

# Kadie Black, Director of Development, <u>kblack@urj.org</u>

# URJ Eisner and Crane Lake Camps, <u>www.urjnortheastcamps.org</u>

Kadie joined the URJ Northeast Camps team in February 2018. She brings to the role years of experience working as the Manager of Philanthropy for Women of Reform Judaism, where she was involved in all aspects of fundraising and development. Prior to the WRJ, she worked as the External Affairs Manager for Our Kids of Miami/Dade Country, a foster care agency, where her many responsibilities included development, and for the New York Blood Center. Kadie is an alum of URJ Camp Coleman and is passionate about supporting Jewish youth.

# Louis Bordman, Senior Director, *lbordman@urj.org*

# URJ Eisner Camp, <u>www.eisnercamp.org</u>

Louis has been a leader in the field of Jewish Education and Jewish camping for over 25 years. Over the last 20 years, his vision and direction inspired the URJ Eisner Camp's renaissance. He guided the redevelopment of Eisner's facilities and program and the addition and renovation of virtually every building in camp. During his tenure, Eisner has become one of the most respected camps in the country boasting an average camper return rate of over 94% and home-grown staff return rate over 85%.

Since 1958, URJ Eisner Camp has embodied the transformative power of Jewish camping. Children from Union for Reform Judaism congregations across the Northeast join together each summer to experience the fun and magic of this special community. Louis has also been a visionary partner in the formation of the Northeast Teen Collecitve.

# Alexa Broida, Director, abroida@urj.org

## URJ Mitzvah Corps, www.mitzvahcorps.org

Alexa Broida has been passionate about discovering people and places around the world, uncovering untold stories, and connecting others with life-changing global experiences for as long as she can remember. After obtaining degrees in Public Health and Business from UCLA and GWU, and working in the international refugee resettlement sector, Alexa became the Director of Mitzvah Corps in 2010, where she spends her time identifying off-the-grid innovators and sustainable change agents, and creating opportunities for young people to work alongside them in the fight for social justice.

Mitzvah Corps provides social justice experiences for high school students, giving them the opportunity to travel the world, build meaningful relationships, understand the complexities and challenges facing various communities, take action on issues they care about, and embrace the ways that Judaism empowers them to enact real change.

# #KNOWLEDGE Workshop: None of Us Are Free Until We Are All Free #STRATEGY Workshop: Change Agent 007

## Jesse Cerrotti, Northeast Director, jessecerrotti@gmail.com

## OneVoice, <u>www.ovcampus.org</u>

Based in New York City, Jesse is building diverse communities of young adults and students committed to Israeli-Palestinian peace. Prior to joining OneVoice, Jesse served as the Assistant Director for URJ's Kutz Camp, and before that spent five summers working at URJ Eisner Camp. Jesse organizes activists across the Northeast through OneVoice and spent summer 2018 volunteering with Darkenu, a civil-society movement in Israel engaging new English speaking audiences. He is also stworking towards a Master's in Religious Education at HUC-JIR and holds a BA in Psychology from the University of Hartford.

OneVoice on Campus is a college program to provide students a platform to mobilize a community of solutions-oriented activists promoting an end to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. OneVoice Movement is a global initiative supporting grassroots activists building the human infrastructure needed to create necessary conditions for a just and negotiated resolution.

## #KNOWLEDGE Workshop: An Untenable Status-Quo: An Array of Jewish, Israeli, and Palestinian Solutions-Oriented Activists #STRATEGY Workshop: Meet Me in the Middle: Establishment and Resistance

# Guy Felixbrodt, Executive Director, guy@jteenleadership.org

# J-Teen Leadereship, <u>www.jteenleadership.org</u>

Guy has loved working with teens ever since he was a teenager himself in Hatzofim Youth Movement in Haifa, Israel. Guy oversees the overall operations and also makes sure there is always food and plenty of it! Guy is a former Israeli Navy Officer, a co-founder of a non-profit private school in Croton-on-Hudson, a veteran teacher and curriculum developer, and has worked in many NY synagogues and JCCs. Guy is passionate about his work with J-Teen and making the world a better place. J-Teen Leadership is dedicated to empowering and inspiring Jewish teens from all backgrounds with leadership training, core Jewish values and community service, so they can start contributing to the Jewish community and world- today! Teens develop a collective voice, address issues confronting society, connect to one another- repairing the world.

