



# Cohort 1



## Mentee Profile



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<i>Industry</i>	Social Work
<i>Short Term Goals</i>	Recently relocated to Portland, get private practice up and running, implement workshops around Portland
<i>Long-Term Goals</i>	Launch online program to empower survivors of trauma, addiction, depression, anxiety, and abuse
<i>Current Employer</i>	Self-employed, private therapy practice focused on trauma healing

### *Brief Bio*

Lindy Ariff, MSW is a holistic Psychotherapist and healing professional specializing in deep inner work. Lindy mixes a unique palette of meditations, guided imagery, energy healing, clinical hypnosis, and counseling. She has been blessed to nurture and guide hundreds of clients in aligning mind, body, and soul. She is also the founder of Project Rockstar, a program focused on empowering women who have survived trauma and abuse to share their stories, offering hope, resiliency, and inspiration to fellow survivors.



## Mentee Profile



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<i>Industry</i>	Technology
<i>Short Term Goals</i>	Getting Project Management Professional certificate
<i>Long-Term Goals</i>	Move up in the Technology space to an executive level
<i>Current Employer</i>	MarcomCentral, Business Relationship Manager, almost 2 years

*Brief Bio*

Jessica recently moved to Portland and is originally from Louisville, KY. She spent the last seven years of her career in New York City in Financial Services Technology and Management Consulting. She currently does Implementation and Project Management for a Software company based in San Diego. She received her degree from the University of Kentucky in Management and Marketing. In her free time, she enjoys running, dancing, and traveling.



## Mentee Profile



*Name* **Greg Drescher**

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*Industry* Hospitality and Marketing

*Short Term Goals* Business Development and Marketing.

*Long-Term Goals* Build real estate portfolio, to be a mentor to others

*Current Employer* Corporate Development (Acquisitions) @ Vacasa - 1.5 years

*Brief Bio* With 15 years of professional experience mostly working at startups in the digital marketing and business development arenas, I've learned how to thrive in fast paced environments with high growth expectations as well as how to create and implement strategic growth initiatives. My near term professional goals are to continue learning and strengthening my management skills, so I can leverage my business development experience along with my leadership experience to build and lead a successful business development department of my own. I've been very fortunate to be blessed with 2 amazing daughters and a wonderful, supportive wife. In my free time I host a bi-monthly poker game, coach my daughter's soccer team, garden, exercise and finish as many DIY projects at home as I can. I'm also big into martial arts and am a huge Bruce Lee fan.



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<i>Industry</i>	Marketing, Communications and Media
<i>Short Term Goals</i>	Help grow next generation programs in the Jewish community
<i>Long-Term Goals</i>	Digital space, digital operations, or political sector
<i>Current Employer</i>	Freelance

### *Brief Bio*

Alex Eidman is coming up on his two-year anniversary in Portland, originally hailing from New Jersey. He graduated from Ramaz Upper School in Manhattan and has a B.A. in Psychology from McGill University and a Masters in Journalism from the City University of New York. In his time in Portland, has worked for Oregon Public Broadcasting as a producer and as an editorial producer at the Brand Definition agency. In his free time, he loves exploring the Oregon wilderness, playing percussion, and doing the New York Times crossword.



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<i>Industry</i>	Law
<i>Short Term Goals</i>	Grow in my law practice
<i>Long-Term Goals</i>	Partner in Law firm
<i>Current Employer</i>	Dunn Carney, 6 months

### *Brief Bio*

I am an attorney at Dunn Carney, where I advise and defend companies in all areas of employment law. I've spent most of life on the West Coast (grew up in San Diego, received a BA from University of Oregon and JD from UC Hastings) and lived in Portland for the past five years. I'm an avid reader and trivia buff (where I excel at pop culture questions and fail at the sports categories).



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<i>Industry</i>	Law
<i>Short Term Goals</i>	Advancement in Law
<i>Long-Term Goals</i>	Partner in law firm
<i>Current Employer</i>	Farleigh Wada Witt, Associate, 4 months

### *Brief Bio*

Max is a business law and civil litigation associate at Farleigh Wada Witt. Prior to joining Farleigh Wada Witt, Max worked as an extern with Octagon Football, served as a judicial extern for U.S. District Court Judge John Acosta and Lane County Circuit Court Judge Curtis Conover, worked as a Student-Athlete Development Graduate Teaching Fellow for the University of Oregon Athletic Department, slaved as a gold miner for Fairbanks Gold Company, and played center for the University of Oregon Football team from 2006-10. Max is originally from Los Angeles, California.



## Mentee Profile



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<i>Industry</i>	Healthcare
<i>Short Term Goals</i>	Reduce health disparities
<i>Long-Term Goals</i>	Go to an organization that promotes collaboration, focus on reducing health disparities
<i>Current Employer</i>	PeaceHealth Medical Group, Performance Improvement Specialist, 1 year 8 months

*Brief Bio* Arielle grew up in Northwest Portland, and most recently graduated from Oregon State University with a Master's degree in Public Health. She works for PeaceHealth Medical Group, focused on health system transformation. Arielle is interested in an integrated systems approach to improve population health, and looking for opportunities to develop innovative partnerships to propel this goal.



