



# Cohort 4



## Mentee Profile



<b>Name</b>	<b>Adam Stockman</b>
<b>Hometown</b>	Portland, OR
<b>Industry</b>	Business, Entrepreneur, Non-Profit, Film & Digital Media
<b>Employer</b>	Kesser Israel; Dependable Property Management; Self
<b>Title</b>	Office Administrator; Account Manager; Self-Employed
<b>Non-profit Involvement</b>	Congregation Kesser Israel
<b>Something Unique</b>	In my spare time I backpack, play piano, and write.
<b>Bio</b>	Adam is a creative entrepreneur. A graduate of an actors conservatory, he has acted on stage and camera, and then spent half a decade in PCC's video production department learning the craft of filmmaking. He is skilled in motion graphics, audio production, video editing, visual effects, and graphic design. Adam wrote and directed his first narrative short film last year, and this year he started a tabletop game company and developed a fun and unique party card game for adults.
	Adam is thrilled to learn from the experience of his mentor and fellow participants!



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Ahron Bergman</b>
<b>Hometown</b>	Overland Park, KS
<b>Industry</b>	
<b>Employer</b>	Not currently employed
<b>Title</b>	
<b>Non-profit Involvement</b>	
<b>Something Unique</b>	I have a culinary arts diploma. I've surfed in Mexico, California, Hawaii and even Oregon
<b>Bio</b>	Ahron is originally from Overland Park, Kansas, but has lived all over the U.S. He spent multiple years working with children and teens in summer camps and schools. During this time, he created extracurricular incentive programs to help kids achieve personal growth. Ahron has also worked as a volunteer chaplain for inmates in Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico. He is now looking to transition these skills into a new field. Ahron has spent the last 9 months in Portland volunteering and networking, and is now looking for some mentorship to help solidify his next steps.



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Alex Banker</b>
<b>Hometown</b>	Port Huron, MI
<b>Industry</b>	Technology
<b>Employer</b>	Nike
<b>Title</b>	Senior Software Engineer
<b>Non-profit Involvement</b>	PDXWIT, JDC Entwine
<b>Something Unique</b>	Every few months I try a new hobby, off-roading and scuba diving are my current 'projects'.
<b>Bio</b>	Originally from Michigan, Alex's career in technology led him to the Portland area four years ago. He enjoys playing board games and a variety of outdoor hobbies. His favorite event is Jews Next Dor's annual camping trip.



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Aviva Kaye-Diamond</b>
<b>Hometown</b>	Portland, OR
<b>Industry</b>	Law
<b>Employer</b>	Buchanan Angelo Altschul & Sullivan
<b>Title</b>	Intake Clerk and Legal Assistant
<b>Non-profit Involvement</b>	
<b>Something Unique</b>	The last 7 books I read were the Harry Potter series, start to finish, for what must have been the millionth time.
<b>Bio</b>	Aviva recently graduated from the University of Oregon with degrees in Political Science and Spanish. She is taking time off before law school to work at a Portland law firm and get exposure to the field. Aviva has been a lifelong participant in Mock Trial and other forms of civic education. She likes to bake, read, laugh, and take any excuse to practice her Spanish. Aviva grew up in Portland and is excited to re-connect with Jewish leadership and professional development resources.



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Bette Amir-Brownstein</b>
<b>Hometown</b>	Portland, OR
<b>Industry</b>	Non-Profit
<b>Employer</b>	B'nai B'rith Camp
<b>Title</b>	Camp Director
<b>Non-profit Involvement</b>	Congregation Shaarie Torah
<b>Something Unique</b>	I can tap dance and I love trying new things and learning about other people's interests.
<b>Bio</b>	Bette would like to be a part of this program in order to meet and learn from Jewish professionals in the Portland area. She has always gravitated toward building her leadership skills and networking within the Jewish community. Now as a young professional, she believes that this program will help her establish herself among Jewish peers once again. She is also very excited about the mentor aspect of the program and thinks it will provide a very valuable experience that she wouldn't be able to get elsewhere.



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Brian Highkin</b>
<b>Hometown</b>	Portland, OR
<b>Industry</b>	Entertainment
<b>Employer</b>	Subaru of Portland
<b>Title</b>	Digitization and Records Specialist
<b>Non-profit Involvement</b>	
<b>Something Unique</b>	I studied opera for 8 years.
<b>Bio</b>	Brian graduated from Willamette University in 2015. Since then, he has worked many day jobs while trying to get his music career off the ground. He looks forward to learning how to build a brand and promote himself, and would love to have somebody more experienced show him how to do those things.



