



## Jessica Danziger

June 17, 1981 - August 8, 2016

Jessica Ryan Danziger, 35, beloved daughter of Judi and JB Danziger, died Monday, August 8, 2016. She leaves her brother, Jayson, nephew Cohen, aunts Linda Aberson, Rose Ann Danziger, Sheri Abernethy, uncles David Danziger, Gene Cohen, grandmother Ala Danziger, cousins and many dear friends. She was predeceased by her grandparents Abe and Dorothy Cohen and Rubin Danziger.

Jessica attended the University of Arizona and graduated from the University of Houston where she was on the Dean's list. Jessica spent her entire career educating children at many Jewish organizations. She began her career at the JCC in Houston. While attending the University of Arizona she worked at the JCC in Tucson where she earned a number of awards. She improved her skills working with young children while developing long lasting friends and relationships.

She was a cooking specialist at Congregation Emanu El's Helfman Religious School on Sunday mornings, as well as a Wednesday night religious school teacher for 8th grade students. She focused on programs educating teenagers about their Jewish heritage and teaching them about The Holocaust.

Jessica worked at the Anti-Defamation League in Houston as a Glass leadership participant. She worked on the team that developed the extremely

successful GIFTS program and was a participant in the Stop Hate and Anti Bullying campaigns. Jessica was awarded a Warren Fellowship from Holocaust Museum Houston to go to Israel and intern for six weeks at Yad Vashem. She also directed Young Limmud, the day-camp program at the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston's Yom Limmud.

Jessica continued honing her skills with 2-year-olds at Beth Yeshurun Day School teaching them how to play, dance, paint, dress up, cook and most importantly clean up after themselves. She introduced healthy snacks of fruits and vegetables. She then took on the additional tasks of running the Extended Day Care and After School Activities programs and was appointed Director of all camp programs.

Jessica was eager to learn as well as to teach. She earned a grant and was working on a Masters in Jewish Education at the time of her death. Jessica had a passion for working and educating children and youth of all ages within the Houston Jewish Community. Jessica touched many lives through her unselfishness, talents and compassion.

Jessica was a shining light to many. She will be deeply missed. May she rest in peace.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the The Jessica Danziger Memorial Fund at The Houston Jewish Community Foundation. [www.houstonjewish.org/jessicadanziger](http://www.houstonjewish.org/jessicadanziger)