# #KNOWLEDGE Workshop: Tikun Olam NOW- Why Wait?

#STRATEGY Workshop: Tikun Olam NOW- from the Last Step to the First one!



# James Gelsey, Director of Operations, jgelsey@urj.org

# URJ Eisner Camp, <u>www.eisnercamp.org</u>

James is the Director of Operations at Eisner Camp and is part of the full time team for Eisner, Crane Lake and 6 Points Sci-Tech. Eisner, Crane Lake and 6 Points Sci-Tech are the UJR camps serving Reform congregations in the northeast. James joined the Eisner summer staff in 2008 to work on camp's amazing 50th Anniversary Celebration. He spent the next few summers as Program Director and Summer Administrator before joining the full-time staff in 2011. James's varied professional background includes Jewish camping, education, and youth work; commercial theater in New York and Toronto; and authoring over 60 children's books (the "Scooby-Doo! Mysteries" chapter books among them). James grew up in Miami, spending nine summers at URJ Camp Coleman, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania.

# Dana Gershon, Attorney, <u>dana@danagershon.com</u>

# Anker & Levy, PC, <u>www.ankerlevy.com</u>

Dana Gershon is an attorney with a private practice that specializes in employment law. She represents clients both independently and through an affiliation with Ankner & Levy, PC. Prior to starting her own practice, Dana worked at Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C. in Boston and at Goodwin Proctor, LLP. She has also taught at Boston University School of Law and in the Genesis Program at Brandeis University. Dana received her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law, and her B.A. from Cornell University. Dana is a past-President of the Board of Trustees of the Rashi School in Dedham, MA and a former trustee. She also served on the Board of Trustees on the Boston Jewish Community Relations Council and on the Council at Temple Israel in Boston. Dana co-chaired CJP's Boston-Haifa Connection and was instrumental in the founding of the Parents at the Center Program in Haifa, Israel which provides assistance to families with children at risk. Dana is on the Board of Advisors of the New England Center for Children in Southborough, MA. Dana recently moved to the Washington, DC area, where she lives with with her husband, Rabbi Jonah Pesner, and three of her children. Her oldest child is a college student at Harvard University

# Rabbi Andrew Goodman, Dean of Students, NY, agoodman@huc.edu

# HUC-JIR, <u>www.huc.edu</u>

Rabbi Andrew A. Goodman is the Dean of Students on the New York campus of HUC-JIR as well as Assistant Director of Recruitment and Admissions. Prior to joining HUC-JIR, Rabbi Goodman served as the Campus Rabbi and Director of Religious Social Responsibility at the University of Richmond where he oversaw the Hillel and worked with a multifaith chaplaincy team to support the religious and spiritual needs of the campus community. He has also served as the rabbi at Temple Beth Israel in Plattsburgh, NY.

HUC-JIR is the center of innovation for Jewish life and learning – preparing rabbis, cantors, leaders in Jewish education, Jewish nonprofit professionals, pastoral counselors, and scholars to apply their knowledge, commitment, vision, and expertise to strengthen and transform the Jewish community and larger world.

## #KNOWLEDGE Workshop: With Great Power...Being a Modern Day Prophet #STRATEGY Workshop: Sh'ma Yisrael: Active Listening

# Rabbi Reuven Greenwald, Director of Israel Engagement, <u>RGreenvald@urj.org</u>

## Union for Reform Judaism, <u>www.urj.org</u>

Rabbi Reuven Greenvald became the Director of Israel Engagement for the Union for Reform Judaism in September 2016. He switched from day school leadership to Israel engagement in 2007 when he joined the groundbreaking MAKOM team at the Jewish Agency for Israel. The seeds for that decision were cultivated while spending two years in Israel as a Jerusalem Fellow at the Mandel Leadership Institute during the difficult period of the Second Intifada. Reuven is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and JTS Rabbinical School.