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Emily Guttman</b>
<b>Hometown</b>	Columbus, OH
<b>Industry</b>	Education
<b>Employer</b>	Lake Oswego School District
<b>Title</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher
<b>Something Unique</b>	I love yoga and am certified to teach; I am the oldest of 6 in my family
<b>Bio</b>	Originally from Ohio, Emily has been in Portland for the last three years and is looking to get involved in the Jewish community here. She recently completed her Master of Arts in Teaching from Lewis & Clark College and is currently teach 8th grade Language Arts and Social Studies at a middle school in south Portland. Professionally, Emily seeks to hone her craft as a teacher and teach through a lens of social justice. In her personal life, she enjoys yoga, hiking, reading, baking, and spending time with her husband, Jeremy, and dog, Rory.



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Hadas Moalem</b>
<b>Hometown</b>	Palo Alto, CA
<b>Industry</b>	Non-profit; Medical/health-related
<b>Employer</b>	Trillium Family Services
<b>Title</b>	Skills Trainer
<b>Non-profit Involvement</b>	
<b>Something Unique</b>	I can speak 3 languages - English, Hebrew, and French.
<b>Bio</b>	<p>Hadas grew up in California and attended UC Santa Barbara where she studied literature. For much of her life, becoming a published author was where she put most of her effort. For work, she was an assistant teacher in various schools, a nanny, and a photographer. To keep her writing side alive, Hadas attended workshops and completed the 10-day MFA residency at Pacific University for non-degree seeking students. About 6 months ago, she decided to focus on switching careers to mental health. Hadas believes it is an important field that doesn't get enough attention. She wants to learn how to effectively help people make lasting changes to their lives. Her interests outside work include playing music, weightlifting, and reading. As far as Jewish activities, she is always looking for places to bring in Shabbat in community! She would like to host more, as well. This program is appealing to her for its intertwining of Jewish community and career/personal development.</p>



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Hannah Schafer</b>
<b>Hometown</b>	Portland, OR
<b>Industry</b>	Government; Marketing, Communications, and PR
<b>Employer</b>	Portland Bureau of Transportation
<b>Title</b>	Capital Projects, Assets and Maintenance Communications Coordinator
<b>Non-profit Involvement</b>	
<b>Something Unique</b>	I was the Teva (Nature) Director for three summers at BB Camp. Oh, and I met my husband there.
<b>Bio</b>	Hannah Schafer is the Capital Projects, Assets and Maintenance Communications Coordinator for the Portland Bureau of Transportation. A born-and-raised Portlander (and PJA graduate), Hannah spent the first 10 years of her career in Tel Aviv, Israel working on numerous environmental initiatives including the historic launch of Israel's first commercial solar field, beach clean-ups on the Mediterranean coastline, and advocating on behalf of the Red Sea's coral reefs. Since 2015, Hannah has been geeking out on local transportation issues and leading communications campaigns on a variety of topics including Vision Zero, Fixing Our Streets and more. Hannah hopes to connect to other Jewish professionals, grow her leadership skills and discover new ways to give back to the community that raised her.



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Hope Peskin-Shepherd</b>
<b>Hometown</b>	West Bloomfield, MI
<b>Industry</b>	Medical/health-related; Non-Profit
<b>Employer</b>	(former) Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare
<b>Title</b>	(former) Population Health Analyst
<b>Non-profit Involvement</b>	Planner Parenthood, Moishe House, JND, OneTable
<b>Something Unique</b>	I have been singing in choirs since I was 11 years old, and have joined one everywhere I've moved (even Spain!).
<b>Bio</b>	Originally from Michigan, Hope recently moved from New York City to Portland after completing her MPH. She is passionate about improving reproductive and maternal health services and outcomes, sexuality education, and reproductive health advocacy. She has worked as a sexual health educator and program coordinator, as well as a lab manager in an infant development lab. In Ann Arbor, MI, Hope helped to found a group for Jewish Young Professionals (called JYP) where she met her now-husband. In her free time, she loves hiking, cooking, traveling, and singing!



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Jonathan Esterman</b>
<b>Hometown</b>	Bend, OR/Portland, OR
<b>Industry</b>	Business; Education; Government; Marketing, Communication and PR; Non-Profit; Sales; Technology
<b>Employer</b>	Mt. Hood Community College
<b>Title</b>	Guest Services Coordinator
<b>Non-profit Involvement</b>	
<b>Something Unique</b>	I am a Mensan and our family has been part of the Orthodox conversion process (my father is Jewish, my mother is not) for nearly three years now.
<b>Bio</b>	Jonathan has a doctorate in semiotics and leadership with a defended dissertation on Jewish-Christian relations. He also has a Masters in theology and a Bachelors in counseling, psychology, and life coaching. He has worked in the education industry for over a decade and believes in empowering others to grow and achieve. Jonathan desires to be intertwined with the growth and success of the Portland Jewish community and to help foster meaningful and impactful dialogue between the different Jewish groups in the community.



