



EVAN R. BERNSTEIN
VP of Community Relations

Evan R. Bernstein is the inaugural Vice President of Community Relations for Jewish Federations. In his role, Bernstein will lead a growing focus to strengthen and support Federations' community relations efforts nationally. Community relations aim to strengthen civic engagement, counter antisemitism and rising hate, and advance the values, interests, and security of the Jewish community.



Prior to joining Jewish Federations, Bernstein served as CEO and National Director of Community Security Service (CSS) leading its significant national expansion and developing formal partnerships across the Federation system and overall Jewish community. While at CSS he co-founded the New York City Interfaith Security Council in 2021 and implemented unconscious bias and Jews of Color training for CSS security volunteers.

Bernstein has over 25 years of nonprofit experience that includes serving as Vice President of the Northeast Division for the ADL, and led community relations and combatting antisemitism efforts in New York and New Jersey, through building partnerships with key interfaith groups, law enforcement and public officials. He developed deep working relationships that included the NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force, Consulate General of Mexico in New York, Consul General of Haiti, the NAACP in New Jersey and Clergy for Safe Cities. In 2019, The Bridge Multicultural & Advocacy Project honored Bernstein with the annual Unity Award for his work in community relations and combatting antisemitism.

Bernstein was also the State Director for AIPAC in Arizona and worked closely with elected officials that included Senator Jon Kyl and Senator John McCain. He recently was listed on The Algemeiner "Jewish 100" list of people who positively influence Jewish life globally. He earned a Bachelors degree and played lacrosse at Western Connecticut State University and also earned a Masters degree from Harvard University.