

Hebrew Highlights

Ever wonder where our Hebrew High graduates go after they leave Charlotte? Our students are doing all sorts of wonderful things, all over the US, in Israel, and throughout the world. They are lawyers, doctors, captains of industry, and *machers* of all sorts. Our proudest moments come, when they decide to dedicate their professional lives to the Jewish community. Below are the stories of just a few of these wonderful grads.

Phil Brodsky

Phil is the executive director of The David Project, an organization that helps college students talk about Israel in their own words with their peers. As the executive director, Phil is the lead educator at The David Project



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as well as oversees the organization's business and strategic mission. Before coming to The David Project, Phil graduated from University of North Carolina for undergrad and Brandeis University for graduate school. At The David Project, Phil works to make Israel relevant and something that brings people together, a journey that he started while a senior at Hebrew High. In the fall of 2000, Phil organized a youth rally for Israel gathering 200 Hebrew High students before the start of class.

Alana Cooper

Alana Cooper currently serves as the National Director of Alumni Relations at the American Friends of the Hebrew University. With more than 13 years of experience as a professional in the Jewish community, Alana is a proud graduate of the Charlotte Consolidated High School of Jewish Studies.



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After spending many years at

Jewish camps and involvement with a variety of Jewish youth groups, spending a gap year in Israel with Young Judaea's Year Course program, returning to Israel for part of her junior year, she fully understands the profound impact of both formal and informal Jewish education. In law school, while most of her classmates were spending summers clerking at law firms, she lead Israel summer programs; while they clerked for judges during the year, she taught Hebrew School; and when they went to work drafting briefs and filing claims – she was recruiting for Birthright Israel and serving as the Hillel director at Goucher College. It's very possible that she should have seen what career path she was heading down...

And what a path it has been – Alana has worked with the leading organizations in the Jewish world including Hillel, the ADL, Union for Reform Judaism, and Young Judaea. Hebrew High was an integral part of the formation of her Jewish identity – allowing a deeper exploration of issues and texts not covered in other venues. An indispensable platform for Jewish learning and an opportunity to delve into the dirty parts (as Hebrew High teacher, Gladys Lavitan, used to say) engaged her in Jewish learning and made "Hebrew School" fun.

Thanks in large part to Hebrew High – Alana has had the opportunity to spend her professional life being part of a wonderful and exciting world and getting to be a "professional Jew." Todah!

Ruthie Warshenbrot

After graduating from Hebrew High, Ruthie continued to pursue Jewish Education, earning a BA in Jewish Studies from Chapel Hill and a graduate degree



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from NYU. Ruthie is currently working as an Associate Program Director at The Wexner Foundation in Columbus, Ohio, leading the development and implementation of new initiatives for the Wexner Graduate Fellowship/Davidson Scholars Program, in

particular the Wexner Field Fellows program (in partnership with the Jim Joseph Foundation), a program for full-time Jewish communal professionals seeking additional professional development, as well as increased programming for alumni. She also helped initiate the development of a new teen Jewish service-learning program for Columbus Jewish teenagers called the Wexner Service Corps, which includes an annual service trip and year-round local community service and Jewish learning. Ruthie says that Hebrew High gave her a context for all of her projects, particularly helping her understand what types of educators and professionals are effective. In terms of her current work, she thinks about both how important training is for professionals, teachers, educators, and advisors to do their work effectively and meaningfully, as well as what type of educators are well received by teenagers.



Jena Coen

Jena Coen was born and raised in Charlotte, and was active in Chai Chavarim BBG and Hebrew High School, serving on the boards of both. After graduating from UNCW in 2006, Jena returned home to her Temple Beth El family, where she co-chaired the young adult community and served as a member of the Board of Directors. Jena's involvement in high school and her young adult involvement at Temple Beth El, led her to become a full-time Jewish professional with Moishe House, an international Jewish organization that gives young adults in their 20s a place to create meaningful



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Jewish experiences for themselves and their peers. Jena is the Development Manager for Moishe house in their East Coast office in Charlotte.

Thanks to their involvement in the Charlotte Jewish community, and particularly at Hebrew High, these young men and women have chosen to spend their lives helping to ensure a strong, vibrant, Jewish future. That is our goal at Hebrew High. We couldn't be any prouder of them!

It's not too late to sign up for the 5775 school year at Hebrew High. For more information, call Roz at 704-944-6782 or email rcooper@shalomcharlotte.org. ♣



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- PRESENTATION -

DATE: Monday, November 10, 2014
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Levine Jewish Community Center of Charlotte
5007 Providence Road, (704) 366-5007

Summer Resident Camp of the Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta
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You are invited

Hadassah Installation & Open House
Wine & Cheese Reception
Thursday, December 4
6:30pm

Sam Lerner Center - Shalom Park

Join us as we honor our leaders and volunteers, and install our 2015 board members and Incoming president, Sandra Goldman.

Free Event
Open to the community

