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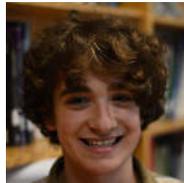
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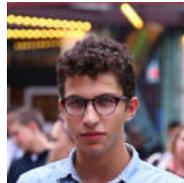
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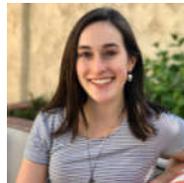
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2018 Fellow Bios

Jonathan Arking is a junior at Beth Tfiloh High school. There, he captains the Model UN and cross-country teams and serves as the head of the school's AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) club. In addition, he participates in Mock Trial, NHS, Kolenu (the high school choir), and the ultimate Frisbee team. Outside of school, Jonathan frequently reads the Torah portion and leads the services at Congregation Netivot Shalom, the Modern Orthodox synagogue he and his family founded, and now attend. In his free time, Jonathan loves running, reading, and singing -- especially traditional Jewish songs. He is greatly excited to be a Bronfman Fellow and looks forward to an inspiring and insightful summer.

Hannah Bashkow is currently a junior at Tandem Friends School. Before that, she attended the Charlottesville Waldorf School through eighth grade. She and her family are members of Charlottesville's Congregation Beth Israel, where they regularly attend the Saturday morning traditional egalitarian minyan. At the synagogue, she works as a Hebrew tutor and helps kids prepare for their b'nei mitzvah. She is an enthusiastic artist who enjoys working in many media. In past summers, she has attended Nature Camp, a local field ecology camp, and has traveled with her family to Israel, Europe, and Papua New Guinea.

Sarah Bock is a junior at Scarsdale High School and a member of Westchester Reform Temple. At SHS, Sarah is a member of Signifer, which functions as Scarsdale's Honor Society, as well as a peer tutoring program. She is on the school's cross country and track teams and is a member of the Pratham club, which raises money to fund women's education in India. Sarah is part of SHS's science research program in which students select an area of science in which they are interested, find a mentor in that field, and conduct an independent research project with the eventual goal of entering research competitions and potentially being published in a peer-reviewed journal. She is currently conducting research at NYU exploring the effects of prenatal cortisol exposure on children's neurological and cognitive development. Sarah also volunteers weekly at Reading Buddies, a program in which students mentor elementary school students from underprivileged communities to help them with their school work and cultivate their educational development. She is excited for the opportunity this summer to cultivate her Jewish learning in a way that she has not been able to before with a group of people holding a diverse range of beliefs and opinions.

Robert Carlson is a junior at Milken Community High School, a pluralistic Jewish high school in Los Angeles. His mother comes from a traditional Sephardic and Ashkenazi background, and his father, who grew up Methodist, has Swedish roots. Robert loves his large extended family's weekly Shabbats and close connection. Because of his own multi-cultural background, Robert has always been interested in learning about different cultures and customs, while also holding on tight to his Judaism. On an average weekend, he can be found exploring the ethnic enclaves of Los Angeles, shopping for Salvadoran "chipilin" or Turkish "oukoum", when he is not gardening in his own backyard. He also studies Sephardic customs, cooking and traditions from the Mediterranean. He learned his family's ancestral tongue of Ladino in addition to speaking Hebrew and Spanish and dabbling in Farsi, Arabic, and Turkish. He believes that the members of "Am Yisrael" must embrace their differences and interact with one another, while simultaneously acknowledging their common Jewish identity. Robert is passionate about politics, Jewish history, and the Middle East Conflict. Last summer, he participated in Seeds of



Peace, a summer program fostering dialogue between Israelis, Palestinians, Egyptians, Jordanians, and Americans. He currently serves on the Teen Advisory Board of the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, which engages with Holocaust survivors tell their stories through multimedia projects. He is sings in the HaZamir International Jewish Teen Choir, and is one of the leaders of his school's Creative Writing program. Robert is also an alumnus of MAJIC, Muslims and Jews Inspiring Change Teen Fellowship. With a love for tradition and an appreciation of diversity, he cannot wait for this summer and the rest of the year!

