

Participant Bios

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The first question Adam gets from friends and family is, "Where to next?" Adam grew up in an Israeli home in Los Angeles, where he became legally licensed to fly people in helicopters before he could drive a car. He went to Duke, where he studied abroad in Israel, Greece, and Italy, then became known as Tour Guide Adamo while leading 3 Birthright trips. He strives to accrue interestingness by visiting off-the-beaten path places and sojourning around the country during his investment management work trips. In 2019, on the day he got accepted to USC's business school, he quit his job as an office broker and accepted a spot on an Entwine trip to Rwanda. For Adam the pilot, the sky is never the limit.

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Adam is currently pursuing a Masters in International Affairs at Johns Hopkins SAIS. Previously, Adam completed his Bachelor's at Vanderbilt University. During his time on campus, Adam was the Vice President of Programming for Hillel and partnered with Be'chol Lashon to organize cultural exchange trips to Jewish communities in Latin America. After graduating summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, Adam earned a Fulbright Scholarship in Mexico City. Through his work at the United Nations Youth Association of Mexico, he developed a passion for youth empowerment and education. Seeking hands-on experience in this realm, Adam then volunteered for the Jewish Agency's Project TEN in rural Oaxaca. Most recently, at Accenture, Adam served as Program Manager for Skills to Succeed, a professional development bootcamp for under-served students. In 2022, he participated in JDC's Entwine trip to Dubai and looks forward to further exploring the intersection of Jewish values and international exchange.

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Allison Heim is a career-changing, music-making, advocate for social justice who has resided in New York City since 2009. An Illinois native, Allison holds a BS in Advertising and minors in sociology and gender & women's studies from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Allison worked for fourteen years in big tech in a wide variety of capacities ranging from digital advertising technology specialist to diversity, equity, and inclusion business partner. Active in her community, Allison served for over six years in a volunteer leadership role as Director of Marketing for Metropolitan Music Community, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing every musician a place to play. She also served on the Young Supporter's Committee at New York Theatre Workshop for four years. She performs regularly on clarinet with Brooklyn Wind Symphony, and on bass drum with Funkrust Brass Band. She aims to pursue a Master's Degree in Social Work in 2024.

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Dr. Analucía Lopezrevoredo (she/her) is a sociologist, experiential educator, and the founder and executive director of Jewtina y Co. Founded in 2019, Jewtina y Co. is dedicated to nurturing Latin-Jewish community, identity, leadership and resiliency, providing a vibrant platform for Latin-Jews to explore their intersectional identities and celebrate the rich mosaic of Latin-Jewish culture, history, and heritage. Before Jewtina, Analucía played a pivotal role at organizations such as JIMENA, OneTable, and Bend the Arc, where she pioneered systems to advance the understanding of global Jewish identity. She is the recipient of the National Young Woman of Distinction award, sits on JDC Entwine's Council, is a member of the Schusterman Foundation's "ROI community," and is an alumna of the Wexner Field Fellowship. A passionate global citizen, she's traveled to over 140 countries, seven continents and eats in every language.

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Ari is a world traveler, outdoor enthusiast, and proud Jew living in San Francisco, California. After living in two different Moishe Houses over the past five years, and recently moving out, Ari is excited to get involved with JDC Entwine. Ari holds a Bachelor's Degree in Management Information Systems from Temple University, and has a career working in Management Consulting at PwC. In his free time, Ari can be found building Jewish community wherever in the world he is, serving as the Head Counselor of Camp Nai Nai Nai West, sitting on the board of two local Bay Area nonprofit organizations (San Francisco Hillel and the School of Imagination), biking 545 miles from San Francisco to Los Angeles to raise money for charitable causes, hiking up Mt. Tamalpais or Mt. Diablo on the weekends, cooking meals and baking treats with friends, and going on long walks around San Francisco.

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Danya Greenberg is a born and raised San Diegan currently pursuing her Masters in Public Health online through George Washington. She is passionate about community health and bridging health inequities, leading life informed by Jewish values, travel, connection, and jamming/making music with friends! Danya has always admired her parents Laurie and Mark Greenberg for their thoughtful commitment to Jewish values and participation in Jewish programming and leadership. Danya spent much of her young life at the LFJCC attending summer camps and performing in countless musicals at the JCC. She attended Viterbi Torah School as a student, and later as a Madricha. She found great joy and meaning in serving on the USY leadership board in high school, Hillel Board in college, and is now navigating finding Jewish experiences- leadership, participation, travel- as a young adult. She looks forward to the opportunity to explore Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan through a Jewish lens.