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Jonathan Raz</b>
<b>Hometown</b>	Los Gatos, CA
<b>Industry</b>	Law
<b>Employer</b>	Perkin Coie LLP
<b>Title</b>	Associate Attorney
<b>Non-profit Involvement</b>	Hebrew Free Loan Association of San Francisco
<b>Something Unique</b>	I grew up in a Greek-Jewish household (Greek-American mother, Israeli father). I'm fascinated by commercial aviation and international travel. In January 2019, I traveled around the world in 16 days, with stops in France, Israel, Turkey, Oman, Vietnam, Thailand and Japan.
<b>Bio</b>	Jonathan ("Jon") Raz is a corporate attorney practicing at the Portland office of Perkins Coie LLP. A native of the Bay Area, Jon attended law school and began his legal career in New York City. In January 2018, Jon moved to Portland to return to the West Coast, be closer to his family and grow roots. In addition to his corporate transactional work, Jon maintains an active pro bono practice representing local Portland small business owners, as well as LGBT immigrants applying for asylum. Jon's interests include commercial aviation, international travel, real estate investing, electronic music, cooking (and eating), and film.



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Laura Polster</b>
<b>Hometown</b>	Philadelphia, PA
<b>Industry</b>	Law
<b>Employer</b>	Perkins Coie LLP
<b>Title</b>	Associate Attorney
<b>Non-profit Involvement</b>	Lincoln High School Mock Trial, Women's Philanthropy IMPACT committee
<b>Something Unique</b>	I won a case in the Oregon Supreme Court before being licensed to practice law in Oregon.
<b>Bio</b>	Laura grew up in Philadelphia, PA and moved to the west coast three years ago. She is looking to grow her Jewish community here. She has had a busy past few years getting married and buying a home, which has made it difficult to foster relationships. Now that they are settled in, Laura would like to be more involved in the Jewish community.



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<b>Name</b>	<b>Lauren Cohen</b>
<b>Hometown</b>	Coral Springs, FA
<b>Industry</b>	Medical/health-related
<b>Employer</b>	Consonus Rehabilitation
<b>Title</b>	Speech Language Pathologist
<b>Something Unique</b>	I am a plant lover, yoga enthusiast, proud twin, daughter, and younger sister! I describe my vibe as "I am just happy to be here!!!"
<b>Bio</b>	Lauren is dedicated to learning more about the Jewish religion and culture. She recently ended her year and a half term as a Jewish resident of the Moishe House and would love to continue her involvement in the Portland Jewish community!



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**Name** Michael Kanter  
**Hometown** Highland Park, IL  
**Industry** Entrepreneur  
**Employer** Eliot's Nut Butters  
**Title** Founder  
**Non-profit Involvement**  
**Something Unique**

I was the Israel Programs Director in the Central Office in NYC for Habonim Dror North America. I cooked in restaurants for 5 years and now own and run a growing nut butter company.

**Bio** Michael grew up going to a Jewish day school, going to Jewish overnight camp (Habonim Dror Camp Tavor) where he was also a counselor, and participated in their Israel programs and went on to be the director of those programs. Having become a founder of a growing food business, Michael is always seeking ways to grow and improve his connections to the community.



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**Name**  
**Hometown**  
**Industry**  
**Employer**  
**Title**  
**Something Unique**

**Trevor Bryant**  
Louisville, KY  
Business; Technology  
Intel  
Senior Financial Analyst

I was born in Louisville and grew up in the Louisville area. Our family business was a 10-acre blueberry farm located in Indiana, a short drive from Louisville. I've lived in a number a places as part of a college co-op program (Louisville, Philadelphia, Houston) and for my career (Knoxville and Houston). I've enjoy getting involved with my local community everywhere I've lived.

**Bio**

Trevor recently moved to Portland and is looking forward to becoming more involved in community events and growing with the community. He spent 8 years in the chemical industry as an operations engineer and served on synagogue committees, taught Hebrew school, and served as a BBYO advisor while he was in Houston (2013-2017). Trevor recently finished his MBA with a concentration in finance from Indiana University and moved to Portland to start a new job with Intel finance. He looks forward to meeting people in the community and helping in any way he can.