Abigail D. M. Fisher is a junior at The Abraham Joshua Heschel School. She is the current co-editor-in-chief of her school's newspaper, an editor of the literary magazine, a captain of the debate team, and a member of Girls Write Now, New York City's first and only all-female writing and mentoring program. Her previous writing experience includes a blogging fellowship with the Jewish Women's Archive, a Scholastic Silver Key, publication in the Girls Write Now anthology, a top ten poem in Poetic Power's summer anthology, as well as OpEds for the Huffington Post and the Forward. Last summer, she participated in Seeds of Peace, a summer camp in Maine that brings together Israelis, Palestinians, Gazans, Egyptians, Jordanians, Indians and Pakistanis to engage with the Middle East and South East Asia conflicts respectively. In her free time, she enjoys doing musical theater with the Riverdale Rising Stars as well as working with the younger kids in the Junior Rising Stars to help build their confidence and to help them develop their performance skills.

Talia Gill is a junior at Shalhevet High School in Los Angeles. Talia currently serves as Vice Chair of Shalhevet's Agenda Committee, the school's student council. Since first semester of her freshman year, Talia has competed on the school's Model Congress team, earning several accommodations as Outstanding Delegate in the competitions hosted by Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania. Talia has played on the school's varsity basketball team and varsity flag football team since her first year. Recently, Talia, along with a few friends, initiated a TableTalk chapter at Shalhevet, a club that strives to engage students who normally wouldn't have meaningful conversations. Talia identifies as a Modern-Orthodox Jew, and is an active member of her Congregation B'nai David-Judea. Talia is also an avowed Zionist; she has spent significant time in Israel both as a tourist and a camper, and attended the Sulam Program run by Camp Morasha in the summer of 2017. Prior to last summer, Talia spent her summers at Camp Ramah of California. She anticipates that following her graduation, she will attend a gap year program in Israel, learning in an immersive full-time study program.

Elizabeth "Annie" Gimán is a junior at the High School for Math, Science and Engineering. For the first few years of elementary school, she attended Ramaz, but switched to public school for third grade. She is active in the Junior State of America (JSA) and holds both chapter and state positions in the organization. Being passionate about local government, she enjoys working on political campaigns in her community. She interns at the Museum of Math on weekends, using the opportunity to get young girls interested in STEM fields. She is founder and president of HSMSE's astronomy club and a founding member of the math team. An ardent feminist, she helps organize female empowerment lunches at her majority-male school. In her free time, she enjoys watching stand-up comedy and baseball (especially the Yankees).

Lillian Glushka is a junior at Athens Academy, which she has attended since the fifth grade. Her family is affiliated with Congregation Children of Israel and the Ma'ayan Re'ut chavura at the University of Georgia's Hillel. Throughout high school, Lillian has been a member of her school's Honor Council and



Judiciary Board, focused on promoting and maintaining academic integrity and excellence with honor within her school's community. Lillian is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish National Honor Society (Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica), and was selected as a semifinalist for the Georgia Governor's Honors Program for her study of Spanish. She is part of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, and performs at school and local community centers as a member of the school's singing club, Spartan Voices. Lillian also is a serious pianist who has studied with a private teacher for nine years, received numerous awards and distinctions at local, regional, and state levels, and has attended various summer music programs including the Brevard Summer Music Institute. As a lover of the arts, Lillian studies aerial dance at Canopy Studio and co-teaches mixed level trapeze classes for children at the studio. Lillian is passionate about visual arts as well, especially drawing and photography, and will complete a senior portfolio next year. Lillian plans to study psychology, world languages, and music in college.

William Goldberg is a junior at Georgetown Day School in Washington, D.C., and a member of Adas Israel Congregation. William, who began his academic career at the Gan HaYeled nursery school at Adas Israel, has been a student at GDS since kindergarten. He is a member of the school's track and field team (specializing in shot put and discus); he was captain of the JV baseball team and is the current head of the school's Model UN club, as well as the features editor of GDS's student newspaper. He is also a recognized food blogger whose photography has appeared in *The Washington Post*, and has had features about his work published on *DCRefined.com* and the *Jewish Food Experience*.

Abram Goren is a junior at Friends Seminary, a small Quaker school in New York City. Abram is a graduate of the Havurah program led by Jerry Raik at Anshe Chesed on the upper west side of Manhattan. He plays both the upright and electric bass in the school jazz band and performed this year at the 50th annual High School Jazz Festival at the Berklee College of Music. He is the leader of the debate club, a member of the varsity soccer team, and a third year Arabic student. He is a current intern for the not-for-profit organization Partners for Justice.