## Mentee Profile



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<i>Industry</i>	Nonprofit
<i>Short Term Goals</i>	Non-profit professional development
<i>Long-Term Goals</i>	Non-Profit
<i>Current Employer</i>	Our House, 3 months

### *Brief Bio*

Sarah, a Portland native, holds a Bachelor's degree in Asian Studies from University of the Pacific and a Master's Degree in Nonprofit Management from The New School in New York. Sarah is the Development Manager at Our House, a continuum of care inspiring people living with HIV to live well. She has worked in the Jewish community in Portland, New York, and Ethiopia. In Sarah's free time you can find her hiking with her dog.



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<i>Industry</i>	Semiconductor
<i>Short Term Goals</i>	To get outstanding annual reviews and be promoted
<i>Long-Term Goals</i>	To develop work/life balance when I have a family
<i>Current Employer</i>	Intel, Process Engineer, 4 Years

### *Brief Bio*

Dr. Stuart Kirschner is an engineer in the semiconductor industry. He leads his research and development team with a focus on safety, quality, and output. Stuart received his PhD from Johns Hopkins University. His dissertation studied the structure and electronic properties of Organic and Hybrid Photovoltaics. Stuart has passion for volunteering. He has participated in multiple Good Deeds Day and cleanup events. He is an active member of the Jewish community.



## Mentee Profile



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<i>Industry</i>	Consulting and women's advocacy
<i>Short Term Goals</i>	Learn how to manage accounts/people
<i>Long-Term Goals</i>	Become a successful Entrepreneur in the marketing and technology space
<i>Current Employer</i>	AWE/Advancing Women Executives; Regional Associate since July 2014

### *Brief Bio*

Rhonda is passionate about building community both professionally and personally. Hailing from Los Angeles and a graduate of Pitzer College, she moved to Portland in 2015 to pursue her dream of living in a happy, verdant city. She has nurtured a strong connection to Israel since sleepaway camp in her youth, and spent a semester in Haifa during college which solidified her bond and created in her a strong Israel advocate. She brings humor and energy to her career in sales relationship-management and is thrilled to join forces with other forward-thinking Jewish young professionals in Portland.



## Mentee Profile

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<i>Industry</i>	Software/Internet/Alcohol Beverage
<i>Short Term Goals</i>	Looking for a Portland based software company/startup. Currently working remotely for a NYC company.
<i>Long-Term Goals</i>	Eventually start my own company.
<i>Current Employer</i>	SevenFifty.com, Engineer, 3 yrs

### *Brief Bio*

I'm a lawyer turned programmer who is currently working for a NYC based start-up in the alcohol beverage industry. About a year and a half ago, my wife and I decided to move our family to Portland to seek out a higher quality of life. I'm looking forward to connecting with other young Jewish professionals and hope my unique background will make a positive contribution to PDX Pathways.



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<i>Industry</i>	Restaurant-Beverage industry
<i>Short Term Goals</i>	Food/Beverage industry, get an MBA
<i>Long-Term Goals</i>	Entrepreneurship in Food and Beverage industry
<i>Current Employer</i>	Anheuser-Busch, Trade Activation Manager, 1 year

### *Brief Bio*

Born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. Started my almost decade long career as an automotive/motorcycle mechanic in many different parts of the country. After a 2 year stint in Bend I moved to Israel where I continued my education at Ben Gurion University and afterwards joined the IDF. Upon returning to the States, I earned my business degree from Southern Oregon University. I decided the beer industry was the way of my future and took a job in production and marketing at Firestone Walker Brewing in Paso Robles, CA. A few years later, I was recruited by Anheuser-Busch to join their sales team in the Pacific NW. I'm currently in my second year with AB as the High End Key Account Manager for Safeway/Albertsons.



## Mentee Profile



*Name*

**Simone Myers**

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*Industry*

Marketing and Communications

*Short Term Goals*

Growth and leadership

*Long-Term Goals*

Leadership in business

*Current Employer*

Nike, Global Retail Brand Manager, 2 yrs

*Brief Bio*

Simone Myers was born in Southern California and raised in Portland. She moved to the East Coast to complete a BA in Communications at American University, worked in brand management for PBS, and then pursued an additional degree in Fashion Marketing and Merchandising at the New School in New York. Residing in Brooklyn, she worked for various brands over the seven years she was in the city, with roles in sales, merchandising and marketing. Returning to her hometown for a position at Nike, Simone's responsibilities for the retail marketing of the Jordan Brand find her frequently traveling to or on the phone in meetings with colleagues from around the world. Simone loves the creative buzz of her job, the exhilaration of the rapid growth and the joy of collaboration with teammates. Her gregarious, caring and vivacious personality makes her a popular partner at work and with her circle of friends. Simone is part of the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation's Young Professionals Giving Circle.