The Union for Reform Judaism represents over 900 congregations and is organization behind a youth platform reaching over 20,000 young people on an annual basis.

## #KNOWLEDGE Workshop: How Israeli, pop, hip-hop, and reggae open up conversations about Israel

# Eva Gruenberg, Assistant Director, egruenberg@urj.org

## URJ Eisner Camp, <u>www.eisnercamp.org</u>

Eva is thrilled and honored to be part of the Eisner Community as Assistant Director. She hails from the Philadelphia suburbs and spent her childhood summers at a girls' camp in Maine. Eva grew up in the Reform Movement and brings to Eisner a background in experiential education and youth development through teaching outdoor education and holding key leadership roles at overnight summer camps in Maine and New Hampshire, progressing to assistant director. She earned her BA in History and Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh and her Master's Degree in Social Work from Wheelock College in Boston.

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# Aaron Gurvis, Regionial Advisor, agurvis@urj.org

## NFTY-NE, <u>www.northeast.nfty.org</u>

Aaron Gurvis is the NFTY NE Regional Advisor. Previously, Aaron worked at Temple Beth Shalom in Needham, spent many summers on staff and the Leadership Team at URJ Eisner Camp and 6Points Sci-TEch Academy East, and sereved as a group leader for NFTY in Israel and Kesher Birthright. Aaron is a proud alumnus of NFTY NE.

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# Alana Hollander, Program Associate, <u>alana@jtfn.org</u>

# Jewish Teen Funder Network, <u>www.jtfn.org</u>

Alana Hollander is the Program Associate for the Jewish Teen Funders Network. In her current role she serves the entire field of Jewish teen philanthropy by empowering youth professionals through engagement and education. Alana is anative New Yorker and has been working in the Jewish nonprofit world for over a decade. A graduate of SUNY Purchase, Alana received her BA in Theater Studies in 2003. As an alumni of URJ Eisner Camp and former Regional Board member of NFTY/LI, Alana is very excited to be participating in this weekend!

The Jewish Teen Funders Network (JTFN) strengthens Jewish engagment and identity through supporting and elevating the field of Jewish teen philathropy. Serving as a central resource to professionals in the field, JTFN strives to create generations of engaged, empowered and experienced changemakers and givers.

## **#STRATEGY Workshop: Giving on Purpose**

# Laura Hyman, Boston Regional Director, <a href="https://www.ukawa.com">https://www.ukawa.com</a> (https://www.ukawa.com</a> (http

### Moving Traditions, www.movingtraditions.org

Laura Hyman oversees community partnerships, programming and development in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Prior to Moving Traditions, Laura directed Havayah: The Teen Community at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, MA and worked as a congregational educator at Temple Israel of Hollywood in Los Angeles. Laura holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and received a joint Masters Degree in Jewish Education and Communal Service from HUC-JIR, Los Angeles. Laura lives in Natick, MA, with her husband and two young sons.

Moving Traditions emboldens teens by fostering self-discovery, challenging sexism, and inspiring a commitment to Jewish life and learning. We challenge and discuss the fundamental questions of identity—the role of gender, age and Judaism--and guide Jewish teens on the pathway to adulthood, through self-discovery, mentorship and positive peer-to-peer relationships.

# #KNOWLEDGE Workshop: Being Real with One Another in a #metoo World

#### Andrew Keene, Executive Board Member, andrewkeene@me.com

#### World Union for Progressive Judaism, www.wupj.org

Andrew Keene hails from Milwaukee, WI, where he was very involved in NFTY. Andrew served as the NFTY President in 2013 and has spent seven summers at the URJ Kutz Camp. Andrew holds a degree in business and entrepreneurship from Drexel University in Philadelphia. Currently, Andrew serves as an executive board member for the World Union for Progressive Judaism, and member of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel. Professionally, Andrew works is a consultant in the digital transformation space, based in Washington DC.

World Union for Progressive Judaism is the international umbrella of the Reform, Liberal, Progressive and Reconstructionist movements, serving 1.8M members in 50+ countries. WUPJ's goal is to ensure that all Jews have access to vibrant Jewish life that secures the future of the Jewish People, in Israel and the Diaspora.