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Denise Cherdak is a 24 year old, born and raised New Jersey-ian. Her family is of Jewish and Ukrainian/Russian descent. Her immediate family migrated from Odessa, Ukraine in 1991 (formerly, Soviet Union) to Israel, and later to the USA. Denise was raised Jewish, celebrating holidays every year and spending her summers in sleepaway camps such as Tel Yehuda. She graduated from NJIT in 2022 with a B.A. in IT and currently works as a Data Analyst for Bloomberg. During her years in college she was the VP of Hillel and now she volunteers as a Women in Data Mentor, preparing sophomores and junior college students to find employment in the IT field. Denise's current passions include running and working out, learning to sing and going out dancing with friends. She has previously traveled with Entwine 2018 to Argentina and in 2023 to Rwanda to volunteer at ASYV.

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Beth is a 32 year-old special education teacher living in Brooklyn. She grew up in the wilderness of Maryland and studied Linguistics and Russian Language and Literature, spending most of her college days translating Soviet poetry from the 1920s. After graduating, Beth served in Americorps by volunteering at an Elementary school in south-east DC with a non-profit called City Year. Inspired to teach after her year of service, she joined another Americorps program called Teach for America to earn her teaching license at CUNY Hunter College. Beth converted to Judaism in February 2022 after a lifetime of connecting through beautiful friendships and admiration for the resilience and determination of the Jewish people. She chose the Hebrew name "Yael" because of the way ibexes travel together, and the importance of community in our religion. When Beth isn't teaching or going to shul, you can find her in a hot yoga class.

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Inés Jordan-Zoob is a Program Manager at Venable LLP, where she supports cybersecurity and telecommunications policy and incident response efforts for clients. Prior to that, Inés spent time working with the US defense and intelligence community. Inés was born and raised in London, and majored in Political Science and Art History at Duke University. She is of Spanish and Ukrainian heritage. She currently resides in New York City. Her favorite hobbies are reading, seeing art, and traveling. While at Duke, Inés was awarded the Shore Undergraduate Research Scholarship to engage in independent research on the Jewish communities of Uzbekistan. She spent three weeks traveling across the country documenting Jewish life and history in Tashkent, Bukhara, Samarkand, Khiva and Nukus.

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James Fenner is an investment professional at Permira in London, one of the largest global private equity firms managing EUR77bn+, focusing on debt and restructurings. Prior to joining Permira, James spent over 2 years on Jefferies' leveraged finance team and was an intern at venture capital firm iAngels in Tel Aviv. James studied Biological Sciences at Oxford University, graduating with a Double First Class in 2021, focusing on evolution and molecular genetics, which he maintains a keen interest in. Outside work, James is an avid pianist and cellist, and achieved a distinction in his grade 8 cello exam. He particularly enjoys the works of Mendelssohn and Schumann. James is passionate about his Judaism and deeply involved in the London community. As a member of Highgate shul, he helped set up an emergency food bank at Woodside High School in Tottenham. He is also affiliated with Aish and FJL.

Jason Sorger

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Jason is marketing and business executive who leads growth for digital brands within the tech, AI and media industries. Most recently he has worked at Common Sense Networks, Sony Pictures, and Facebook. He holds an MBA from Harvard Business School (HBS) and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA with honors in both Cybernetics and Applied Mathematics. Jason previously traveled with JDC Entwine to Rwanda. He is passionate about building Jewish community and currently serves as the founder of the LA Jewish Surf Club, the President of HBS Jewish Alumni Association and leads The Never Again Network, a grassroots organization dedicated to taking action against antisemitism to make 'Never Again' a reality. He is currently a member of the UCLA's Entertainment Board. In his free time, Jason enjoys surfing, skiing and listening to Old Time Radio.

Jonathan Goetzman

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Jonathan Goetzman is a 2019 graduate of Chapman University's Dodge College of Film and Media Arts where he received a BFA in Film Production and a Minor in Business Administration. Born to an Israeli/Moroccan/Tunisian mother, Jonathan always puts his unique perspective on the world into his short films, music videos, and commercial experience. His most recent short film won many awards across the globe and was a film that captured the Jewish identity and the multigenerational trauma that comes with it. Since graduating, Jono has been working as a production assistant for many directors including Joel Coen, Paul Thomas Anderson, David O. Russell, Olivia Wilde, and the Russo brothers. When he's not working on film, Jonathan volunteers as a docent and educator at the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust and works with several organizations who combat hate and antisemitism such as Stand with Us and the Shoah Foundation.

