elad Shoshan

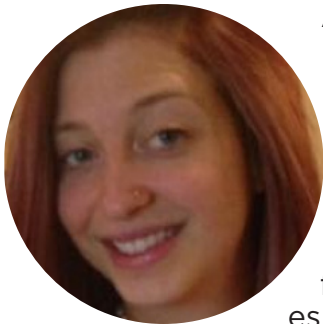
📍 *Tel Aviv, Israel*



Elad is the Owner and Co-Founder of the NOX Group, the largest entertainment, hospitality and nightlife company in Israel, where he operates and is Marketing Director of several exclusive venues. Elad has a strong history of cultivating innovation and leadership within Israel and for the broader Jewish world. Currently Elad served as Project Manager at the Rothschild Ambassadors program, a program that guided youth through social involvement, volunteerism, and community service, was part of the StandWithUs Fellowship, Birthright EXCEL program, and an award winning team leader at Project NOVA and Project Common Future. Elad completed his studies in the honors business program at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya. Prior to his studies, Elad served for four years in the Yahlom Special Forces unit at the Israeli Defense Forces, where among his many tasks, he was a commander of two commando companies in training and combat. Following his army service he started to work on a voluntary-basis for Taglit Birthright Israel planning over 1500 cultural activities, when simultaneously he started his own business for planning and producing cultural events for organizations that include MASA, the Jewish Agency, AIPAC, WUJS and the Maccabiah games.

Amanda Solomon

📍 *Las Vegas, NV*



At the end of 2016, Amanda and her husband left their lives on the East Coast to pursue a newlywed adventure. In order to push themselves professionally, they accepted new jobs in somewhat uncharted territory in Las Vegas. She currently serves as the Education Director for the Nevada Regional Anti-Defamation League office. Her primary role is to bring educational experiences and conversations about anti-bias and anti-bullying to the community. Aside from her professional life, she enjoys discovering and supporting local businesses in the most unassuming places. She is always happy to engage with new people and learn from their talents. She is avid about staying active and teach Krav Maga, the official self-defense system of the Israel Defense Forces, to community groups across the country. Family is very important to her and she makes a point to visit her family and her husband's family when time permits.

Amanda Stein

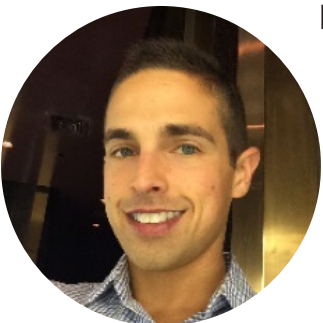
📍 *South Africa*



Amanda Stein is from Cape Town, South Africa and is a graduate of the University of Cape Town where she obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Genetics. She has a long history of communal involvement in the South African Jewish community. In 2009 she volunteered for Limmud Cape Town, as a head of Young Limmud. She subsequently, co-chaired the event in 2011 and 2012. In 2013 and 2014 she sat on the Limmud South Africa National Board. In addition, Amanda is a founding and executive member of Re.think Leadership, a local non-profit which aims to promote dialogue and leadership skills within the South African youth community. The organisation holds a summer camp for over 60 delegates from a diverse range of backgrounds and a six month follow up programme which encourages participants to undertake community based initiatives. Since 2012 the organisation has also hosted a young social innovators gathering, titled Un[convention]al: A Playful look at Social Innovation. Amanda now focuses on her '9-5' job in Recruitment and Training within the Retail environment.

Isaac Stock

📍 *Costa Mesa, CA*



Isaac recently moved to Orange County California, after managing a scrap metal (commodities) recycling business in Memphis, TN, after obtaining his B.S. in kinesiology from University of Arizona in Tucson. He now manages @ Ra Yoga Studios in both Costa Mesa and Newport Beach, California. He enjoys networking, yoga, walking his dog, and cooking in his free time. He is also currently studying to be a nutritionist, with an emphasis on psychology.



Ben Varon

📍 **New York, NY**

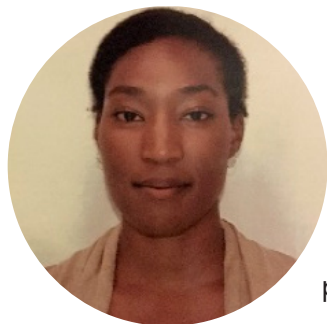
Ben is 28 years old and lives on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 2011 with a BA in government and politics. Since college, Ben has worked for United Synagogue Youth, first as the Program Coordinator for their Summer Programs and now as the Regional Director overseeing teen programming and engagement for the Metropolitan New York Region (METNY). Ben will be leaving USY shortly to start Rabbinical School at the Jewish Theological Seminary in the Fall. He loves to travel and has been a participant and staff member on many trips to Israel, Poland, Cuba, Mexico, and China. Ben is also an avid sports fan (Mets, Jets, Knicks) and loves to read in his spare time.



Ben Wacks

📍 **Washington, DC**

Ben has been involved in the Jewish community, in a professional and volunteer capacity, ever since he has been in DC, as well as his college experience. In undergrad, he was the AIPAC campus liaison. He worked for GW Hillel as an engagement coordinator with students. He currently works in Jewish education at Adas Israel and also on the side, recruits and coaches Shabbat hosts for OneTable, and is currently an Opendoors Fellow with GatherDC, and very involved in the Moishe House community. Ben has three years of experiences working in business development and sales. He is interested and passionate about nurturing relationships extensively with people getting involved with the Jewish community.



Keturah Webster

📍 **New Jersey**

Keturah Webster grew up in Guyana and New Jersey, and studied International Relations at Brown University. Since graduating, Keturah has worked in the for-profit and non-profit sectors for over 5 years. She recently returned from serving as a Jewish Service Corps Fellow at the Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village in Rwanda, where she connected high school students to higher education and career opportunities. Keturah is passionate about youth development, particularly helping young women maximize their talents and potential.



Stephanie Weiss

📍 **Los Angeles, CA**

Stephanie is an active member of the Los Angeles Jewish community. When returning home from college, she was in search of a Jewish organization to get involved in that really spoke to her personal passions. Once she went on her first JDC Entwine trip to St. Petersburg, Russia, she was hooked! When she is not boasting about JDC Entwine, Stephanie works as an account manager for an education tech company. Her other extra-curriculars include being an avid Zumba-class-taker and karaoke enthusiast!