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# 45 Amazing Alumni To Celebrate 45 Years Of Exceptional

# Epstein Education - #45at45

This year, The Epstein School is turning 45 years old. To celebrate this, we are highlighting 45 amazing alumni in honor of 45 years of Exceptional Education at Epstein. Our school has hundreds of wonderful and talented alumni and we love to share their successes!

# 45 at 45 - The Countdown Continues!

Throughout this year, we are recognizing 5 alumni via email, until we reach a total of 45 alumni. **View previously highlighted alumni:**  $\frac{#1-5}{#6-10}$ 

## #11

Rachel Schlenker Baron (Class of 1991) -Rachel is a proud Epstein alumna, mother to 2 amazing current Epstein students, Yaniv and Galit, and wife to a wonderful husband, Lior. When deciding to move back to Atlanta, Epstein was the only school she considered for her children. Epstein gave Rachel her foundation in Judaism, Hebrew, leadership and community involvement. Rachel graduated with distinction from the University of Michigan and received her MBA from the



Stern School Business at NYU, where she met her husband. She has been involved in finance for nearly two decades. She started her finance career at Leumi Investment Services, the Broker-dealer subsidiary of the Israel Bank Leumi, where she managed the development of the product platform including marketing material, internal website and new product launches. After receiving her MBA, Rachel joined Bank of America where she served as a relationship manager covering a portfolio of 30 diversified mid-cap corporate banking. Upon returning to Atlanta, Rachel was excited to join the Atlanta office of KPMG where she serves as an account relationship director covering banks in the Southeast, a little closer to her new backyard. Rachel is grateful to have experienced the Epstein community as a student and alumnus, but more importantly now as a parent.

Orly Klein (Class of 1996) - Orly is a pediatric oncology doctor at Johns Hopkins. After graduating from the dual degree program at Barnard College and List College at the Jewish Theological Seminary, she attended both medical school and pediatrics residency at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She went on to pediatric hematology and oncology fellowship at a combined training program at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health. She specializes in pediatric bone marrow transplantation, with a focus on transplant for nonmalignant disorders. She has also been working in the laboratory since starting fellowship investigating the causes of noninfectious lung injury after bone marrow transplant, for which she received four career development/young professionals grants. Orly is



the medical director of Camp Sunrise, the Johns Hopkins overnight camp for pediatric oncology patients. She has also been a volunteer doctor at Ramah Darom, where she previously was on staff for six summers as a counselor and Rosh Eidah, and recently became the Chair of the Medical Committee and was invited to join the Board of Directors of Ramah Darom. She's also an avid runner and is constantly in training for either a full or half marathon, sometimes even stopping in lab during her morning run to quickly treat the mice or perform an experiment before going back out to complete her run.

#### #13

**Katie Kauss** (Class of 1998) - Katie Kauss travels the country photographing the biggest names and events in music today. After graduating Indiana University with a BA in Studio Art, she moved to New York where she became PEOPLE Magazine's Visual Projects Editor, working as a photo editor and producing video content for PEOPLE.com culminating in covering/reporting the 2016 democratic and republican national conventions, as well as the 2017 Inauguration



and Women's March in Washington, DC. Following nine years in NYC, Katie moved to Nashville, Tennessee to pursue her passions at the crossroads of two of her favorite things country music and photography. Since then, she's captured everything from concerts to album covers for everyone from Carrie Underwood, Thomas Rhett, Alan Jackson, Ben Rector, Bon Iver and Shania Twain. She has spent countless nights on a tour bus, documenting road life for Kelsea Ballerini, Carly Pearce, Raelynn, and Danielle Bradbery. When she's not in the photo pit, you can find her shooting on tv sets and commercial shoots. She is a proud aunt to two current Epstein students.

#### #14

**Rabbi Avi Goldman Killip** (Class of 1999) - Rabbi Avi Killip currently serves as VP of Strategy and Programs and Director of Project Zug at Hadar, an educational institution that empowers Jews to create and sustain vibrant, practicing, egalitarian communities of Torah learning, prayer and service. She was ordained from Hebrew College's pluralistic Rabbinical School in Boston. Avi was a Wexner Graduate Fellow and holds a Bachelor's and Masters from Brandeis University in Jewish Studies and Women & Gender Studies. Avi lives in New York City with her husband Robert and three young children. She is also the host of the Jewish law podcast, Responsa Radio.



#### #15

Josh Edelson (Class of 2009) - Josh graduated from the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver in 2017. He decided to join the Peace Corps as a volunteer in Cambodia. Josh spent his first three months in training learning about the culture and learning to speak Khmer, the official language of Cambodia. After 3 months of training, he went to live with his host family in a rural village. Josh was assigned to teach English in a secondary school and took the initiative to teach English in the primary school as well. Additionally, he taught monks English at the village pagoda and was successful in writing a grant to build a sports court in his village. Josh taught the children in the village yoga, meditation and various strength building exercises. He hosted a yoga camp at his high school where the students learned



about the importance of mental, physical and emotional health. The Peace Corps executive for volunteers in Cambodia wrote a beautiful letter to Josh's mother, step-dad and 2 older brothers stating that she was struck by..." *the amount of compassion, understanding, patience and initiative Josh has contributed to the daily life in the rural village.*" Josh will complete his term of service in the later part of 2019 and return to the United States.

## **Our Amazing Epstein Alumni**

Today's Epstein students, like <u>these 18</u> <u>amazing Epstein Alumnae who have</u> <u>demonstrated they are our future leaders</u>, are fortunate to continue to receive the value of a high-quality Epstein education. We prepare our students for success in high school, college and beyond. This is <u>evidenced by the</u> <u>caliber of the colleges our alumni attend</u> and the fact that our recent graduating classes



have had a 100% acceptance rate to Atlanta's premier private high schools, public school magnets and honors programs. Many enter high school with advanced standing in mathematics and foreign language as well as eligibility for honors classes. Epstein graduates

are academic lauded by high school administrators and faculty as academic stars, peer leaders and successful student athletes.



#### Do You Have An Exciting Story/Accomplishment To Share?

**We Want To Hear From You!** We are very proud of our alumni and enjoy sharing alumni success stories with our community. If you have any personal news (marriage, baby, engagement etc) or a story you would like to share, please let us know and <u>update your</u> <u>information</u>. Or, perhaps you or an alumnus you know is deserving of being nominated for the Alumni Hall of Fame or Alumni Spotlight. If so, please fill out the appropriate nomination form (<u>Alumni Hall of Fame</u>) and send to Alumni Relations Coordinator <u>Marni Bekerman</u> or 404-250-5649. And, don't forget to join our <u>alumni association on Facebook</u>.



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