



Chase Nathan (SSDS '11):

After graduating from The University of Southern California (USC) with a degree in Business Administration, Schechter alum Chase Nathan (SSDS '11) is working as an Assistant Merchant in the Men's Fleece department at Old Navy in San Francisco, CA.

"I am the business owner - the quarterback of the team," he said. "My job is to create the BEST fleece assortment four times a year. This requires me to analyze current trends in the market to ensure we are offering the customer choices at fair price points."

Chase said that he has always been passionate about apparel, and has expressed himself through his outfit choices. He became interested in Old Navy because of their Rotational Management Program, which he was accepted into after his graduation from college. "The program exposed me to merchandising, which I enjoy due to the balance of art (trend, what's going on in the market), and science (financials, what is happening in current business)."

"Work hard, play safe, and be a mensch," -- a motto that he heard often as a student at Schechter -- continues to motivate and inspire him. "This motto has shown me the importance of respect and balance," he said. "Respect is huge for me in both my personal and professional life -- it's the baseline for relationship building."

"Schechter wrote the playbook for success," he added. "As simple as it sounds, I was exposed to the basic principles of how to be a good person who embodies Jewish values."

Chase also credits Schechter for teaching him the importance of balance. "Learning both Hebrew and English /Tanach and Social Studies showed me the value in having a diverse set of interests and passions," he said. "Outside of my work, I love to fly fish, ski, shop, cook, attend concerts, and explore new places with my friends. Living in San Francisco has been a unique experience, and I feel I have found the balance between work and fun."

Chase is still very close with many Schechter alumni and says some of his best friends are from Schechter. "When I see my old Schechter friends, it is as if no time has passed," he said. "The Schechter community feels like a family."

Chase's brother, Reeven (SSDS '07), attended Amherst College and works as a financial manager at a FinTec company in Chicago. Chase's sister, Sophie (SSDS '09), attended University of Wisconsin and works as a buyer for Women's Dresses at Saks Fifth Avenue in NYC. Chase's brother, Levy, attended Princeton University and works as a researcher in NYC with plans to apply to medical school.