## Mentee Profile



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<i>Industry</i>	Project Management
<i>Short Term Goals</i>	Building relationships within my company
<i>Long-Term Goals</i>	I would like to move towards management positions
<i>Current Employer</i>	Lam Research, Master Scheduler/Production Management

### *Brief Bio*

I grew up in Boulder, CO and joined the Navy after graduation as a Nuclear Electronics Technician. As a sailor I was accepted to the US Naval Academy and graduated with a BS in Oceanography. After graduation I accepted a commission in the Marine Corps and became a CH-53 pilot. I have deployed to regions from the Caribbean to Afghanistan. I rejoined the civilian workforce last year as a Master Scheduler/Production Planner in the semiconductor manufacturing business.



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<i>Industry</i>	Mental Health Therapy
<i>Short Term Goals</i>	Therapy, addiction counseling, financial investing
<i>Long-Term Goals</i>	Therapy, training counselors, starting a pre-marital business
<i>Current Employer</i>	Self (private practice), Mental Health Therapist, 2.5 years. LifeWorks NW, Mental Health Therapist, 1 year

### *Brief Bio*

I was born in Portland and have lived here all my life, though I lived in Europe for about five months in my early 20s. I attended college at Pacific University in Forest Grove, OR for both a Bachelors in Psychology and a Masters in Counseling. I moved into Moishe House February 2014 and have loved this experience! I currently have a private practice working as a mental health therapist and work part-time for a non-profit mental health agency doing the same. In my future I hope to own land, continue to contribute the Jewish community and evolve my calling as a therapist.



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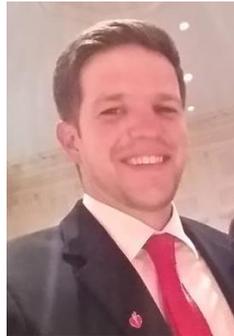
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<i>Industry</i>	Business: Financial Services and Insurance
<i>Short Term Goals</i>	Million Dollar Round Table
<i>Long-Term Goals</i>	Financial Services success
<i>Current Employer</i>	Ben Weinstein Financial Services (COUNTRY Financial)/Financial Representative/three years

### *Brief Bio*

After graduating college, I left the cold winters of Massachusetts to return to my native Oregon. Armed with a History Major from a small liberal arts school, I, naturally, started my own insurance and financial business. When not helping small businesses and families improve their financial security, I play basketball, cook, and travel to faraway places. In the last few years I have managed to stumble upon Myanmar, Bali, Portugal, and Israel.



## Mentee Profile



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<i>Industry</i>	Non-Profit Fundraising / Public Health
<i>Short Term Goals</i>	Grow in field of fundraising/public health
<i>Long-Term Goals</i>	Become a non-profit Executive Director
<i>Current Employer</i>	American Heart Association - Business Development Director- 20 months

*Brief Bio*

Justin lives in SW Portland with his wife and two young children. When not working, he likes to be outdoors hiking, gardening, rock climbing, or having a relaxing picnic. After spending most of life living in Florida, he made the move to the Pacific Northwest about 3 years ago and is loving the community and everything else Portland has to offer. Justin has been working in the non-profit world for over 7 years.



# Cohort 2



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Brooke Adams

**Hometown:** St. Louis, MO

**Industry:** Non-Profit Education

**Current Job:** Marathon Scholars, *College Program Manager*

### Short Term Goals

I hope to work for my current employer for the next 2 years at least and then possibly transition back to higher education to pursue another job helping first generation college students. I am very interested in climbing the ladder of the nonprofit world and hope to be an Executive Director someday. I am very interested in professional development opportunities and pursuing paths to grow as a community leader.

### Long Term Goals

I hope to go back to school to potentially earn my MBA so that I can better lead a company someday. I have a lot of passion for working for marginalized communities and want to be an ED of a nonprofit. I would also like to someday make enough money to be able to support my family comfortably while giving back to my community in significant ways.

### Non-profit Involvement Something Unique

Recently moved to Portland and currently shul shopping  
I really connect with my Judaism through social justice. I didn't discover my Judaism until I was in grad school, so I'm by no means a Super Jew, but I am engaged to one! My fiancé Elizabeth and I just moved out to Portland so she can pursue her degree in Judaic Studies at PSU. I love to engage in outdoor activities and social gatherings with other young professionals. I would prefer to be matched with a female mentor.

### Bio

Brooke Adams has been working in Higher Education since 2010 and has a passion for serving under-represented student populations. Originally from the St. Louis, Missouri Brooke received her Master's degree in Community Social Work with a Certificate in Nonprofit Administration from Saint Louis University. Brooke is a natural community leader and loves bringing people together to share in traditions, engage in dialogue, and act for a just cause. In her spare time you can find her listening to podcasts while hiking, biking, or enjoying a fine cocktail.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Benjamin Ariff

**Hometown:** Los Angeles

**Industry:** Marketing, Communications and PR; Entrepreneur

**Current Job:** Straw to Gold, Self Employed, *Principal, Producer*

### Short Term Goals

Develop local connections and a greater understanding of the business landscape in Portland

### Long Term Goals

Establish myself as a valuable resource for this community.