## Sarah Lauing, Associate Diretcor, slauing@urj.org

URJ Crane Lake Camp, www.cranelakecamp.org

Sarah joined the full time Crane Lake team in 2015 as Associate Director, after serving for four summers as Director of Jewish Life. Sarah enjoys integrating Jewish learning and values into the already amazing camp day of boating, playing sports, and ziplining. Sarah holds an MA in Jewish Education from Hebrew Union College's Rhea Hirsch School of Education in Los Angeles, and a BA in Religion from Middlebury College in Vermont. Sarah's favorite camp event is Fight Song and her favorite camp meal is macaroni & cheese! Sarah serves as the faculty liaison at the Northeast Leadership Summit.

Previously a privately-owned camp, Crane Lake Camp brings deep history and traditions to create a special community. Since joining the cohort of Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) camps in 1998, Crane Lake has become a second home to many.



# Scott Magat, Director of High School Engagement, <a href="mailto:smagat@aepi.org">smagat@aepi.org</a>

## AEPi, <u>www.αepi.org</u>

Scott grew up in Richmond, Virginia and graduated from James Madison University in 2016 with a degree in Finance. Since then Scott has been working for AEPi in the High School Engagement Division. He has traveled to over 30 states and 3 countries educating teens on Jewish Life in College, Combating Anti-Semitism, Philanthropy and Leadership.

Alpha Epsilon Pi was founded to provide opportunities for the Jewish college man seeking the best possible college and fraternity experience. We have maintained the integrity of our purpose by strengthening our ties to the Jewish community and serving as a link between high school and career.

# **#STRATEGY Workshop: Leadership without a Title**

# Jayme Mallindine, Assistant Director, <u>jmallindine@urj.org</u>

#### 6Points Sci-Tech Academy East, www.6pointsscitech.org

Jayme has spent her career and education poking at the intersections between technology and community. Before coming to the URJ, Jayme was, at various points, the education coordinator for Temple Beth Shalom, a Reform congregation in Austin, TX, an afterschool program coordinator and summer camp director at Rhode Island for Community & Justice, a high school teacher for the JCC of Greater Rhode Island, an ethnographer studying religious communities who used video games as part of their religious practice, and a site lead for Girls Make Games and Girls Who Code, summer camps that teach middle school and high school girls video game design and computer programming. Jayme grew up in the Appalachian region of North Carolina, and dual-majored in Psychology and Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. She then earned a Masters at the University of Texas at Austin after writing a dissertation on gender, environment, and communal memory in video games.

6 Points Sci-Tech Academy is a Jewish overnight camp where science and technology meet Judaism and fun. Campers spend two weeks exploring robotics, video game design, environmental science, digital media, and a host of other fun activities with friends who share similar interests.

## Eric Maurer, Director, eric@jtconnect.org

## JTConnect, <u>www.jtconnect.org</u>

Eric Maurer grew up in Burlington, MA and was a member of LEFTY at Temple Isaiah. Eric holds dual Master's degrees from Brandeis University's Hornstein Program in Jewish Professional Leadership and Near Eastern & Judaic Studies and a BA in Judaic Studies from the University of Hartford. In his work at JTConnect, Eric aspires to connect teens to experiences to explore, deepen and celebrate their Jewish identity. He lives in West Hartford with his wife Becca and son Ami.

JTConnect is a learning and social program for Jewish teens from throughout Greater Hartford. We are a pluralistic community, welcoming students from all backgrounds - from all levels of Jewish observance and knowledge. At JTConnect, we inspire Jewish teens to become passionate leaders and active participants in the Jewish community.

## #KNOWLEDGE Workshop: What is BDS REALLY?!

## Emily Messinger, Director, emessinger@urj.org

## Northeast Teen Collective, www.northeastjewishteens.org

Emily Messinger, MARE, is the inaugural director of the Northeast Teen Collective. Previously Emily served as the Director of Youth Engagement at Temple Isaiah in Lexington, MA. Emily has Masters in Jewish Educational Leadership from HUC-JIR. Emily lives outside of Boston with her two daughters and spends her summers at URJ Eisner and Crane Lake Camps.

