



Rachel Shamash Schneider

Program Officer

Rachel joined the Foundation as a Program Officer in September 2019.

She has worked across sectors in and out of the Jewish community as an entrepreneur, community builder, communications and development manager, and programming and operations director. A proud alumna of Hillel, Birthright, and AJWS service-learning immersion, she's experienced the lasting results of compelling Jewish learning programs. Rachel co-founded OnePercentSF, the first local giving circle of The One Percent Foundation, staffed local Jewish Teen Foundation conferences, and participated in and then co-led the San Francisco Jewish Community Federation's Impact Grants Initiative (IGI), a two-year grantmaking program designed to engage Jewish young adults in transformative and innovative philanthropy. Rachel is passionate about Jewish education and elevating experiences that inspire all people to live connected, meaningful, and purpose-filled lives.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Rachel was the Director of Operations for The Hivery, a community space and inspiration lab in Marin, CA with a mission to elevate the potential of women. Previously, she worked for several nonprofits, notably the JCC East Bay in Berkeley and Dalai Lama Fellows. Rachel started her career as an Analyst at TCC Group, a mission-driven consulting firm, and in 2010, co-founded Bluebelle Concierge, a home project management and relocation services firm for individuals, families and companies from Silicon Valley to San Francisco.

Rachel received her MS in Organizational Leadership & Innovation at The Zelikow School of Jewish Nonprofit Management at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles. She earned her BA in International Studies Political Science, with an emphasis on Communication, at the University of California, San Diego. Rachel was a Founding Board Member of Alliance for Girls, the largest regional alliance of girl-serving organizations and leaders in the country, mobilizing girls' champions to advance equitable communities in which every girl thrives. She is a Bay Area native and lives in Marin with her family.