

2015 AJFCA/Repair the World Young Adult Ambassadors



Sandee Golden

Food Pantry and Volunteer Manager at JFS of Cincinnati

Birthday: September 19th

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Dedicated Passionate Sense-of-Humor

In the 12 years that Sandee has been with Jewish Family Service, she has been involved in every department in some capacity. Six years ago, Sandee found her passion being involved with the JFS Food Pantry and after a short time became the Food Pantry and Volunteer Program Manager. Also during this time period, the JFS Food Pantry moved from its original location to the new Barbash Family Vital Support Center. Sandee enjoyed being a small part of the process of building a "new" food pantry and vital support center for the JFS clients. Sandee has her BSW from Michigan State University. She is also on the board of the local Volunteer Administrators Association, and volunteers with the Crohns and Colitis Foundation.

One "unexpected" or unique skill: I am an UNorganized organizer



Melanie Blumental

Board member at JFS of Cincinnati

Birthday: April 18th

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Outgoing Driven Caring

Melanie moved back to Cincinnati, OH in 2012 and wanted to find an organization that she could join and one where she could give back. She has served on the board of Jewish Family Service of Cincinnati for 2+ years, serves as the Marketing Committee Chair and is the CHAI Ambassador for JFS. As the CHAI Ambassador, she actively recruits young adults to engage with JFS and the Jewish Community. Melanie is an enthusiastic Account Manager for US Digital Partners, a digital marketing firm in Cincinnati. When Melanie is not volunteering or at work she loves spending time with her husband Jeff and dog Riley, cheering on the Buckeyes, enjoying family time and is looking forward to becoming a mom in September!

One "unexpected" or unique skill: Digital marketing



Elizabeth Strasfeld

Volunteer at JFS of Cincinnati

Birthday: January 13th

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Motivated Personable Organized

Elizabeth Strasfeld, originally from Youngstown, Ohio, is an occupational therapist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She studied psychology at the University of Wisconsin - Madison and received her Master's of Science in Occupational Therapy from Boston University. She spent six months volunteering in Israel at Dana Children's Hospital and at a preschool for children with developmental disabilities. Since moving to Cincinnati nine months ago, she has become active in the Jewish Community.

One "unexpected" or unique skill: Compassionate... and I am really good at Jenga



Jess Faerman
Event Coordinator at JFS Houston

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Curious Engaged Sprightly

Jess Faerman grew up in Houston, TX, active in Jewish life. She attended Houston's High School for Performing and Visual Arts and spent summers volunteering. Jess continued on her social justice path at the University of Texas at Austin where she earned a BA in Government. She was actively involved with Texas Hillel, interned with Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom & as a Legislative Aide at the Texas Capitol for State Representative Ellen Cohen. Jess joined the Development team at Jewish Family Service in May 2014, focusing on Special Events/Fundraising. She coordinates ReelAbilities Houston Film Festival, a city-wide film and arts festival which uses the arts to promote inclusion and celebrate the lives, stories, and artwork of people with disabilities. Jess also manages social media and young adult engagement for JFS. Outside of JFS, Jess currently volunteers her time serving on her Homeowners Association Board of Directors.

One "unexpected" or unique skill: the ability come to an agreement in a room full of varying/conflicting opinions



Pablo Kurewosky
Volunteer at JFS Houston

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Creative Loyal Discerning

Pablo Kurewosky is married, has two young sons, and lives in Houston, Texas. He graduated from University of Houston with a BA in Finance and Accounting. He is a Senior Internal Auditor for Bristow Group, the leading offshore helicopter transport service company. Pablo currently serves as a board member for Hebrew Free Loan Association, is Chair of the Jewish Federation's 2015 Venture Philanthropy Program, volunteers at the Jewish Family Services and has repeatedly mentored for Imerman's Angels.

One "unexpected" or unique skill: I am very quick problem solver and am a great group leader



Eugene Tunitsky
Board member at JFS Houston

Birthday: January 26th

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Committed Funny Excited

Eugene began his career in May 2009 at Morgan Keegan & Co. (now part of Raymond James & Co.) after graduating from the University of Texas at Austin with a BA in Economics and a minor in Business Foundations. He joined Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. in May 2012. He holds a General Securities Representative License and a Uniform Combined State Law Examination. He is also licensed as an agent for life, accident, health insurance and annuities in the state of Texas. In addition to professional pursuits, Eugene is dedicated to community service. He sits on the board of the Kiwanis Club of Houston, Jewish Family Services, Houston Holocaust Museum Foundation, and is a mentor to the BigBrothersBigSisters program. He is also active the Houston Holocaust Museum, the Anti Defamation League, Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, and AIPAC. Eugene is fluent in Russian.

