
SHOSHANNA SCHECHTER

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Summary

Dynamic leader with a proven track record at ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal, enhancing revenue by 50%. Expert in fundraising strategy and building interpersonal relationships, I excel in program development and strategic planning. Leveraged pluralistic Jewish education to foster community engagement, demonstrating exceptional multicultural sensitivity and organizational leadership.

Skills

- Fundraising strategy and donor relations
 - Grant writing and foundation relations
 - Program development and event planning
 - Crisis intervention and risk assessment
 - Strategic planning and organizational leadership
 - Pluralistic Jewish education and engagement
 - Referral networking
 - Client confidentiality
 - Multicultural sensitivity
 - Legal compliance
 - Remote support provision
 - Professional boundaries
 - Interpersonal relationships
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Experience

Crisis Intervention Specialist / 988 Supervisor **02/2024 to Current**
Grassroots Crisis Intervention **Columbia, MD**

- Supervise and train crisis chat counselors to ensure effective intervention and support for individuals in crisis
- Conduct risk assessments, safety planning, and de-escalation for visitors in acute distress
- Collaborate with leadership to improve program operations and implement quality benchmarks

Senior Principal Consultant **01/2018 to Current**
Schechter Educational Services **Silver Spring, MD**

- Provide personalized college counseling and educational consulting for families and students of diverse abilities
- Develop comprehensive application strategies, leveraging data-driven insights to optimize outcomes
- Build strong relationships with university admissions professionals and clients across multiple states

Special Education Teacher / Summer Principal **02/2022 to 02/2024**
Maya Angelou Schools - Youth Services Center **Washington, DC**

- Taught and case-managed detained youth with diverse disability profiles, ensuring compliance with IDEA
- Served as Summer Principal, overseeing a team of 20 educators and staff members
- Implemented trauma-informed and restorative justice practices to foster student growth

Humanities Faculty (PT) **09/2016 to 07/2023**
University of Texas - El Paso **Remote**

- Developed and taught online Humanities courses for diverse student populations
- Designed curriculum for varying course lengths, including intensive short semesters
- Trained faculty in instructional design and best practices for online learning

Special Education Teacher / Resource Educator **01/2021 to 03/2022**
Montgomery County Public Schools **Montgomery County, MD**

- Delivered targeted reading interventions and case-managed students with disabilities
- Coordinated extended school-year services for students with moderate to severe disabilities

- Implemented restorative justice practices to support student development

Director of Jewish Life

07/2019 to 05/2020

Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School

Rockville, MD

- Designed and facilitated religious, cultural, and social action programming for 500+ students
- Supervised 16+ faculty members and represented the school on community committees
- Fostered partnerships with local, national, and international Jewish organizations

Faculty - Religious Studies & Gender Studies

09/2012 to 08/2019

Randolph-Macon College

Ashland, VA

- Taught undergraduate courses in Jewish Studies, Gender Studies, and Queer Theory
- Designed and led donor-supported travel courses to Israel
- Consistently received exemplary teaching evaluations

Hillel Director & Admissions Specialist

08/2017 to 07/2019

Randolph-Macon College

Ashland, VA

- Increased student enrollment by 25% through targeted recruitment and engagement strategies
- Managed programming for Jewish campus life and cultivated donor relationships
- Served as a faculty advisor and led travel courses to Israel

Executive Director

11/2014 to 07/2017

ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal

Philadelphia, PA

- Provided executive leadership for a national organization, overseeing a \$1.5M annual budget and managing a team of 10 senior staff and over 50 total staff members.
- Developed and implemented strategic business plans, increasing revenue by 50% in 2016.
- Spearheaded new initiatives, including the establishment of 2 Endowment funds and the creation of the ALEPH Network and an international adult education initiative.

Director of Women's Division, Israel, and Overseas Programming

01/2012 to 12/2014

Jewish Community Federation of Richmond

Richmond, VA

- Directed a \$1.5M Women's Philanthropy Campaign, achieving a 20% increase in giving
- Oversaw Israel engagement initiatives and collaborated with international Jewish organizations
- Designed leadership development programs for emerging and senior community leaders

Education

Doctorate in Higher Education Instruction and Leadership

Expected in 12/2026

Alverno College

Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Administration

09/2017

The Jewish Theological Seminary

ABD

Doctorate in Special Education

09/2017

Columbia University - Teacher's College

ABD

Master's in Jewish Studies: Gender Studies

05/2008

The Jewish Theological Seminary

Bachelor's: Anthropology and Jewish Studies

12/2000

University of Maryland

Certifications

- Teaching Credential: Special Education (6th-Adult, Generic)
- Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention: CPI, QPR, and LivingWorks
- Certified Distance Learning Instructor: UTEP
- Associate Member: IECA (Independent Educational Consultants Association)

References

Available upon request

Languages

Hebrew:



Professional