

Solomon Schechter Day School



Ayelet Sheffey (SSDS '13)

Hometown: Highland Park, IL

Current City: Washington, DC

University: American University

Currently: Economic Policy Reporter, Business Insider

Ayelet Sheffey (SSDS '13) has been an economic policy fellow — a 6 month job reporting on economic legislation — at Business Insider (an American financial and business news website) since January. In July, she will transition to her dream job as an economic policy reporter. She is excited to combine her passion for both writing and politics in a career that reports on policies that are so important to everyday people, like student debt and homelessness.

Her favorite part of the job is knowing that she is writing about hard-hitting policies that make a difference. Senator Elizabeth Warren and White House Chief of Staff Ron Klain have even shared her articles on social media!

Ayelet admits that she wasn't always sure about a career as a journalist. However, she quickly realized that her passions lay in writing, and added that declaring a journalism major was the best decision she made during her college years.

Ayelet credits Schechter with her drive to become involved in Israel-related clubs in both high school and college. She believes that, "even though she went to a public high school, the strong foundation she had from Schechter motivated her to find a Jewish community on her own." Moreover, her Schechter education helped her gain valuable professional opportunities and internships that have furthered her career.

Ayelet still keeps in close contact with her Schechter friends, some of whom she still considers her best friends. She feels a close bond to her graduating class, despite not seeing some of her fellow alumni for a number of years.

"It's always really special connecting with Schechter alumni," she said. "During my time at Schechter, I formed such strong bonds with my classmates, and that bond has definitely carried through in my life so far."

Outside of her day job, Ayelet loves to run and explore DC with friends. She is also looking forward to being involved with the DC Jewish Federation and meeting young adults in her area.

Ayelet would like to give a shout out to her sister, Orli Sheffey, who is a freshman at Washington University in St. Louis, and her sister, Ariel Sheffey, who is a business analyst at Jenner and Block.



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