The Northeast Teen Collective is an ambitious initiative to increase the number of teens participating in Jewish life throughout New York, New Jersey, and New England. We empower highly engaged teens to use their individual passions as inspiration to create meaningful Jewish experiences that will capture the interest of their less involved friends. Through Machon Summer Leadership Institute at URJ Eisner and Crane Lake Camps, the Dana Gershon and Rabbi Jonah Pesner Northeast Leadership Summit, and ongoing Pop-up and Co-op Events—all powered by the Union for Reform Judaism in partnership with Combined Jewish Philanthropies and the Jim Joseph Foundation—we inspire more young Jews to embrace Jewish life and community as a path to meaning, purpose, and joy.

# Ben Michaels, Registrar, bmichaels@urj.org

#### URJ Eisner Camp, www.eisnercamp.org

Ben brings years of experience to URJ Eisner Camp, working with Jewish youth as an Eisner staff member, a congregational Youth Director, and a religious school teacher. His love for Eisner started in 2006 when he was a camper and continued to grow throughout his years as a staff member. Ben graduated from SUNY Albany with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and a minor in Business. Ben is passionate about nurturing the growth of Jewish youth through education, peer engagement, and camping.

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# Danny Mishkin, Camp Director, <u>danny@sabababeachaway.org</u> Sababa Beach Camps, <u>www.sabababeachaway.org</u>

Danny Mishkin, one of the co-founders of Sababa Beach Camps, is thrilled to combine his two passions of surfing and Jewish education to help kids feel the stoke that comes from each. Before becoming the Director of Sababa, Danny helped three synagogue youth programs grow into thriving, exciting teen communities. Danny began his career working with kids at Camp Wildwood in Bridgton, ME for 7 summers, eventually becoming Athletic Director. Exposing Jewish youth to a more spiritually balanced life through surfing and other ocean activities is what Danny was born to do.

Sababa Beach Camps is a Jewish sleepaway and day camp in Virginia Beach and New York committed to help young people grow their best sense of self, build meaningful relationships, immerse themselves in passionate pursuits, and stoke their innate spiritual flame.

# #KNOWLEDGE Workshop: Spiritual Thriving on Your Journey through The Spiritual Desert #STRATEGY Workshop: How can spirituality help reduce stress and anxiety

# Rabbi Jonah Pesner, Director, jpesner@urj.org

# Religious Action Center, <u>www.rac.org</u>

Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner serves as the Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. He has led the Religious Action Center since 2015. Rabbi Pesner also serves as Senior Vice President of the Union for Reform Judaism, a position to which he was appointed to in 2011. Named one of the most influential rabbis in America by Newsweek magazine, he is an inspirational leader and tireless advocate for social justice. Rabbi Pesner's work has focused on encouraging Jewish communities to reach across lines of race, class, and faith in campaigns for social justice. In 2006, he founded Just Congregations (now incorporated into the Religious Action Center), which engaged clergy, professional, and volunteer leaders in interfaith efforts in pursuit of social justice. Rabbi Pesner was a primary leader in the successful Massachusetts campaign for health care access that has provided health care coverage to hundreds of thousands and which became a nationwide model for reform. Over the course of his career, he has also led and supported campaigns for racial justice, economic opportunity, immigration reform, LGBTQ equality, human rights, and a variety of other causes. He is dedicated to building bridges to collectively confront anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and other forms of hate and bigotry.

Rabbi Pesner has trained and mentored students on all four campuses of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and gives speeches in interfaith and secular venues all over the world. Rabbi Pesner serves as a board member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, JOIN for Justice, the National Religious Partnership for the Environment, and the New England Center for Children. He is a member of the Leadership Team for the Jewish Social Justice Roundtable. He has served as a scholar for the Wexner Foundation, American Jewish World Service, the Nexus USA Summit, and Combined Jewish Philanthropies, among others.

Ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1997, Rabbi Pesner was a congregational rabbi at Temple Israel in Boston and at Temple Israel in Westport, Conn. A graduate of Wesleyan University and the Bronx High School of Science, Rabbi Pesner is married to Dana S. Gershon, an attorney. They have four daughters: Juliet, Noa, Bobbie, and Cate.