### Non-profit Involvement

Guatemalan Project

### Something Unique

I have traveled to various countries for documentary work.

### Bio

Benjamin is an entrepreneur with strong creative and strategic direction. He has experience in developing and creating content, directing design and implementing technology driven strategies. Benjamin has created and produced large scale websites, mobile sites, mobile apps, commercials, social campaigns, and brand systems for a variety of businesses. Working in different markets has fostered his ability to successfully collaborate across diverse work environments. Benjamin is also an architectural photographer and cinematographer.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Nadine Astrakhan

**Hometown:** Portland

**Industry:** Business

**Current Job:** Glostone Trucking Solutions, *Safety Department Log Auditor*

### Short Term Goals

My short-term aspirations include narrowing my professional priorities and passions, including deciding whether I should pursue a Master's degree and figuring out what job sector I would be most useful in.

### Long Term Goals

My long-term aspirations are to get involved in Jewish and LGBTQ non-profit work.

### Non-profit Involvement Something Unique

Board Development for Sigma Mu Omega national sorority

I am a passionate traveler and geographer - not only can I name every capital of the world, but I'm on track to visit 30 countries by the time I turn 30! My parents are immigrants from the USSR and instilled this passion in me.

### Bio

My name is Nadine and I'm a 23-year-old trucking compliance auditor. I was born and raised here in Portland to Soviet immigrant parents and have a degree in Russian and International Studies from the University of Oregon. My hobbies include traveling, trying new restaurants, and trying to make my dog Ellie famous on Instagram. When I'm not visiting my little sister in McMinnville or relaxing in Lincoln City with my boyfriend, you can find me lifting weights at the J, doing ballet, or training for a half marathon. I hope to begin a career soon in Jewish enrichment, but like to keep my options open for jobs that inspire me to help my community.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Max Barenberg

**Hometown:** Portland

**Industry:** Non-Profit; Education

**Current Job:** B'nai B'rith Camp, *Rentals and Retreats Manager*, Mobile DJ  
Company called Blackboard Music. *Owner*

**Short Term Goals**

Build BB Camp a successful rentals program, develop my business.

**Long Term Goals**

It's unclear at this time. Hopefully a job I get to travel with.

**Non-profit Involvement**

Educational Recreational Adventures

**Something Unique**

I played professional football in the Israeli Football League.

**Bio**

Max is a passionate individual with an affinity for helping people, developing businesses, communication and executing large scale events. Currently he books all-inclusive overnight retreats as the rentals manager for B'nai Brith Camp and runs an entertainment company called Blackboard Music. In his free time he enjoys, playing basketball, seeing live music, going backpacking with his dog Sabas and eating dim sum.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Emily Benoit

**Hometown:** New York and South Florida

**Industry:** Urban Planning, Community Development

**Current Job:** Formerly at the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Neighborhood Revitalization Division

### Short Term Goals

I want to gain a deeper understanding of the relationships and social issues within the region. With a background in Sociology and Urban Planning, learning why the systems work the way they do is just as important as changing the way the systems work. So, in the short term, I would like to work for a City or a County.

### Non-profit Involvement

Former Involvement with 'Repair the World' in New York City; Served as 'Community Fellow' in Baltimore.

### Long Term Goals

In the long term, I want to help create resilient communities through public service.

### Something Unique

While volunteering for a year in Baltimore City transforming vacant lots into green spaces and community gardens, I learned how to operate a Bobcat and drive a dump truck.

### Bio

I very recently relocated to the Portland Metro Area from Washington, D.C. I grew up in upstate New York and south Florida, where I was very active in NFTY and attended Jewish summer camp. I received my Bachelors from University of Florida and my Masters from University of Maryland. In the future, I hope to focus my passion for social justice, community planning, and community building on creating incredible spaces and places.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Ben Charlton  
**Hometown:** Silver Springs, MD  
**Industry:** Non-Profit - Events  
**Current Job:** B'nai B'rith Camp, *Associate Camp Director*

<b>Short Term Goals</b>	To continue in Jewish camping and positively affect the lives of Jewish youth
<b>Long Term Goals</b>	Follow my entrepreneurial spirit and get involved in real estate development
<b>Non-profit Involvement</b>	BB Camp
<b>Something Unique</b>	Color war champion, Buffalo Bills enthusiast, and used my college scholarship as the down payment for my first house when I was 19.
<b>Bio</b>	As the Camp Director at B'nai B'rith Camp, my year is highlighted by an incredible summer spent empowering youth. I moved to Portland in 2014 from Buffalo, New York where I was working as a teacher and completing my master's degree in economics. My passion for Jewish youth engagement, coupled with my unshakeable entrepreneurial spirit, found an incredible home at BB Camp. When I am not enjoying the sunshine at camp, you can find me on the basketball court or in my kayak.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Beth Cohen

**Hometown:** Philadelphia

**Industry:** Urban Planning/Policy

**Current Job:** Metro Regional Government, *Policy Coordinator in the Council Office*

### Short Term Goals

I'm very focused on serving the public in some way and have enjoyed working on policies and projects that benefit our greater community. I'm pretty happy at my current job in the public sector and in the short term would be looking for additional opportunities to advance my career with my current employer or to work for another government agency or non-profit in the policy or project realm.

