Solomon Schechter Day School



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Occupation: Southeast Campus Coordinator, StandWithUs

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Camp: Beber Camp

Since graduating from Schechter, Judaism has remained a constant in Samantha Crane's life, and she uses the Jewish values and traditions that Schechter instilled within her in her role as Southeast Campus Coordinator for StandWithUs. Every day, Samantha works with students and campus partners to provide resources for Israel Education programming. She also helps to implement strategies for fighting anti-Semitic incidents on campus. "I really enjoy working directly with students," she says. "It gives me the opportunity to help shape their Jewish identity during their college years."

Samantha credits Schechter with teaching her important foundational skills, such as critical and analytical thinking. She also believes her Schechter education and experiences helped guide her into becoming a Jewish leader in high school, college, and beyond.

"Schechter is the kind of place that has the power to mold and shape Jewish leaders," she says. "I strongly believe that the reason so many of my Schechter classmates took on Jewish leadership positions at school was because of the profound and lasting impact of their Schechter education."

Samantha adds that with every passing year the Schechter community becomes increasingly more meaningful to her life. She is in close contact with several of her classmates, including Alex Masover, Lily Stone, Talia Simmons, and Ayelet Sheffey. "We speak on a regular basis and love to connect in person when we are back home in Chicago."

When she's not working, Samantha enjoys running, cooking, and spending time with her dog, Boomer! Samantha is proud of her sister, Jordan (SSDS '11), who graduated from University of Wisconsin and currently lives in Nashville, TN, where she works as a Premium Sales Director at Nashville Soccer Club.