Ethan Hellman was born and raised in New York City. During grade school he spent a year abroad in Shanghai, but Ethan has spent his entire high school career attending The Dalton School in Manhattan. He is a devoted athlete, competing on the Boys' Varsity Soccer, Squash and Lacrosse teams. In addition to his athletics, Ethan is also a seasoned member of both the Dalton Debate and Science Olympiad Teams. He does not have an extensive background or education in Judaism but is excited for his immersion in the Bronfman program this summer. Ethan likes to spend his "free" time amongst his friends and family, and reserves passion for studying botany, practicing ceramics, traveling, scuba diving, and watching MARVEL movies.

Jake Intrater is a junior at the Dalton School. Before joining the Dalton School in 9th grade, he lived in Singapore for 10 years, where he attended the South East Asian branch of Kurt Hahn's United World College consortium. He attended Chabad Sunday school until the 6th grade before leaving and being home Hebrew-schooled with his brother. At the age of 13, Jake became a Bar-Mitzvah in front of two communities, the Jewish one in Singapore and his family and friends back in the USA; a representation of the national duality that marked the beginning of his life. For years Jake has been involved in math competitions competing regionally and locally and winning awards at all levels. He has twice qualified for the AIME exam and also won the MathCounts chapter competition in Ho Chi Minh city. Outside of the quantitative fields, Jake was a middle-school national champion debater in Singapore and has now



taken his public speaking acumen to international topics, competing successfully for The Dalton School's nationally ranked Model UN program for which he is also a member of the Junior Board. In addition, he is a member of Dalton's varsity soccer and wrestling teams, the latter of which led him to qualifying for the National Preps Wrestling Tournament in 2017. At school, Jake has also been a Teacher's Assistant for an honors 9th-grade math class for the past two years. Jake is incredibly passionate about learning and discussing real-life issues, particularly those pertaining to the State of Israel, and he can't wait for the year ahead of him as a Bronfman Fellow.

Jacob Ioffe is a junior at duPont Manual High School in the MST Magnet. Jacob is a first-generation American whose parents are from Lviv, Ukraine; and Russian is his first language. Jacob is a dedicated leader on the Regional level for BBYO, which has provided him with a multi-faceted outlet to find his Jewish Identity, create lifelong Jewish connections, and develop early leadership skills. Jacob was also able to connect to his own Jewish roots internationally by traveling as a BBYO Ambassador to Ukraine this past November and attending an international AJT conference with over 500 Jewish Teens from all across the former Soviet Union. Jacob has developed a passion for the growth of meaningful Jewish youth experiences and the retention of Judaic beliefs. Alongside BBYO, Jacob has played for the varsity tennis and football teams at duPont Manual High School while also serving as an active member of the Finance Investing & Applied Economics club, MIT Launchx Club, and the Steering Committee. Outside of school, Jacob served as a lead coordinator of the JCPS Ideafestival, a global public forum for students across the school district to share their thoughts and ideas. Jacob also assists the Kentucky Lions Eye Clinic as a research intern, diving deeper into the roots and effects of Dry Eye Disease. This research has led him to do several research projects on the topic, most recently winning first-place in the Biomedical category at the Kentucky State Science and Engineering Fair. On top of the research internship, Jacob works as a math tutor at the Russian school of Mathematics, a private-tutoring school that was honored as one of 3 schools in the US leading the Math Revolution.

Saskia Laufer is a student at the University of Toronto Schools. There, she serves on the executive of the German Club and the Outreach Club, an organization that focuses on international equity and justice. Saskia is actively involved in the Morris Winchevsky School, a progressive secular Jewish community that is committed to social justice. She is also an award-winning writer and filmmaker whose films have screened at festivals including TIFF-Kids International Film Festival. Her film, HoneyBee Mine received Honorable Mention at TIFF-Kids and was a Juried Finalist for the TVOKids Choice Awards. Her writing has won first prize in both the Shelburne Library Short Story Contest and The Toronto Reading Council. Saskia is also an active volunteer. At the Regent Park School of Music, a non-profit community music school, she helps teach guitar. At Leading to Reading, a literacy-based program, she assists children who are struggling with reading. At the Hot Docs Canadian International Documentary Festival she was part of a guitar trio that played live score for a site-specific performed documentary. A personal highlight was volunteering as videographer and performer to document and celebrate the 30th anniversary of the rescue of 155 Tamil refugees off the coast of Newfoundland. Saskia enjoys writing songs, playing guitar and developing her skills in French, German and Russian.