### Long Term Goals

I'm not sure what issue I'd like to work on long term, but functionally I could see myself as a program manager or manager of staff in a government agency or non-profit. I'd like to have a job that accommodates some work/life balance.

### Non-profit Involvement

Former professional at the Oregon Food Bank

### Something Unique

I moved to Portland from the east coast about 10 years ago and didn't know anyone when I moved here. I've fallen in love with this place, but miss my family and the community I grew up with back east. I grew up in a community where there were a lot of Jewish people and it's been interesting living in a place like Portland where you have to work harder to seek out Jewish communities and activities. Now that I have a daughter who will be raised Jewish, I'd like to get more engaged in the Jewish community in Portland.

### Bio

Beth Cohen grew up in Philadelphia and went to college in Michigan and has lived in Portland for about ten years. She has a graduate degree in urban and regional planning from Portland State University and currently works at Metro Regional Government. She lives in Southeast Portland with her husband and 2-year old daughter.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Hannah Cohen-Cline

**Hometown:** Seattle, WA

**Industry:** Public Health

**Current Job:** Center for Outcomes Research and Education, *Research Scientist*

### Short Term Goals

Grow in my position, expand network of other public health researchers

### Long Term Goals

Form vision that emphasizes social determinants of health, create research partnerships, become teacher/mentor

### Something Unique

I play soccer, do modern and jazz dance, and bake and decorate creative cakes.

### Bio

Hannah Cohen-Cline is an epidemiologist at the Center for Outcomes Research and Education. Her research focuses on understanding the social determinants of health, particularly those that disproportionately affect individuals and families living in poverty. She received her BA in public health from Brandeis University and her MPH and PhD in epidemiology from the University of Washington. She moved to Portland from her hometown of Seattle about a year ago. In her free time, she enjoys dancing, reading, hiking, and playing soccer.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Leora Coleman-Fire

**Hometown:** Boulder, CO

**Industry:** Law

**Current Job:** Schwabae, Williamson & Wyatt, *Associate Attorney*

### Short Term Goals

I hope to continue to increase my experience and skills as a trusted advisor to businesses and management.

### Long Term Goals

I hope to be the person that people turn to first to find solutions that really work for them. And I hope in that process we find moments to laugh, learn, and always move the ball forward.

### Non-profit Involvement Something Unique

Campaign for Equal Justice, Q Center (*LGBTQ community center*)  
My grandparents on both sides are/were Holocaust survivors. Whether it is their unbelievable resiliency or will to live or desire to still have children and believe in a better future for their kids and grandkids, their experience has impacted me greatly. My family spent most summers in Israel with my extended family, which all lives there. I am immensely proud of my family. Some more fun-facts about me are that I have a 6-month old baby girl, Sabina (named after my maternal grandmother). I love to watch her grow and laugh at our 11-year old rescue dog, Ollie. I also love to eat and try new restaurants in Portland, but who doesn't?? In my free time, you can also find me painting, drawing, and attempting to learn new crafts.

### Bio

As a labor and employment attorney at Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, I provide employers with practical and creative solutions to challenging issues that best position them to succeed and their employees to feel appreciated. When litigation is necessary, I take the time to understand my client's goals so as to best ensure the settlement, trial or appellate court result that meets or exceeds those goals. Before joining Schwabe and graduating from law school, I served as a member of AmeriCorps Community HealthCorps, a healthcare research manager, a law clerk for the Department of Justice Special Litigation Unit, and a legal extern for the Oregon Medical Board. I attended Whitman College, where I studied Psychology and Biology. Before college, I lived in Peru and volunteered as an English teacher and with abuelitos living in poverty. I enjoy spending my weekends with my wife, our baby, and 12-year old rescue dog, eating delicious meals and rooting for the Portland Timbers and Thorns.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Alicia Hayden

**Hometown:** Austin, TX

**Industry:** Non-Profit; Technology; Human Resources

**Current Job:** Intel, *Human Resources Partner*

### Short Term Goals

To develop in the realm of employee engagement, volunteer/employee coordination and management, nonprofits, tech companies, and HR in general

### Long Term Goals

Decide whether I want to continue in the for-profit sector doing HR or move back into nonprofit and do volunteer coordination

### Non-profit Involvement

Ronald McDonald House Charities, Chabad of Hillsboro, LANFest

### Something Unique

I have never worked for a for-profit company until I took the job with Intel, after finishing my master's degree.

