

2014 AJFCA/Repair the World Young Adult Ambassadors



Beri Schwitzer

Birthday: July 17th

Director of Volunteer Services at JFS of Greater Dallas

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Enthusiastic Grateful Creative

A native Las Vegas who didn't have the aspirations to be a show girl, Beri Kaplan Schwitzer put her time, energy and enthusiasm into education. Upon graduating the University of Nevada, Reno with a degree in Journalism, she began in the non-profit sector where she worked with the Las Vegas community teaching job development and soft-skills training to at-risk teens and indigent clients. She eventually worked her way into corporate America and was named a top Corporate Trainer for Enterprise Rent-a-Car where much of her curriculum on customer service, sales and leadership development was adapted to the company's national training model. Her true passion remains in Jewish education where she has served in a variety of capacities over the last twenty years. Beri is a nationally recognized Jewish educator honored by Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA) and by the National Association of Temple Educators (NATE). She currently serves as the Director of Volunteer Services for Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas where she loves sharing her enthusiasm for community service and helping to provide an open door to those in need. Beri is currently working on her Certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA) credential and will complete this distinction at the end of 2014.



Rachel Weinstein

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Volunteer at JFS of Greater Dallas

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Responsible Caring Thoughtful

Rachel is the staff writer for the Texas Jewish Post, the weekly Jewish newspaper of Dallas and the surrounding areas. She received her bachelor of arts in Journalism from the University of Arizona and moved to Dallas after graduation for the position at the TJP.

She was involved with the Glass Leadership Institute of the Anti-Defamation League from 2011-2012 and has continued to stay involved with ADL. Rachel tries to volunteer in the community whenever she can.



Sandee Golden

Birthday: September 19th

Food Pantry and Volunteer Manager at JFS of Cincinnati

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Dedicated Team Player

Sandee has her BSW, but has had many different careers in many cities and states over the years of her professional life before coming to Jewish Family Service of Cincinnati. She has been with Jewish Family Service for 11 years, working in every department on her way to (her favorite job so far) being the Food Pantry and Volunteer Manager. She has been in this position for 5 years and loves everything about it: the camaraderie of clients, the dedication of the volunteers, the team work of co-workers, the impact they make on the Jewish community. She is a board member of the local Cincinnati Association of Volunteer

Administrators and is involved in her local Crohns and Colitis Foundation.



Melanie Blumental

Birthday: April 18th

Board member at JFS of Cincinnati

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Outgoing Connector Passionate

Melanie graduated from The Ohio State University in 2007 with a degree in Strategic Communication. She has been working in the marketing field for the past 7 years and currently works for US Digital Partners, an interactive marketing firm in Cincinnati as an Account Manager. She serves on the board of directors at Jewish Family Service and is also on their marketing committee. She is also active in the Jewish Federation's Young Adult Division.



Daniel Kerbel

Birthday: October 3rd

Board member at JFS of Cincinnati

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Direct Demanding Dedicated

Born and raised in Mexico City, Daniel attended Jewish school and lived in Israel for a year before college. He studied Industrial Engineering in a private university and started working at Procter & Gamble - Marketing, Mexico City Office. His job moved him to the Headquarters Office in Cincinnati 3 years ago. Married - no kids but one "hairy" daughter. Daniel started volunteering with the Mexican Jewish Community at 16 and has been doing it ever since. He was on the board of directors of the Mexican Jewish Community since his 21st b-day. Daniel has been volunteering in Cincinnati since her arrived, and serving on the JFS Cincinnati Board since 2012.



Robin Moss Henkin, MSW, LSW

Birthday: June 17th

Supervisor, Volunteer Services at JFCS of Greater Philadelphia

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Creative Smart Kind

Robin Moss Henkin, Supervisor of Volunteer Services, arrived at JFCS in 2013 with considerable experience in volunteer management, community building, staffing and fundraising. As a volunteer herself, she held leadership positions in local Parent Teacher Organizations, helped form an education and prevention program in her community, and chaired a variety of events and programs for students and families. Robin holds a Bachelor's Degree in Human Service and Business from SUNY Binghamton and a Master's Degree in Social Work from Columbia University.



Abigail Lerner

Birthday: October 2nd

Volunteer at JFCS of Greater Philadelphia

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Funny Deliberate Abstract

After being involved in Jewish communal service throughout her childhood and young adulthood, Abby's first job after college was as the assistant director of volunteer services at a Jewish non-profit in NYC. She continued working in the social service world for 5 years and got to try her hand at program development and management and grant stewardship, but her favorite aspect has always been volunteer management. She has volunteered as a friendly visitor, a dog-walker, with hospice patients, and as an outreach worker. She recently moved from NYC to Philly and is currently working towards her master's degree in occupational therapy.