One "unexpected" or unique skill: Humor



Taly Friedman

Birthdate: Nov. 16th

Director of Volunteer Engagement at JFS Kansas City

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Passionate Enthusiastic Thoughtful

Taly earned her BA in Community Health from the School of Education at the University of Kansas. Taly has a background in non-profit work, including working as Nutrition Educator coordinating the nutrition education program at Harvesters-the Community Food Bank and being the teen leadership director at BBYO, Inc. She is an active member of the University of Kansas Hillel Board of Directors and the Jewish Federation Women's Philanthropy Board. Taly is passionate about engaging the community in Kansas City in meaningful volunteer opportunities. In her free time Taly loves going to farmers markets, trying new restaurants

and reading.

One "unexpected" or unique skill: I enjoy and feel that I am good at connecting people to other people or resources.



Nora Freyman

Birthdate: June 2nd

Volunteer at JFS Kansas City

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Outgoing Charismatic Welcoming

Nora Freyman is the Program Manager of the Pipeline Entrepreneurial Fellowship, an elite organization of the Midwest's most successful, high-performance entrepreneurs. As the Program Manager, Freyman manages all events around the Region and Nation including an always sold-out black-tie annual gala. Prior to Pipeline, Freyman worked with The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society on their annual Black-Tie Ball, securing sponsorships and managing the auction. Originally from St. Louis, Freyman graduated from the University of Kansas with a BA in Psychology and minor in Business. Upon graduating, Freyman moved to Kansas

City and has it called home ever since. Freyman served as a BBYO advisor and currently is on the Youth Entrepreneurs advisory board. She enjoys spending her time volunteering with organizations whose mission is to help the impoverished, work towards a cure for cancer and empower youth. She enjoys working out, yoga, cooking and spending time with friends and family.

One "unexpected" or unique skill: I am very detail oriented and innovative in my thinking



Brian Gersh

Birthdate: September 29th

Volunteer at JFS Kansas City

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Playful Analytical Purposeful

Brian graduated high school in 2001 and then got a degree in audio engineering. He toured with musicians such as ZZ Top, Ted Nugget and the Albany Berkshire Ballet Company. Brian has worked across the globe for international companies like Club Med and Disney Cruise Lines in the theatre, managing technical crews as well as working for musicians. In 2007, he moved to Israel on a 10 month Masa Program called Tikkun Olam in South Tel Aviv (this was a Social Justice Program). After that he drafted into the IDF into the combat unit Nahal Battalion. After his service, he received a scholarship for a free degree and pursued a BA in

Political Science and Business from the IDC in Herzilya Israel.

One "unexpected" or unique skill: I have amazing experiences interacting with people from many different places and cultures

2015 AJFCA/Repair the World Presenters/Facilitators



Jennie Gates Beckman

Director of Volunteer Strategy & Repair the World Programming
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Birthday: September 16th

Passionate Caring Creative

Jennie joined AJFCA in February 2012 as AJFCA's Manager of Civic Engagement & Repair the World Programming. In her current role as Director of Volunteer Strategy, she leads the effort to elevate the role and impact of volunteering within AJFCA's network of member agencies, manage the expansion of outreach to young adults, and increase opportunities for young adults to volunteer at AJFCA member agencies. Jennie received her BA in painting from the University of Nebraska, and her MA in Jewish Communal Service from Brandeis University, which covered coursework in Judaic Studies, Non-Profit Management and Fundraising. Jennie is an active volunteer in the Baltimore Jewish community, serving on various Federation committees as well as on the Board of the Jewish Museum of Maryland. She is originally from Omaha, NE, but now lives with her husband & daughter in the Baltimore City neighborhood of Hampden.



Beth Steinhorn

President, JFFixler Group

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Birthday: March 20th

Professional Creative Balanced

Beth Steinhorn is a nationally recognized leader, writer, and innovator in volunteer engagement and nonprofit management. Throughout her 25+ year career with nonprofit organizations, Beth has worked to help organizations and their leadership to achieve their missions through strategic and innovative engagement. In addition to presenting at local and national conferences including the National Conference on Volunteering and Service and the Summit on Advanced Volunteer Engagement, Beth has edited and published many articles and books. She co-authored the book *Boomer Volunteer Engagement: Facilitator's Tool Kit* and served as editor for the book *Boomer Volunteer Engagement: Collaborate Today, Thrive Tomorrow*. As President of JFFixler Group, Beth leads consultations, facilitates workshops, directs research, presents keynote addresses, and publishes blogs and articles.



Mordy Walfish

Vice President for Programs, Repair the World

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Birthday: May 2nd

Subtle Inquisitive Canadian

Mordy is tasked with leading and growing Repair's signature initiative, Repair the World Communities. He joined Repair in May 2012, following a four-year stint at NYU Wagner as the assistant director of the Berman Jewish Policy Archive. A native of Hamilton, Ontario, Mordy holds a BA in Contemporary Studies and German from the University of King's College in Halifax, Nova Scotia and an MA in Comparative Literature from Northwestern University. As a Wexner Graduate Fellow/Davidson Scholar, Mordy also completed an MPA in non-profit management from NYU. Mordy has been a committed volunteer since the age of 12, with a particular passion for elder care and literacy.