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Lindsey Werner

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Lindsey has an extensive travel background having gone to over 60 countries solo, exploring new cultures and learning about local customs. Lindsey enjoys volunteering in diverse settings like helping out a Kibbutz in Israel, or a Bedouin camp in Jordan. Lindsey has a masters degree from Tel Aviv University in Security and Diplomacy and currently is a contractor for Homeland Security in Cybersecurity Strategy. Lindsey is well equipped with safety knowledge and traversing new landscapes. Lindsey also currently volunteers as a national security mentor for a US based youth program called Girl Security. Helping young women navigate their future education and careers to defend the nation and learn important skill sets a long the way. So far she has 3 young women she currently mentors! Lindsey doesn't have any past experience with Entwine, but she is excited to change that in a positive way!

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Margarita is a young Jewish professional working as a Senior Product Manager at Amazon in NYC. She has a Bachelor's in Supply Chain & Operations Management from University of Minnesota and a Master's in Behavioral Science from University of Pennsylvania. Although she may appear completely Americanized, Margarita immigrated to America when she was 9 years old as a Jewish Refugee from Ukraine. Russian is her first language. Being a Jewish refugee embedded a deep passion and desire in Margarita to strengthen her Jewish communities and leave them better than she found them. She founded the first Jewish sorority at her undergraduate school and sat on both Chabad and Hillel boards in college. As a post-grad, Margarita is a Hebrew School teacher and is involved both philanthropically and as an event organizer in organizations like JDC, OneTable, and others. Additionally, Margarita hosts a new Jewish podcast called "People Jew Wanna Know."

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Maria Barinova is a Russian Ashkenazi Brooklyn-native currently living in Seattle, WA. Originally born in Odessa, Ukraine she immigrated to the United States with her family when she was two. She holds an A.S. in Math & Science, a B.A. in Mathematics, and a M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She is currently pursuing a post-bacc in Computer Science. She works at the University of Washington full-time in addition to being a part time therapist and a part time nightclub security guard. She enjoys giving back to the community and volunteers with a number of organizations including Big Brother Big Sister, Friendship Circle, and Jewish Family Services. She also enjoys learning SAMBO, swimming, and reading.

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Matthew is a passionate advocate for cross-cultural understanding, with a Master's degree in Russian politics and two years of experience living in Moscow teaching English. With a background in international relations and a deep appreciation for Russian language, Matthew is excited to visit Central Asia. In his free time, Matthew enjoys trying new cuisines, hiking in nature, and learning about home improvement.

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Nathan studied computer engineering at the University of Michigan where he was the president of the Jewish Engineers Association. He's since worked on consumer electronics at Fitbit and now works for Toyota on self-driving cars. Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, he now lives in New York City where he helped make a website for his local Jewish community to make it easier to welcome newcomers. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, camping, and playing frisbee in the park

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Rachel Shapiro is an educator living in Cambridge, MA. Originally from Baltimore, MD, she is a graduate of Tufts University. Rachel spent a year teaching English in Spain between undergrad and grad school, then taught high school history for several years, and now works at a nonprofit workforce development program, helping young adults prepare for high school equivalency tests. Rachel enjoys reading, bar trivia, dance fitness classes, and bringing friends together. She was introduced to Entwine as a participant on the 2022 Inside Jewish Bulgaria trip and is excited to serve as a 2024 Entwine Community Representative.

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Originally a Staten Island native, Ryan is excited and committed to promoting Jewish life currently as his role as Director of Engagement at multiple campus Hillels. Having started staffing Birthright trips to Israel in college, and working previously as an engagement professional at Rutgers University Hillel, he cannot wait to help more students share in these amazing trips and develop those same connections. Ryan attended CUNY Brooklyn College for his undergraduate degree and studied both Political Science and Philosophy. He also recently obtained his Masters' degree from Reichman University in Israel, where he studied Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution with a focus in Contemporary Middle East Politics. Ryan loves going to the gym, learning languages and is an avid traveler taking as many trips as he can. To date, he has staffed 18 trips to Israel and Europe for Jewish high school and University students and can't wait to complete more.

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Sarah Constable is a barrister specializing in company law. Previously she was an Associate to a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia and a solicitor at Arnold Bloch Leibler. Sarah holds a Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy) from the University of Sydney, a Juris Doctor from the University of New South Wales, and a Bachelor of Civil Law from the University of Oxford. She is also a Teaching Fellow at UNSW, where she lectures in Business Associations and Law, Ethics and Justice. Sarah is a trustee of the Australian Music Foundation, and is a director of the Foundation and Friends of the Botanic Gardens. Sarah is Australian but grew up in London. She loves art, music, running and (watching) cricket. Sarah was involved in the early days of the Joint in NSW and has been to India, Azerbaijan and Georgia with Entwine.

