

# Insight:

## The Schusterman Fellowship for Jewish Community

The Center for Leadership Initiatives (CLI) and the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation (CLSFF) are very excited to announce the inaugural cohort of Insight: the Schusterman Fellowship for Jewish community. Inspired and motivated by Lynn Schusterman's vision and leadership, we believe that the Jewish community can and should model the best values and practices in its work to build a strong and vibrant future. The Insight Fellowship is the culmination of years of research and reflection about the role visionary organizations and the next generations of leadership can play in the Jewish community.

Beginning in the fall 2008, the Insight Fellowship will bring together ten outstanding, diverse and passionate fellows interested in exploring a career in Jewish communal service in this two-year program.

The fellows will participate in a series of three six-month professional rotations at three different top Jewish non-profit organizations based in New York City or Washington, DC to gain skills and experience in the world of Jewish communal work as a career path option. The cohort of fellows will also participate in intensive professional development training and skills building experiences that will be unparalleled in the exposure offered regarding the Jewish community and its working. The program will offer an opportunity to learn by doing, working hand-in-hand with young leaders, colleague organizations and the CLI program staff.

Fellows receive an annual stipend and health insurance.

We congratulate the following ten fellows ...



**April Baskin**  
**Washington, DC**

April Baskin is a California native. In 2007, April earned a Sociology degree with concentrations in Community Health and Social Inequality from Tufts University. During her years at Tufts, April interned at a variety of educational and community-based organizations, including the Chinese Progressive Association and Chabad of Sacramento. She further broadened her experience in community organizing and advocacy by participating in Americorps. She did interfaith collaboration as an Americorps fellow for a before and after school program affiliated with the Black Ministerial Alliance of Boston. After graduation, April was a research assistant at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.



**Jacqueline Fishman**  
**New York City**

Jackie was born and raised in New York City and her family is from the former Soviet Union. She recently graduated Binghamton University where she received a Bachelor's degree in both English and Economics. In her senior year, Jackie was the President of Hillel and volunteered for a variety of alternative break programs. Some include helping to rebuild the Gulf Coast, building a library in Costa Rica on an organic farm and building up a site for eco-tourism in Mexico.



**Jennifer Keys**  
**Washington, DC**

Born and raised in Pikesville, Maryland, Jennifer has been active in the arts from a very young age. After completing her Jewish studies at Krieger Schechter Day School, Jennifer pursued her love of dance at the Baltimore School for the Arts and New York University's (NYU) Tisch School of the Arts, where she received her Bachelor of Fine Arts. During her final year at NYU, Jennifer joined the "Leading Up North" volunteer initiative to Israel and sparked her commitment to volunteering within the Jewish community. Shortly thereafter, Jennifer received the "Ideas that Move: The Jewish Learning Fellowship" from the Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life at NYU. Upon graduation, Jennifer returned to Israel as a member of the yearlong Otzma program, sponsored by the United Jewish Communities and the Jewish Agency for Israel.



## Anya Manning New York City

Anya Manning was born and raised in Natick, MA where she attended the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston followed by Gann Academy/New Jewish High School. In 2007, she received her BA in Environmental Science at Barnard College and a BA in Midrash from the Jewish Theological Seminary. During college, Anya received multiple leadership awards and grants for her work with the Barnard Earth Club, volunteer work as a counselor and Director of the Columbia University Help-line, and for organizing a student volunteer trip to Guatemala City. This past year she was a staff member of Kivunim: New Directions, a pre-college Israel program providing an opportunity for students to live and study in Israel as well as to travel to Jewish communities around the world.



## Justin Rosen New York City

Justin Rosen is a native of Suffolk County, Long Island. Justin attended List College, the dual-degree program between Columbia University (CU) and the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York, where he completed a B.A., magna cum laude, in philosophy at CU and B.A., magna cum laude, in Jewish thought at JTS. Along with spending quality time with his friends and family, two of Justin's greatest interests are foreign languages and traveling. He speaks English, French, Spanish, and Hebrew, and recently began studying German. In addition to Israel, Justin has traveled throughout Europe on several occasions and was part of a delegation from the National Ramah Commission to visit Argentina and the Buenos Aires Jewish community in December 2006.



