



Oren Baray

Development Manager, Young Adults

Ottawa, ON

Oren Baray manages the Young Adults Division at the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, overseeing leadership opportunities like J-Fellows, the young adult campaign, and overall community involvement for the next generation of Jewish Ottawa. Before joining the Federation, he served as the Student Engagement and Advocacy Coordinator at Hillel Ottawa, working directly with Jewish students on campus engagement and advocacy post October 7th. Oren holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Ottawa. His approach to this work has been shaped by his own experience in Jewish volunteering, including serving as a chaperone on March of the Living, which deepened his understanding of how service and Jewish learning can reinforce each other. That perspective now informs his current focus on building programming for young adults that treats volunteerism and leadership as pathways to deeper Jewish engagement.



Rachel Chernow

Social Worker

Toledo, OH

Rachel is a caring, community focused professional who brings together her background in social work, education, and culinary arts to support people in meaningful, hands on ways. She's known for her strong communication skills, reliability, and ability to step into any environment—whether a classroom, a clinical setting, or a professional kitchen—and make things run smoothly. Her experience includes group facilitation, patient coordination, teaching in both elementary and preschool settings, and creating welcoming food centered programs for children and families. Rachel's blend of practical problem solving, creativity, and warmth shows up in everything she does, from event planning to technology support to volunteer leadership. She has also been an active volunteer in Jewish and school communities, always looking for ways to strengthen connection and support those around her.



Sarah DeWoskin

Vice President, Engagement

Broward County, FL

Sarah DeWoskin is a nonprofit leader, entrepreneur, and educator with more than two decades of experience advancing Jewish engagement and community building. As Vice President of Engagement at the Jewish Federation of Broward County, she develops strategic partnerships and leads initiatives that deepen participation, strengthen collaboration, and create meaningful pathways into Jewish life across generations. Before joining Federation, Sarah founded LEV and served as Executive Director for eight years. Under her leadership, LEV grew from a grassroots initiative into a respected nonprofit that expanded access, fostered belonging, and equipped Jewish professionals with innovative approaches to engagement and education. Sarah holds degrees from Brandeis University and Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion and has completed advanced learning through the iCenter and the Mandel Teacher Educator Institute. A proud Broward resident, Sarah is passionate about helping build a Jewish community where every individual can connect, contribute, belong, and thrive.



Sarah Eckstat

Program Manager of Jewish Family Services

Des Moines, IA

Sarah Eckstat is Program Manager for Jewish Family Services at the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, where she develops programs and systems that strengthen community care, volunteer engagement, and connection to Jewish life. Her work includes building the Community Care Network and developing the Des Moines Jewish Grocery. She previously served as board president of a local nonprofit advancing healthy food access and community connection. Sarah spent over a decade with Birthright Israel and joined the inaugural Birthright Israel Fellows cohort. Following October 7, she returned to Israel through Birthright's first volunteer program, working alongside farmers affected by the war. The pilot helped pave the way for Birthright's ongoing volunteer programs. Across her professional and volunteer work, Sarah is especially interested in creating meaningful experiences that bring people together, translate Jewish values into action, and help individuals develop a stronger sense of identity, belonging, and responsibility to one another.



Abigail Goldberg

NextGen Outreach & Program Director

Louisville, KY

Abigail Goldberg is a Jewish communal professional at the Trager Family JCC and Jewish Federation of Louisville, where she has worked for nearly five years in teen and young adult engagement. She currently works with NextGen Louisville, engaging Jewish young adults ages 21–45 through programs, events, leadership opportunities, and community partnerships. Abigail is passionate about engaging people who are not yet connected to the Jewish community and creating meaningful opportunities for people to contribute their time, build relationships, and live out their Jewish values through service and leadership. Outside of her professional work, Abigail coaches youth field hockey and enjoys spending time with her dog, practicing yoga, and playing Mahjong.



Zachary Goldberger

Associate Director, Israel Connections

Boston, MA

Zach Goldberger is the Associate Director of Israel Connections at CJP, where he spearheads strategy to engage young adults in Boston in how they want to explore, learn about, and connect with Israel. His approach starts with meeting young adults where they are, not where the field assumes they should be, and guiding partner organizations and lay leaders to create the right spaces and opportunities for Israel to become a meaningful part of someone's life. He works closely with organizations across Boston and Israel to shape programming, build relationships, and advocate for the conditions that let young adults engage with Israel on their own terms. Before joining CJP, Zach worked across Jewish organizations focused on education, curriculum design, community building, mentorship, and leadership development. Zach holds an M.Ed. in Immersive Education and an M.A. in Nonprofit Management from Brandeis University, and a B.A. in History from North Carolina State University.



Megan Harkavy

Director of Education and Engagement

Charlotte, NC

Megan Harkavy is the Director of Education & Engagement at the Jewish Federation of Greater Charlotte, where she oversees initiatives focused on leadership development, community engagement, and creating meaningful pathways into Jewish life. Originally from Baltimore, Megan began her professional journey as a Program Associate at Jewish Volunteer Connection before moving to Cincinnati, where she worked at Hillel at Miami University. She later relocated to Charlotte, serving for six years as Director of Hebrew High before joining the Jewish Federation. Megan holds a Master of Social Work from the University of Maryland School of Social Work and a Master of Arts in Jewish Communal Service from Baltimore Hebrew University. Throughout her career, she has been passionate about building relationships, developing leaders, and creating opportunities for people to find meaningful connections within the Jewish community. She lives in Charlotte with her husband, Andy, and their two children, Eli and Abby.