For nearly six decades, the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (the RAC) has been the hub of Jewish social justice work. As a joint instrumentality of the Union for Reform Judaism and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the RAC represents the values of the largest and most diverse Jewish Movement in North America. The RAC mobilizes around federal, state, and local legislation; supports and develops congregational leaders; and organizes communities to create a world overflowing with justice, compassion, and peace.

# Nicki Poliak, Director of Programs and Engagement, nicki@uconnhillel.org

# Uconn Hillel, <u>www.uconnhillel.org</u>

Nicki graduated from the University of Delaware, where she completed her degree with a double major in Sociology and Criminal Justice. She grew up on Long Island and spent all of her summers attending and working at URJ Camp Eisner. Nicki was involved in UD Hillel as the Co-President of their Challah for Hunger chapter, a Freshman Fest Ambassador, and the Holocaust Education Intern. Nicki is also a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. In her free time, Nicki loves to read, hike, and spend time with her friends, family, and pets. Nicki is excited to share her passion for Judaism and community building with students and she is so happy to be a part of the UConn Hillel family!

For nearly a century, Hillel's network of dedicated student leaders, professionals and volunteers have encouraged generations of young adults to celebrate Jewish learning and living, pursue social justice (tikkun olam and tzedek) and connect to their peers and the global Jewish people. Hillel's mission is to enrich the lives of Jewish students so that they may enrich the Jewish people and the world.



# Josh Satok, Senior Assistant Director, jsatok@urj.org

## URJ Kutz Camp, www.kutzcamp.org

Josh Satok is the Senior Assistant Director of the URJ Kutz Camp. Josh was a Religious Studies major at Yale University and earned his MBA and Masters in Jewish Professional Leadership at Brandeis University, where he was a member of class 28 of the Wexner Graduate Fellowship. Josh has worked at a variety of Jewish organizations, including Camp Kadimah, the Foundation for Jewish Camp, the American Hebrew Academy, and UJA Federation of Toronto. A proud Canadian, he was born and raised in Toronto and never misses a chance to cheer on his Toronto sports teams and talk about Canada.

URJ Kutz Camp, the Reform movement's teen leadership camp in Warwick, New York, brings together hundreds of the most passionate Reform Jewish teen leaders from around the world for a summer of leadership development, deep learning, and joyful Judaism.

## #KNOWLEDGE Workshop: September Values Madness: What really matters to you?

# Caryn Shebowich, Resident Advisor and Outreach Coordinator, caryn@tivnu.org

## Tivnu, <u>www.tivnu.org</u>

Caryn is a Colorado native with a knack for outdoor adventure and passion for Judaism. She graduated from Cornell College and has since spent time teaching English in Peru, serving at a queer resource youth center in Chicago, mentoring high school juniors on Denver's Israel Study Tour, being a Jewish environmental educator in Connecticut, and re-imagining the Jewish Outdoor Leadership Institute at Ramah in the Rockies. She is SO excited to be hiking, hanging out, and exploring connections between social justice and Judaism with the Tivnoodles! Caryn is also an alum of NFTY and Avodah Chicago, the Jewish service corps.

Tivnu: Building Justice offers the first domestic Jewish gap year program for 17-20-year-olds. Participants connect Jewish life and social justice through individualized internships, discover the Pacific Northwest, and create a home and community together in Portland, Oregon.

# Alison Simpson, Development Associate, asimpson@urj.org

## URJ Eisner and Crane Lake Camps, www.urjnortheastcamps.org

Alison Simpson is proud to be the Development Associate for Eisner and Crane Lake Camps. Alison has been part of the Eisner and Crane Lake community since 2006, working on staff at both camps, and accompanying a trip to Israel. Alison found Jewish camping after years of protesting overnight camp with her family, worried that she wouldn't love it. Prior to working for Eisner and Crane Lake Camps, Alison spent five years working as a youth educator at a synagogue outside of Boston, MA with children preschool through high school. Alison grew up in Guilderland, NY before attending the University of Vermont, where she received degrees in Geography and Political Science. Alison is passionate about sharing her excitement for Judaism and camping with others.