Talya Lerner is a junior at Gann Academy, a pluralistic Jewish High School in Waltham, Massachusetts. Before attending Gann, she attended elementary and middle school at JCDS, the pluralistic Jewish Day School of Greater Boston. Talya is a captain of the Gann Mock Trial Team, a leader of the Gann Israel discourse and advocacy Club, Heifers for Israel, and of the Community Organizing for Progressive Activism Club (COPA). She is a Hebrew peer tutor and a Women in STEM club member. Active in her



synagogue, Temple Emunah in Lexington, Talya is the Religion/ Education Vice President of their USY chapter, as well as a Regional General Board member. In addition, she loves playing sports and is a varsity soccer, basketball and softball player. Influenced by the current administration and refugee crisis, Talya volunteers weekly with the Lexington Refugee Assistance Program (LexRAP), tutoring children who are recent immigrants. A graduate of the Jewish Outdoor Leadership Institute of Camp Ramah in the Rockies, she enjoys hiking, backpacking and many outdoor activities. Talya is thrilled to be a 2018 Bronfman Fellow, and is looking forward to learning with and from peers who will continue to challenge her own beliefs, and help her grapple with difficult questions.

Medad Lytton is a rising senior at the Atlanta Jewish Academy and a member of Young Israel of Toco Hills. He attended the Hebrew Academy of the Capital District in Albany, New York through eighth grade. Medad plays jazz trumpet in Georgia State University's Rialto Youth Jazz Orchestra. He is the incoming editor-in-chief of his school newspaper.

Ellie Makar-Limanov is a member of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Huron High School. Throughout her life, she moved often and consequently attended school for a year in Rehovot, Israel, at age eight, and for a year in Bonn, Germany, at age thirteen. Ellie loves traveling and learning about different cultures. She's very interested in philosophy, history, and literature, and has taken three university courses about German literature and politics. At school, Ellie is involved in Quiz Bowl, Art Club, and Ethics Bowl. For two years in a row, she's won the Grand Prize of Michigan's Ethics Case Writing Competition. She has also volunteered as a tutor with Avalon Center and has worked as a camp counselor in Germany over the summer. Ellie loves art, and her work has been featured in several local art shows; last year, her ceramics piece won Best in Ceramics in Neutral Zone's 35th Potential Show. She has also provided thirty illustrations for a poetry collection that is currently in the process of being published. Last summer, Ellie was chosen to attend the Great Jewish Books Program at the Yiddish Book Center, which she enjoyed immensely. Ellie speaks Russian, Hebrew, and German (and hopes to learn Yiddish next). She comes from a secular Jewish family and is very eager to explore Judaism both culturally and philosophically. She's absolutely thrilled to be Bronfman Fellow and can hardly wait for the summer program!

Alec Mansky is a junior who lives in Brooklyn and attends Bard High School Early College Manhattan, in New York City. Alec is active in many school activities including running his own art club. Before starting at Bard, Alec was in an arts-based middle school as a drama student. He has acted extensively including in a feature film and in local theatrical productions. Although not active at his synagogue, Alec has been studying Torah with a rabbi privately. Alec enjoys many different art forms including poetry, dramatic writing and music, and he plays guitar and writes original music for a band.

Katelyn McInerney, a junior at Mountain Brook High School is a member of the reform Jewish Temple Emanu-El and a member of the Birmingham Chapter of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. At her school, Katelyn is involved in several clubs and honor societies. She is the founder and Co-President of the Sign Language Club (beginning next school year), a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Honor Society, Interact Service Club and the Justice Club. She currently boasts a 4.5 GPA. Outside of school, Katelyn has extensive involvement in the community. She is a research intern at Dr. Lubin's Neuroscience lab at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), where she works with graduate students studying the role of genetics in the onset of epilepsy. Katelyn is also the founder and Co-President of the non-profit Special Siblings, which holds monthly support group meetings for siblings



of special needs children. Katelyn is a member of the Girl Scouts of North Alabama and has been recognized as earning the prestigious Gold Award. She works as both an office administrator for the Pavones Yoga Center in Costa Rica and a weekend employee at Holler and Dash Biscuit House. Katelyn is a past presenter at the Young Women's Empowerment Conference.

