

## A Passion for Jewish Learning and Leadership



I am deeply honoured to have been selected as this year's recipient of the prestigious GJ Cooper Scholarship award. I have recently decided that I want to pursue a professional career within the Jewish community and through my volunteer work and involvement I have learned that there is no area that I am more passionate about than Jewish education through Jewish leadership. This scholarship is going to help me pursue my goals by funding a Masters' program in either Informal Jewish Education or Jewish Communal Leadership.

I have been fortunate enough to grow up surrounded by a supportive and vibrant Jewish community that has provided me a wealth of opportunities to grow and develop. Just as my life has been greatly impacted by my Jewish educational experiences, I want to share my experiences to help communities change and adapt to challenges around the world today in order for them to be strong and vibrant.

I am now completing my fourth year at Queen's University and the final year of a Bachelor's of Secondary Education. I am also excited to be taking on a new leadership role within Queen's Hillel as Co-President. Jewish life has been an integral component of my time at university. My involvement, especially within Queen's Hillel, has shaped and defined my university experience and has helped me define my professional goals.



*Elana Moscoe in Israel, 2014.*

I am excited to take on this new position by leading an executive committee of my motivated peers to continue to build a cohesive, welcoming, encouraging and accessible Jewish community on campus. In addition, I hope to continue to facilitate constructive conversations about Israel and Judaism by bringing together all students who want to engage in dialogue in a manner that encourages openness, understanding, communication and respect.

While I am not entirely certain which path within the Jewish non-profit world I will decide to embark on, I know that everything that I plan to do will be centered around using my leadership skills and my passion for Israel and Judaism with the hope of making a positive impact on the Jewish world.

The Jewish community has provided me with many opportunities, support and guidance and has helped me thrive in ways I did not know were possible. I plan to use this scholarship to further enrich my experiences, develop my leadership skills and to pursue my professional and educational goals. Thank you for investing in me.

-Elana Moscoe, 2014 George Joseph Cooper Scholarship Recipient