### Bio

Alicia recently moved to Portland from Austin, Texas to join Intel as an HR Pathways Partner. She attended the University of Texas at Austin, earning a BS in Communications HR and Texas A&M University earning her Master's in Public Administration - Nonprofit & Human Resources Management. Alicia has spent much of her career working with various nonprofit and volunteer-based organizations such as Austin Pets Alive, Ronald McDonald House Charities, LANFest, and DreamHack USA, where she specialized in volunteer coordination, management, and training. She also enjoys participating in local Chabad offerings, playing PC and board games, and spends her free time volunteering, traveling, experiencing new cultures, and meeting wonderful people.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** David Hirsch

**Hometown:** London, UK; South Africa

**Industry:** Finance or Financial Services; Healthcare

**Current Job:** Kaiser Permanente, Manager, *Actuarial Data & Analytics*

### Short Term Goals

Make an impact at Kaiser by bringing new skills and techniques to the organization, and achieve promotion to senior leadership within the next 2-3 years.

### Long Term Goals

Lead a significant part of Kaiser's Northwest operations.

### Non-profit Involvement

Shelter UK, Beit Issie Shapiro, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

### Something Unique

I used to be a SCUBA instructor in Eilat, Israel and developed some interesting non-verbal communication skills, having had to train russian divers without speaking the language!

### Bio

I'm new to Portland after starting out life in South Africa and spending my last 30 years in London. After studying maths at Cambridge I worked one year as a SCUBA diving instructor in Israel before returning to London to train as an accountant at KPMG. After qualifying I moved into the advisory arm of the business where I led a team of financial modeling specialists; I'm still well-known there for the line: "If you can dream it you can do it in Excel!" Now I work at Kaiser Permanente leading a financial analytics group.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** David Holstein

**Hometown:** Boston, Massachusetts

**Industry:** Finance or Financial Services

**Current Job:** Pok Pok Restaurants, *Controller*

### Short Term Goals

To bring finance and accounting skills to a small to mid-sized company in the Portland area.

### Long Term Goals

To step out on my own as a consultant for both personal and business relationships in order to work for myself and build my own brand.

### Non-profit Involvement Something Unique

Special Olympics - MA; Gateway Arts

I have been ski racing since the beginning of high school and started because injuries prevented me from playing hockey as a winter sport.

### Bio

David N. Holstein graduated from Northwestern University in 2008 with a concentration in Economics and Business Institutions. For the past seven years he has worked in the finance and accounting sector with a worldwide leader in custodial banking. He and his wife moved to Portland from Boston to explore the natural wonder of the Pacific Northwest. *David recently accepted a position as the Controller for Pok Pok Restaurants and is working remotely part-time in property management.* David was an active member in Boston's Jewish community and is looking forward to bringing the same enthusiasm to Portland's vibrant Jewish scene.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Jacob Maddis

**Hometown:** Los Angeles area

**Industry:** Real Estate

**Current Job:** Pacific Residential Mortgage, *Loan Officer*

### Short Term Goals

As a mortgage banker who is still new to the industry, my short-term goal is to become more knowledgeable and build my expertise in the industry while establishing new connections and relationships with people who I can grow with and help. I also want to continue to learn and build on my experiences leading me to become a top producer at my company.

### Long Term Goals

While my long-term career aspirations aren't still entirely clear I know I would like to one day start my own business. Whether a small business or something more entrepreneurial - like solving a problem for people - I believe I will discover the right path at some point along the way of my career. It is hard for me to pinpoint exactly what it is I would like to do or what kind of business I would like to start, but at some point I think I will find that problem or passion and act on it.

### Non-profit Involvement Something Unique

Past Volunteer at Clackamas Service Center & Homeless Shelter  
I have a blue belt in Brazilian jiu jitsu. Unfortunately, I had to put it on hold when I moved to Portland and focus on my career, but I hope to continue my goal of becoming a black belt in the near future.

### Bio

Jacob Maddis is a Los Angeles area native, but fell in love with the Pacific Northwest when he attended the University of Oregon. He has lived in Portland for just over a year and currently works as a Loan Officer with Pacific Residential Mortgage where he especially enjoys educating first time homebuyers and helping them become homeowners. In his free time, Jacob enjoys exploring the beauty of the Northwest, the many breweries and restaurants of Portland, and seeing different musical artists perform at any of Portland's great music venues.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Sarah Philips

**Hometown:** Overland Park, KS

**Industry:** Non-Profit; Education

**Current Job:** Sauvie Island Center, Education *Program Manager*

### Short Term Goals

I recently started a new job as the Education Program Manager of a very small environmental non-profit. This is my first management level position, and my new responsibilities are both exciting and challenging. My short-term goals within the next several years are to help grow and strengthen my program. Although I am comfortable with the education aspects of my job, I am less experienced with the supervisory and management aspects. When looking at the list of mentors, I was particularly interested to see people working in volunteer administration, as this is one of my primary responsibilities and an area where I have lots of room to grow.

### Long Term Goals

Right now I'm at a unique turning point in my career as I take on my first big leadership position. I have been working many part-time seasonal jobs since graduating college, and only now do I have the chance to take a step back and assess. I know that I hope to continue working, and eventually be a leader, in the environmental education field long-term, but I don't entirely know what that might look like. One major fear that I have in my field is that as I climb towards a higher level of responsibility, I might also move away from the work I'm actually passionate about, being outdoors and connecting people with nature.