# Josh Squire, Regional Advisor, jsquire@urj.org

## NFTY-NAR, www.newyork.nfty.org

Josh Squire joined the NFTY-NAR team after serving as a Development Associate for the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. Josh is an alumnus of NFTY's Northeast region where he held multiple leadership positions including President of his TYG, MITYOR, at Temple Mishkan Israel in Hamden, Connecticut. Josh is a proud alumnus of NFTY's Summer EIE Israel program. Josh continued his Jewish journey at the University of Connecticut, where he practiced his passion for Jewish leadership as Hillel president and founding father of historically Jewish fraternity, Sigma Alpha Mu. Josh has also spent multiple summers on staff at URJ Eisner and Crane Lake Camps. Since graduating from UConn with a B.A. in Political Science, Josh continues to serve on the UConn Hillel Board of Directors to support active and vibrant Jewish life on campus. Josh has also exercised his love of Jewish teen engagement as a B'nai Brith Youth Organization advisor in the Connecticut Valley Region. In his spare time, you will find Josh at music festivals, searching for new coffee shops, exercising, and cheering on the UConn men's and women's basketball teams.

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# Samantha Walsh, Regional Director, BBYO NER, <u>swalsh@bbyo.org</u>

# BBYO, www.bbyo.org

Samantha Walsh is the Regional Director of BBYO New England Region. She has been working with teens for the last 10 years in various capacities, both as a staff member and advisor of BBYO and in the mental health field. Samantha grew up in Rhode Island and now lives in Marblehead. She enjoys going to the beach, snowboarding, reading, and relaxing!

BBYO is the leading pluralistic Jewish teen movement aspiring to involve more Jewish teens in more meaningful Jewish experiences. With more than 600 chapters worldwide, BBYO provides a platform for teens to build a movement capable of creating change while learning skills like public speaking, event planning, and project management.

## #KNOWLEDGE Workshop: Leading with Balance



# Imogene Winkelman, Regional Advisor, *iwinkleman@urj.org*

### NFTY-NAR, www.newyork.nfty.org

Imogene Winkleman is thrilled to be NFTY-NAR's Regional Advisor after previously serving as the region's part-time Program Associate. Imogene grew up in NFTY NAR, served two terms on Regional Board, and spent her summers at URJ Camp Harlam and URJ Kutz Camp. She graduated from Clark University with a B.A. in Psychology and Women's & Gender Studies. While in college, Imogene oversaw Clark's All Kinds of Girls mentoring program and worked at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, MA. After graduating, Imogene spent a year working in government relations at JBFCS and currently serves as an Activist Alliance Volunteer for NOW-NYC.

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# Rabbi Liz Zeller, Director Learning and Innovation, <u>ezeller@urj.org</u>

#### NFTY, <u>www.nfty.org</u>

Rabbi Liz Zeller is the Director of Learning and Innovation for NFTY. Previously, she was a congregational Rabbi in Forest Hills, NY and a soloist and educator in Tacoma, WA. Liz grew up in West Lafayette, IN and was a long-time camper and staff member at URJ G.U.C.I. Camp. She loves connecting social justice, social media, and all things social and creative with her love for learning and her love of Judaism! She lives in Westchester, NY with her husband David, their one year old Sam, and their adorable mini-labradoodle Rory.

NFTY is the Reform Movement's Youth organization, serving teens across North America in a progressive youth setting.

## #KNOWLEDGE Workshop: Healthy Consent and Judaism #STRATEGY Workshop: How to develop relationships that motivate others

## Logan Zinman Gerber, National Teen Campaign Organizer, lgerber@rac.org

#### Religious Action Center, www.rac.org

Logan Zinman Gerber is the National Teen Campaign Organizer for the Reform Movement, working with high school and college students on our gun violence prevention strategy and civic engagement campaign.

Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (the RAC) is the hub of Jewish social justice work for the Reform Movement. The RAC mobilizes around federal, state, and local legislation; supports and develops congregational leaders; and organizes communities to create a world overflowing with justice, compassion, and peace.

## #KNOWLEDGE Workshop: Building a Movement - How to Be A Changemaker #STRATEGY Workshop: Civic Engagement - Rock the Vote