Marcy Lewis

Director of Family and Volunteer Engagement

Phoenix, AZ

Marcy Lewis was born and raised in Phoenix. She spent 25 years teaching preschool before becoming the PJ Library program director, bringing decades of early childhood education experience into family-centered Jewish communal programming. In January 2026, she became the Director of Family and Volunteer Engagement at the Center for Jewish Philanthropy (CJP) of Greater Phoenix, where her work spans PJ Library Phoenix serving families across Greater Phoenix and Northern Arizona and volunteer engagement through the Mitzvah Collective. Her portfolio includes community partnerships, donor stewardship, grant writing, and program communications across a large, geographically dispersed region. Outside of work, Marcy loves volunteering, crafting, cooking, and spending time with family. She has been married for 28 years and has two sons, Justin (26) and Noah (22). She lives in the Phoenix area, where her career and family life are deeply rooted in the community she serves.



Lee Reisman

Director of Jewish Family Service

Columbia, SC

Lee Reisman was born in Israel and raised in Columbia, South Carolina, where she grew up active in Beth Shalom Synagogue and the Columbia JCC. She earned a bachelor's degree in International Development and Anthropology from Tulane University and spent a transformative year studying abroad in Ghana. After graduation, she worked at the New Orleans Women and Children's Shelter before earning her Master of Social Work from Southern University at New Orleans. Lee then served as the Overdose Prevention Project Supervisor at Odyssey House and later held an executive leadership role at the Juvenile Justice Intervention Center, where she led programs serving youth and families. Returning to Columbia to be closer to family, Lee now serves as Director of Columbia Jewish Family Service. She is passionate about strengthening Jewish community through innovative programming, meaningful partnerships, and compassionate, values-driven service.



Laura Rock

Mitzvah Food Program Client Services Manager

Philadelphia, PA

Laura brings a diverse professional background spanning 15 years across nonprofit operations, technology and data science recruiting, entrepreneurship, and community service. Before joining the Federation, she built and led recruiting functions in both established organizations and early-stage technology companies. She has also worked in strategic operations at a food-focused nonprofit organization. In addition to her nonprofit and corporate experience, Laura is an entrepreneur and former owner of a Philadelphia-based catering business. Through these experiences, she developed a deep appreciation for the ways food can bring people together and build community. Laura is particularly passionate about food security, community engagement, and creating meaningful experiences that connect people to one another and to a shared purpose.



Rachel Shatz

Director, Volunteer Center

Northern NJ

Rachel Shatz serves as Director of the Volunteer Center at Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey, where she develops and leads volunteer initiatives that address community needs while strengthening connections to Jewish life. She is passionate about creating meaningful service opportunities that engage individuals and families of all ages and backgrounds. Rachel works closely with community partners, synagogues, schools, and nonprofit organizations to build impactful programs and foster a culture of service throughout Northern New Jersey. Through her leadership, she strives to connect Jewish values with hands-on action, helping community members make a tangible difference while building a stronger sense of belonging and shared responsibility.



Rosalie Silberg

Young Dallas Leadership Associate

Dallas, TX

Rosalie Silberg is the Young Dallas Leadership Associate at the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas, where she focuses on engaging young adults through leadership development, Jewish learning, service, and community building. Originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Rosalie brings a background in design and product development to her work in the Jewish nonprofit world. She is passionate about creating meaningful experiences that connect young adults to Jewish values and one another. Through programs such as Root & Rise and Mighty Mench, she works to build pathways for the next generation to become engaged community members, leaders, and philanthropists.



Margie Stein

Community Connectors and PJ Library Coordinator

Miami, FL

Margie Sernik Stein is the Community Connector Coordinator and PJ Library Manager at the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, where she works to create meaningful pathways into Jewish life for individuals and families across Miami. She oversees Federation's Community Connectors initiative, an affinity-based, relationship-driven engagement program that meets people where they are, builds authentic connections, and helps them find their place within the broader Jewish community. Through her work with PJ Library, Margie also engages young families and creates opportunities for them to connect with one another and with Jewish life. Passionate about relationship-based engagement, Margie is especially interested in how listening to the needs and interests of community members can inform new opportunities for connection, service, and belonging.



Melissa York

Senior Director of Volunteerism & Advocacy

Los Angeles, CA

Melissa has been a part of the Community Engagement team at JFEDLA for almost 12 years working with the Board of Rabbis of Southern California, in Synagogue Outreach, managing partnerships with Repair the World and Resetting the Table and running the Volunteer Initiative. She earned her BA in Religious Studies from University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB) and her MBA in Non-profit Business Administration from American Jewish University. Prior to joining the Federation, Melissa spent 20+ years in multiple professional positions at various synagogues across Los Angeles. In her spare time, Melissa teaches 8th/9th grade pre-confirmation, assists in running the sleepaway camp and enjoys volunteering for her own synagogue, Temple Akiba of Culver City. Melissa also enjoys visiting places she's never been and spending time with close friends and family. You can often find her streaming 20/20 or Dateline.



Benjamin Zack

Philanthropy Officer

Minneapolis, MN

Benjamin Zack grew up in New York before moving with his family to Minnesota as a child, spending much of his childhood in and around Minneapolis. Today, he lives in Edina, just a short distance from his childhood home, with his wife, Caroline, their daughters, Lizzie and Jennie, and their dog, Teddy. Ben and his family are members of Temple Israel in Minneapolis, the same congregation where he had his bar mitzvah. His connection to Jewish community has continued to grow throughout his life, including through Jewish nonprofit and lay leadership. Today, Ben serves as a Philanthropy Officer at Minneapolis Jewish Federation. He finds real joy in mission-driven nonprofit work, building relationships, and helping people connect their generosity to the Jewish community. For Ben, Federation is a meaningful way to bring together his passion for people, philanthropy, and Jewish life.