Ian Peltzman

Birthday: February 25th

Volunteer at JFCS of Greater Philadelphia

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Energetic Kind Active

Ian is a 2011 University of Pennsylvania grad with several years of work experience in technology and marketing. He's been volunteering with JFCS for a year, working in the JFCS Thrift Boutique, transporting elderly clients through the Silver Wheels transportation program, delivering challah to hospitals and helping JFCS in their marketing department. In his free time he enjoys all things sports – both watching and playing. When not watching sports he is probably watching movies – he has an IMDB-level knowledge of film.



Ashley Harrington

Birthday: Nov. 8th

Volunteer & Emerging Leaders Coordinator at JFS of San Diego

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Bright Sarcastic Political

Ashley is a graduate of the University of San Diego, where she studied political science and theology. Post-graduation, she has worked in the non-profit field in direct service to adults with developmental disabilities, and most recently as a volunteer coordinator and fundraiser working with young professionals at JFS San Diego. In her two years at JFS San Diego, she has increased the number of programs open to hosting young adult volunteer groups, and has formed partnerships with JFS affiliates like Feeding America San Diego to expand the availability of after work and weekend volunteer opportunities for our Jewish community. In her free time, Ashley is very active in the political community in San Diego, and serves as Secretary on the Executive Board for the San Diego County Democratic Party. She is an avid reader, enjoys cooking, and is an amateur bartender of all things whiskey.



Sean Ross

Birthday: June 16th

Board Member at JFS of San Diego

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Entrepreneur Integrity Motivated

Sean was born & raised in Montreal but now lives in San Diego. He has played baseball his whole life, which is what brought him to California. Once there, he met his wife in San Diego and has made it his home. He works as a sales manager in the nutrition industry helping companies come up with new products that help improve people's overall health. He is a member of JFS Emerging leaders, and enjoys hiking and camping in his spare time.



Brad Slavin

Birthday: August 30th

Emerging Leader at JFS of San Diego

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Playful Analytical Purposeful

Brad has a MBA and owns his own marketing agency in San Diego California called Webheat.com, which specializes in handling Paid Marketing campaigns for clients looking to generate additional business online. He just got married about a year ago to his wife Lisa. They live in San Diego and are extensive world travelers, traveling to India, China, Thailand, Western and Eastern Europe, Mexico, South America just in the past few years. Brad was influenced by the book **4 Hour Work Week** which allows him to work and thrive from anywhere in the world. Brad was on the Young Adult Board of the San Diego Jewish Federation where he ran the Shabbat Connections program. He is currently involved in the JFS Emerging Leaders program where he helps to wrangle volunteers to different community focused events.



Anna Lehrke, MHR

Birthday: May 25th

Coordinator of Volunteers at JF&CS – St. Louis, MO

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Curious Quirky Driven

Anna has been with JF&CS St. Louis since April of 2013. She previously worked in Volunteer Management for a local hospice for six years. Before getting in to Volunteer Management, Anna worked in Human Resources and Organizational Development. Anna has a BA in Psychology from University of Tulsa, and a Master of Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma. She is a Senior Professional of Human Resources. Anna serves on the Board of Directors for the Community Council of St. Charles County and the Lewis & Clark SHRM Chapter, and is a member of the United Way Volunteer Certification Committee.



Megan Wilson

Birthday: June 12th

Vice President, Human Resources at JF&CS – St. Louis, MO

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Driven Thorough Enthusiastic

Megan Wilson is an attorney specializing in education regulation. She earned a B.A. from Lindenwood University with dual majors in Political Science and Public Management in 2007 and a J.D. from St. Louis University School of Law with an International Law Certificate in 2010. She has been a member of the Missouri Bar since September 2010 and currently serves as Senior Associate Counsel of Regulatory Affairs for Vatterott Educational Centers, Inc., a St. Louis based private postsecondary school system. Megan has enjoyed being a member of Jewish Family & Children's Services – St. Louis' Board of Directors since 2011 and V.P. of Human Resources since early 2013. During her tenure at JF&CS she has also been a member of the Strategic Planning, Marketing and Financial Development committees. Megan recently joined JF&CS' Youth Leadership Board and looks forward to many years of involvement with the agency.



Josh Yudkin

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Young Leaders Board President at JF&CS – St. Louis, MO

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Adventurous Inquisitive Exuberant

Josh holds a BA, MPH, and is a MA Candidate --all from WashU in St. Louis. He currently works on the Global Expansion/Franchise team at Enterprise Holdings as a Revenue Manager for Latin America Community Involvement. Josh volunteered for 4 years on the EMS program at WashU, was very involved with Hillel International (served on their international board of directors), and is currently president of the Young Leadership Board in addition to serving on the Board of Directors for the Jewish Family and Children Services.
