



RAYNA SCHAFF, SENIOR JEWISH STUDENT LIFE COORDINATOR

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Rayna was born in Boca Raton, Florida, but grew up in the Northwest Suburbs of Chicago. Though she currently calls St. Louis home, she will always root for the Chicago Cubs! She graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Arts in English and is certified to teach English to middle and high school students. As a student at U of I, Rayna was actively involved at the Cohen Center for Jewish Life, serving as a student intern, a social justice/tzedek chair, ritual chair and kosher kitchen supervisor. Two highlights of her Jewish involvement include the opportunity to serve as a student member on the Hillel International Board of Directors and receiving the Felicia and Ari Trachtenberg Award for Excellence in Jewish Life on Campus in 2009. In addition, Rayna founded the American-Israeli Student Coalition, a pro-Israel advocacy group on U of I's campus. In her free time, Rayna enjoys checking out live music around town and cooking for family and friends. This will be her third year working for St. Louis Hillel at Washington University. As the Senior Jewish Student Life Coordinator, her main areas of focus are leadership development with the student groups Hillel advises, facilitating community service and social justice opportunities and helping students advocate for Israel on campus and in our community.