

Recently appointed director Melissa Friedman may be new to the Wohl Office of Alumni Affairs, but she is a veteran JTS administrator with proven expertise on alumni services and development.

Melissa came to JTS in 2004 as director of Career Development for the Albert A. List College of Jewish Studies, where she worked closely with the Young Alumni Division (YAD) and helped spur a tremendous increase in alumni involvement, including setting the alumni attendance record for the annual YAD Sukkah Dinner.

Melissa brings to the Wohl Office the ability to easily develop relationships and design innovative programs that strengthen alumni affiliations within the JTS community. She is committed to serving alumni both socially and academically and cultivating student-alumni relationships that will benefit JTS and the Jewish community at large.

She looks forward to connecting with alumni from all five schools and engaging current students and welcomes all ideas that will enhance alumni relations.

Melissa Friedman earned her bachelor's degree in Near Eastern Judaic Studies and her master of arts degree in Modern Jewish History at Brandeis University. In 2003, she received her master of science in Social Work from Columbia University with a focus on administration and the workplace.

Her previous professional experience includes working for Just One Break, Inc., an employment placement agency for people with disabilities; the JCC Association's Israel programs; and Tel Aviv University's Overseas Student Program.