### Non-profit Involvement Something Unique

Jews Next Dor, Moishe House

Although I see my career in environmental education as being separate from my involvement in the Jewish community, my passion for both comes from the same place. As a child, my parents sent me to Jewish summer camp in the Colorado Rockies. It was my first experience with wilderness, and set me on my path towards sharing my love of nature and with others. One reason I became so deeply connected was because of the Jewish experience I had there with a tight-knit, supportive, and meaningful community. I would not be on the same path today if it were not for that experience. Incidentally, I also picked up skills in guitar and song leading at camp, which I now use in my work in education. This summer, my favorite song to sing with my students has been "Gusano," a bilingual song about worms struggling to stay alive in the harsh world.

### Bio

Sarah Philips is an environmental educator, and currently works as the Education Program Manager for the Sauvie Island Center. She also serves as the Religious Chair of Jews Next Dor and is a former resident of the Portland Moishe House. Sarah is passionate about connecting people with their community and with the natural world.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Jessica Pincus

**Hometown:** Weston, Florida

**Industry:** Financial Services

**Current Job:** Fisher Investments, *Senior Account Executive*

**Short Term Goals**            Develop my sales skills and increase my knowledge of financial markets

**Long Term Goals**            Financial investments and brokerage house

**Non-profit Involvement**    Human Rights Campaign

**Something Unique**            During college I was the Executive Director for a month of LGBT events and sponsored these through Jewish groups on campus (Hillel and my sorority Alpha Epsilon Phi) and coordinated and led 20 to 30 events for the 40,000 students at the University of Florida.

**Bio**                                    I spent most of my life in Florida prior to moving out to the beautiful PNW over three years ago. I went to the University of Florida- go gators! I currently work in Finance for a firm up in Camas- just across the river. In my free time, I love to hike, kayak, and camp in the surrounding forests with my wife and son. I am looking forward to expanding my network while helping the community.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Shayna Sigman  
**Hometown:** Los Angeles, CA  
**Industry:** Non-Profit; Education  
**Current Job:** Moishe House, *Resident*

### Short Term Goals

I am trying to find a job in a non-profit or school program that serves at-risk youth, teaches sexual health, or is somehow involved in the larger education system. I am also looking at colleges/universities to be involved with student services.

### Long Term Goals

I would like to be someone who does program design and curriculum development for adolescent programming.

### Non-profit Involvement Something Unique

Moishe House  
I have spent most of my adult life in a teaching capacity, whether as an actual instructor in a school or doing life skills groups through camps and other non-profits. I worked for the Boy Scouts for a few summers and am interested in outdoor adventure programming.

### Bio

Shayna grew up to in Los Angeles, CA and moved to Oregon in 2009 to attend Willamette University. There she studied Psychology with a minor in Religious Studies and served on the Board of Trustees Committee for Religious, Ethical, and Spiritual Living. After graduation she served as a Title I reading specialist in Forest Grove through the AmeriCorps program. She spent the last two years at Washington University in St. Louis obtaining her Masters of Social Work. Now back in Oregon, she is a resident of Portland's Moishe House and serves as the USY advisor for the Portland Rishonim Chapter.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Emily Silverman  
**Hometown:** Bangor, ME  
**Industry:** Business; Education  
**Current Job:** Tomorrow's Genius, *Director of Education*

<b>Short Term Goals</b>	I want to be involved in managing and working with good people, doing good things
<b>Long Term Goals</b>	Partner/business executive
<b>Non-profit Involvement</b>	Volunteer at OMSI
<b>Something Unique Bio</b>	We speak three languages in our home depending on our mood Emily is the Director of Education for a start-up that runs remote educational programming across the US, and also functions as the Product Owner and Business Analyst for their educational technologies. She believes that understanding a student's environment and emotional culture is key to inspiring a love for learning. As a manager, Emily is a firm believer that "a person only learns in the place that his heart desires", and that constant professional development and peer collaboration make better, more dedicated and skilled employees. She is a lover of languages and thrives in a multi-cultural environment. Emily and her husband recently moved from Jerusalem to Oregon.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Nate Smith

**Hometown:** Ludington, MI

**Industry:** Non-Profit; Education

**Current Job:** Oregon Jewish Community Foundation, *Foundation Administrator*

### Short Term Goals

My short term aspirations are to continue to grow into a position which simultaneously allows me to continually learn and that enables me to use a variety of skills and knowledge.

### Long Term Goals

My long-term aspirations would be to move into an upper management or director role, preferably in philanthropy, though finance, business, and law have always interested me (since poetry can't pay the bills). I would also like to attend graduate school at some point in the future.

### Non-profit Involvement

I participate as a young Jewish professional on the OJCF Giving Council.

