

## Ariel Gutovitz

### ***Why I joined BCLC:***

Knowing that our first child was on the way caused me and my husband to think a lot about the importance of community, and more specifically for us, having a strong Jewish community around us. It happened that one of my closest friends, Lauren Neuman, was expecting her first child, too, and together with our friend, Hannah Orelove, we applied to join the BCLC because we wanted to contribute to the strength of that community, expanding on the supportive relationship we already shared.

### ***What I hope to accomplish through BCLC:***

As a new mom, I find that life is full, demanding, and rewarding. But it's important to me to stay as active as possible, and I think that being part of BCLC is a way to do that while helping to create a stronger future for the J, for my family, and for the wider community.

### ***The J value that resonates most with me:***

Passing on Jewish Culture & History resonates with me for many reasons. First, my daughter, Sophie, is the great granddaughter of Holocaust survivors. Celebrating our values, culture, history, and traditions is one way we can honor those who have meant a lot to our family. Second, protecting and safeguarding Jewish heritage can unite us in the face of hate. Without passing on Jewish Culture & History, we cannot be the resilient people that we are.