## Matthew Peterson Washington, DC

Matthew Peterson was raised in Portland, Oregon. Matt comes from a mixed family of Baptist Christian and secular Jewish household. Matt attended the Portland conservative high school and went on to complete a degree in Judaic studies at the University of Oregon. During his time at the U of O, Matt was the religious chair for the Hillel, the social chair for the fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi, and the president of the Chabad Student Center. Matt also went to Israel on Birthright and then returned to the Israel in 2005 for his junior-year abroad at the Mayanot Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. In addition, Matt cofounded the Moishe House Portland with his friends.



## Annie Schiff New York City

Annie Schiff was born in Wilmette, IL and grew up active in her temple, North Shore Congregation Israel. She was a five year camper and four year staff member at Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Annie earned her BA at Stanford University, where she nurtured a longstanding love of languages through her major in Classics, focusing on Latin and Greek. Annie pursued honors research in Interdisciplinary Humanities, studying Jewish and Christian biblical interpretation in late antiquity. Her honors thesis won the Kennedy Jewish Studies Undergraduate Award and the Golden Medal for Excellence in the Humanities. Annie served as president of the Jewish Students Association in year of great transition and promise. She was also a coordinator of Hillel's weekly pluralistic Kabbalat Shabbat, a leader in the Jewish women's community and an enthusiastic voice in interfaith dialogue.



## Amy Rothberger New York City

Amy Rothberger grew up in Michigan and attended the George Washington University. She graduated in 2007 with a specialized degree in Contemporary Semitic Languages and Cultures. Amy studied Hebrew, Arabic, and inter-disciplinary Middle Eastern studies both at GW and at the University of Haifa, where she worked at a shelter for battered women and children. While living in Washington, Amy worked in DC public schools, for various Jewish organizations, and even a semester at Trader Joe's. In 2008, Amy staffed a Birthright Israel trip and spent the subsequent 4 months traveling.



**Lillian Siegel**  
Washington, DC

Lillian Siegel graduated in 2008 from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT with a BA in Religion and Jewish Studies, where she was involved in Wesleyan's Jewish community, student-run organic farm, and acapella singing. Her interests include globalization and development, ecology, environmental policy, food politics, gender and race issues, women's health and midwifery. She is a certified hatha yoga instructor and enjoys singing, kayaking, hiking, farming, cooking, swimming, and traveling. Lillian is currently at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center with Adamah.



**Adam Soclof**  
New York City

Raised in Ann Arbor, MI, Adam graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in Judaic Studies. Most recently, Adam was a Counselor-Educator for the Nesiya Institute. A past recruiter for the Jewish Coalition for Service, Adam's own service learning endeavors have taken him to Uruguay, Ukraine and Israel. As a founding fellow of the PresenTense Institute in Jerusalem, Adam created HyperSemitic, a Jewish edutainment company that uses music, film and new media to teach about ritual and holidays. In 2008, he produced and edited Haman Song, a viral video for Purim starring Bible rapper Matt Bar.

## Participating Insight Fellowship Host Organizations:

- American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
- American Jewish World Service
- Avodah: The Jewish Service Corps
- BBYO
- Birthright Israel
- Capital Camps
- Charles E Smith Day School

- Dor Chadash
- Foundation for Jewish Camp
- Foundation for Jewish Culture
- Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life
- JDub Records
- Jewish Women International
- Sixth and I Historic Synagogue

## Contact Information:

CLI is a U.S.-based operating foundation, dedicated to providing unparalleled professional development and skills training to current and emerging leaders in the Jewish community.

For more information about the Insight Fellowship and other CLI program visit [www.leadingup.org](http://www.leadingup.org).

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