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Shai holds a BA in global studies and religious studies from UNC-Chapel Hill and is currently pursuing an MA in religious studies at UNC Charlotte, where she also teaches courses on world religions and queer literature. Shai's previous work history reflects a rich tapestry of experiences, having worked as an animal handler, theater production assistant, study abroad office coordinator, and vineyard sommelier. After she graduates, she hopes to work in international education, making travel more accessible for nontraditional students like herself. Furthermore, Shai is committed to Jewish leadership, culture, and education, evident through her involvement in JFNA's Changemakers program, initially as a participant and later as a faculty member, as well as her participation in Hillel's Jewish Learning Fellowship and Birthright. In her spare time, Shai enjoys singing, daydreaming, traveling until her money runs out, cuddling her three cats, and learning as much about this wide world as she can.

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Sheyla Nemandoust was born in LA to two immigrant parents - her mother is from Lithuania & her father is from Iran. She lived in Los Angeles until she graduated from UCLA. After graduating, Sheyla decided to move to Israel & make aliyah. She lived there for almost 3 years. Sheyla loves Israel so much. It is her soul's home! She loves to live in different cities around the world & immerse herself in different cultures. Her passions include fashion, music, traveling and Judaism. Sheyla loves to think outside the box & she's amazing at creating solutions. She goes after what she wants & makes it happen. 'No' is not a word in her vocabulary. At this time, Sheyla is focusing on starting her business & taking care of herself. Sheyla believes that you can manifest anything you want in life when your mind, body, and soul are healthy.

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Ben is a young Jewish Professional based in Philadelphia. He is a project manager in the helicopter division at Leonardo. Outside of work, Ben is very involved in the Jewish community. He's a resident at the RSJ Moishe House, fellow of RAJE Philly, and graduate of the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) Leadership Boot Camp. In his free time, Ben enjoys being outside whether its hiking, biking or eating. Ben has recently participated in 2023's Inside Jewish Georgia trip.

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Eden recently graduated from MIT where she received her master's degrees in Integrated Design and Management, and Computer Science. During her time at MIT, she also worked as a research assistant in the Media Lab's Personal Robots Group. Prior to graduate school, Eden made aliyah and lived in Israel where she served as a JSC fellow in Jerusalem and then worked as a software engineer at Lemonade in Tel Aviv. While in Israel, Eden embedded herself in many olim and tech communities and initiatives. She was also a fellow in the inaugural cohort of Nevo Network, a founding team member of Olim in Tech, a partner in Women of Startup Nation, and organized several other initiatives. She now lives in Boston with her husband, and loves cooking, crocheting (and any kind of crafting), traveling, playing sports, learning and trying new things, and meeting new people.

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Arezu is an explorer, traveler, and adventurous learner. A native Angeleno, Arezu grew up in the Iranian-Jewish community, with Jewish ritual and tradition deeply embedded into the fabric of her life. She studied History and Religious Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and holds a master's degree in Organization Leadership and Innovation from Hebrew Union College (HUC).

As JDC Entwine's National Outreach Specialist, Arezu connects young adults with Jewish communities around the world. Arezu is passionate about meeting new people, dynamic storytelling, and honoring cultures from around the world. In her free time, Arezu reads anything she can get her hands on, cooks her way through cookbooks, and attempts to perfect her tennis forehand.

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Ari Glasgow is excited to have joined Entwine as an East Coast Community Manager! Ari comes from a background in advertising and social media, where he worked as a copywriter on a range of healthcare campaigns. He is also a licensed NYC tour guide, a proud graduate of the William Esper Studio acting and speech conservatory, and a performer at comedy clubs like Second City. Ari graduated with a B.A in Sociology from Tufts University, where he was active at Chabad and Hillel, and served as President of his improv group. When he's not working, writing or on stage, Ari enjoys reading fantasy novels, telling stories around the bonfire, playing basketball, and reminiscing about his summers at Camp Yavneh.

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Sara is a born and raised Brooklynite who grew up in the Russian-speaking Jewish community. Today she lives in Jersey City with her fiancé and spends most of her free time on her favorite podcasts, loitering at dog parks, and getting lost in her Pinterest-fueled day dreams. She has held several positions in the Jewish non-profit space and is driven by her passion for humanitarian work, social awareness, and international welfare. She sits on the Global Programs team as the Global Programs Coordinator, where she lends support to and project manages Entwine's international programming.