### Something Unique

In addition to my involvement with the Jewish community, I am also very interested in local politics/organizing. I currently serve as the Secretary of the Buckman Community Association, and I serve as the Treasurer of SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition (in which my role of treasurer also places me on the Executive Committee). Although the grassroots organizing of the neighborhood system differs from the Jewish community, I'm very passionate about the power of strong community and I'm very good at connecting with people. Fun-fact: I love writing and poetry.

### Bio

Nathaniel "Nate" Smith, originally from the frigid shoreline of west Michigan, has been living in Portland since 2013. He is both professionally and personally invested in the Jewish community of Portland, working as the Foundation Administrator at the Oregon Jewish Community Foundation and volunteering with organizations such as the OJCF Giving Council, Jews Next Dor, and Moishe House. Nate is a firm believer in the power of community and grassroots organization. In his spare time he teaches religious school at Congregation Beth Israel and he also serves as secretary of the Buckman Community Association and treasurer of SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** David Stein

**Hometown:** Vancouver, WA

**Industry:** Technology; Medical - Health related

**Current Job:** Providence Health & Services, *Clinical Information Analyst - Orthopedic Program*

- Short Term Goals**      Creating a healthy balance between growing my career and spending quality time with my young children (three and one years old) and wife. I am working on improving my skills related to data gathering and interviewing techniques to compile data-driven stories to answer questions on the job and elsewhere in life.
- Long Term Goals**      Growing my technical and "soft" skills to grow into a decision-making and influencing role. This will take experience interpreting data to turn it into meaningful action without as many intermediaries.
- Non-profit Involvement**      Congregation Neveh Shalom - Member of membership model task force, Bridlemile Neighborhood Association - Chair and member of Board of Directors
- Something Unique**      When I married my wife she was a part-time bike commuter and was adamant about getting me to ride with her on weekends. Over the past four years while working within a reasonable distance of my home I have now logged in excess of 11,000 miles including over 4,000 in the last year.
- Bio**      Growing up in Vancouver, WA and now residing in SW Portland, David has seen much of what this region has to offer. As a graduate of Western Washington University with a BA in Management Information Systems he now works as an analyst in health care to quantify patient outcomes and satisfaction so both can be improved. David and his supportive wife spend their time chasing two young children, cleaning up their messes, and developing connections with the Jewish community. He is also Chair of Bridlemile Neighbourhood Association and was recently honored as their Volunteer of the Year.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Julia Weiss  
**Hometown:** Portland  
**Industry:** Marketing  
**Current Job:** Nike, *Brand Operations Manager*

**Short Term Goals**            Continue growing my marketing and philanthropy skills

**Long Term Goals**            Continue learning and growing as a person

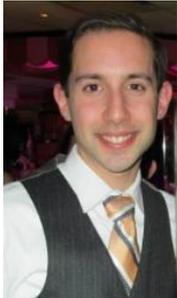
**Non-profit Involvement**    Oregon Jewish Community Foundation Giving Council

**Something Unique**        I studied abroad in Haifa my Junior year.

**Bio**                                Julia grew up in Portland where she attended Lincoln high school and was heavily involved in Water Polo, Mock Trial and OJCYF. Continuing her love for Social Justice and outdoor pools, she applied and was accepted into Pitzer College in Southern California. There she enjoyed participating in Jumpstart and Prototypes, both programs to mentor lower socio-economic children. Her Junior year she studied abroad at Haifa University in Israel and loved being immersed in the Israeli culture. After graduating, she spent 3 years working in LA, marketing for Fatburger Corporate. Leaving Fatburger as the Director of Marketing, she took a job at Nike to be the Brand Operations Manager for Sportswear. She has been in the Rose city for a year and a half and is excited to build a life here in Portland.



## Mentee Profile



**Name:** Stuart Zeltzer  
**Hometown:** Michigan  
**Industry:** Medical - Health related  
**Current Job:** OHSU, *Resident physician*

### Short Term Goals

Complete my four year residency training program in family medicine at OHSU. During that time I hope to interact and engage with many Portland communities, especially the Jewish community.

### Long Term Goals

Full scope family medicine and health care policy. Wherever I end up I hope to be a resource and leader in the community.

### Non-profit Involvement Something Unique

Moishe House

I have a frisbee that has been to four continents and counting. As someone who likes to travel and experience the world I have been fortunate to visit wonderful places in North America, South America, Europe and most recently south east Asia. My most trustworthy companion has been this frisbee. Through dog bites in Spain, getting run over by a truck in Ann Arbor and beach towing in Thailand, this frisbee and I have been through some great travels.

### Bio

A Midwest native and a graduate of the University of Michigan (Go Blue!!), I moved to Portland this year to start my Family Medicine Residency at OHSU after completing medical school in Cleveland. Jewish life and community has been a constant for me from summers at Jewish Summer Camp to integrating into Jewish professional communities of Cleveland via work with Moishe House and I look forward to diving deeper into the Portland Jewish Community through the PDX Pathways program. Otherwise I am an avid runner, reader and traveler who is already enjoying the many new trails of the Pacific Northwest.