Joshua Medintz, a Carroll Gardens resident, looks forward to his future participation with The Bronfman Fellowship. He attended Hannah Senesh Community Day School, a small Jewish day school in Carroll Gardens, for elementary and middle school, and now goes to The Beacon School, a competitive public high school situated in Hell's Kitchen. At Beacon he plays on the Varsity baseball team, participates in Model UN (where he has earned many awards at conferences), and plays a major role in the theatre department as an actor. In order to maintain the Hebrew he learned at Hannah Senesh, and continue his participation in the Jewish community, Joshua works as an assistant Hebrew and Judaic studies teacher at Congregation Beth Elohim in Park Slope.

Jacob Miller is currently a junior at Brophy College Preparatory where he is active in leading programming for the Jewish Student Union and runs on their cross country and track teams. Swift Youth Foundation, a non-profit that provides summer overnight camp and after-school programs for underprivileged youth, recently awarded Jake with their Volunteer of the Year award for his work at their summer camp, after-school mentoring program, and teen leadership board; and for starting the Swift Club at Brophy to recruit counselors. Jake is an active member of the Jewish Community Foundation Youth Philanthropy Board and was elected to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Foundation to serve a two-year term. He was selected to serve as a National Teen Ambassador for the Jewish Teen Funders Network for this school year. Jake is an active member of Temple Chai's youth group and is currently serving as Religious and Cultural Vice President. Jake enjoys drawing in his free time and has won several art competitions at school.

Sophie Nevle Levoy is a junior at Castilleja School in Palo Alto. She leads Peer First Responders, her school's peer-to-peer counseling club, has co-led a fundraiser for Migrant Offshore Aid Station in response to the Syrian refugee crisis, and spearheads food ethics efforts on campus. She also volunteers with the Good Food Institute to pursue animal agriculture alternatives. She is a member of on-campus diversity advocacy to raise enrollment and improve the experience of low-income students of color.

David Oks is a junior at the Masters School in Dobbs Ferry. David has studied at both Jewish and secular schools and programs. Interested in history and literature, he has received a multitude of awards for his knowledge of history, along with several writing awards. A student of politics, he has run for mayor of Ardsley, New York and served as a Senate page. A longtime Boy Scout, David is active in his school's Model UN program and student newspaper, as well as its literary magazine.

Rebecca Roth is a junior at The Frisch School, a modern Orthodox High School in Paramus, NJ. She lives in Brooklyn, NY, is a member of Congregation B'nai Avraham/Chabad of Brooklyn Heights, and previously attended Manhattan Day School through the 8th grade. At Frisch, she contributes to Be'er Shavua, a student-run weekly publication of Divrei Torah, and her school's Torah Journal. She also competes on the math team, is a peer tutor, participates in Girls Who Code and is the editor-in-chief of her school's yearbook. Rebecca's passions vary from softball – she has been a varsity starter since her freshman year – to math and sciences. Rebecca competed in the CIJE Science Symposium in 9th and 10th grade and has been asked to judge the competition this year. She also placed 2nd in the second



round of the MMATHS competition at Yale University. Rebecca's love for Israel runs deep. She toured the country last summer on Yad B' Yad, an inclusion program run by Yachad where a third of the participants are adults and teenagers with disabilities. Rebecca is also involved in her local Jewish community and regularly delivers homemade challah for Shabbos to a group of seniors.

Sara Ryave is a junior at Whitney High School. There, she serves as President of her school's Key Club and National History Club, as well as a member of the varsity cross country and track teams. She is an avid lover of all things history and politics, and enjoys participating on her school's History and Quiz Bowl teams, as well as in the CA-58 District Young Legislators Program. In the future she hopes to pursue a career preserving the narratives of the world as an oral historian, and for now she eagerly anticipates exploring the narratives of Israel's past and present as a Bronfman Fellow.

Micah Sandman is a junior at Albuquerque Academy. Her favorite subjects include English and Spanish language, and she recently returned from a two-week exchange program in Ecuador. An active singer and musician, Micah enjoys school chorus, a capella, Roots Music Club, and performing in the spring musical. She has served as a Teen Ambassador at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of New Mexico for three years, where she currently has a role on the Leadership Team. She also participates in Kaleidoscope, a peer mentoring group for young women in her high school. Micah is a member of Congregation Albert, a Reform temple. She loves Jewish camp, having attended URJ Camp Newman for eight years. Last summer, Micah participated in the Great Jewish Books program at the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Massachusetts. She is excited to be a Bronfman Fellow, and looks forward to becoming a part of this new community for her first visit to Israel.