

CALIFORNIA GIRL

ROSE HAAS

Rose Haas has a passion for Jewish education; so much so that in 2016 she traveled 3,000 miles to attend American University to pursue an undergraduate degree in Jewish Studies and Special Education. In 2020, she made her way to Towson to begin work on a graduate degree in Leadership in Jewish Education and Communal Service. Rose said that the excellence of both programs prompted her to move to the East coast, and she is so glad she did.

Her first year at TU was completely online due to the COVID pandemic. However, Rose discovered that “...learning online worked for me and that I learned so much in my classes because the instructors were excellent.” Rose noted that she was still able to build a rapport with her instructors and her fellow students even though the classes were virtual. Building a connection with her instructors and fellow students, even online, made coming to class in person an easy transition.

Rose established an especially a strong relationship with Dr. Deborah Barer, who taught her Rabbinic Literature last year. Rose felt a strong connection to the material and says that “Dr. Barer went out of her way to have one-on-one meetings with me regarding the class topics as well as discussions about my personal aspirations and career goals.”

Rose’s professional aspirations include becoming a Jewish educator, which she has already begun to do, and eventually to be the Head of a Jewish day school. She is very impressed with the close-knit Baltimore Jewish community and its commitment to keeping the community strong and Jewishly engaged.

Since moving to Baltimore, Rose is socially active in and professionally tied to the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation and Towson Hillel. As an engagement intern this past summer for Towson Hillel, Rose assisted with recruiting new and prospective Jewish students either online or in person. Lisa Bodziner, Director of TU Hillel, shared that Rose was a wonderful asset to the professional team. Currently, Rose is a first-grade Judaics teacher at the Krieger Schechter Day School (KSDS). She says that her involvement with each of these organizations has allowed her to work with professionals in the community and to grow both personally and professionally. “My position at KSDS is a dream position and, with the excellent support of my professors and colleagues, I have been able to grow in my pedagogy and classroom management skills.”



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Rose is planning to graduate from TU in May of 2021. The affiliated faculty and staff of the Baltimore Hebrew Institute feel confident and proud that she will continue shine in any position she holds.



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