

Andrea Siegel

Andrea enjoys creating unusual educational experiences in unusual places. She has taught Jewish texts in rural Ethiopia, in a dementia care program in Tel Aviv, and on the Black Sea coast of Georgia. As JDC Entwine's former Director of Jewish Learning, Andrea designed education strategy and peer learning across JDC Entwine's continuum of programming for young adults. She continues to consult for JDC Entwine, inspired by the risks and opportunities of inclusive Jewish global responsibility at a time of tremendous change in Jewish life; recent projects include design of the "Global Shabbat Toolkit" and the "Films from the Field Toolkit," both available online to young Jewish leaders.

Andrea was JDC's 2008-2009 Ralph I. Goldman Fellow in International Jewish Communal Service; during this time, she worked on senior care community support programs with ESHEL in Jerusalem, and crafted young adult leadership training with the Jewish community of Turkey.

Andrea earned her Ph.D. in Middle East, South Asian, and African Cultures at Columbia University in 2011. She has taught Judaic Studies at University of Michigan and was Acting Director of the Jewish Communal Leadership Program in the School of Social Work. Andrea has been a visiting faculty member at Pepperdine University and the State University of New York, Purchase College. She is an alumnus of the Wexner Graduate Fellowship and the Dorot Fellowship in Israel.

Andrea has been a Research Fellow at the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies and was a 2013-2014 faculty cohort member of the University of Michigan's Program in Integrative Healthcare. Academic interests include Jewish civilization and medical humanities. Her desire to interweave these interests originally stemmed from her experiences as a family caregiver for family members at the end of their lives. Andrea is currently serving three days per week in the hospital on the chaplain team as a Chaplain Intern with Michigan Medicine. In her ongoing work as an education consultant, she facilitates workshops for both interfaith and medical audiences.

She and her husband live in Ann Arbor, Michigan.