

MICHAEL VALDES (he/him/his)

Michael is originally from Long Island, NY. He studies at The New School: College of Performing Arts and has experience in leadership, management, mentoring, content creation, podcasting, audio and video editing, and sales.

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EXPERIENCE

Head of Social Media/E-Board Member, [Hillel at The New School](#); New York, NY — 2024-present

- Manage Instagram account and publicity, create promo for events, help plan and lead events, maintain communication, and interact with Hillel members.

Sales Supervisor, Michael Kors; Huntington Station, NY — 2022-present

- Responsibilities include opening and closing store (as well as completing opening and closing paperwork and emails, weekly reports, and counting registers), managing sales floor, operating cash registers, checking hourly sales to ensure store and personal goals are being met, updating store visuals, and overseeing sales assistants.

Sales Floor Leader, francesca's; Huntington Station, NY — 2021-2023

- Responsibilities included opening and closing store (as well as completing opening and closing paperwork, weekly reports, and counting registers), managing sales floor, operating cash registers, checking hourly sales to ensure store goals are being met, occasionally creating work schedules and updating store visuals, overseeing stylists, and occasionally covering shifts at other francesca's locations on Long Island.

Intern, Lox Club (Jewish Dating App) — 2022 (Seasonal)

- Attended company meetings with CEO, hand reviewed applications for potential members of the app, worked and attended company events (including a comedy night and LGBTQ+ happy hour partnered with HEBRO.)

Entertainment & Operations at Morey's Piers, RWS Entertainment Group; Wildwood, NJ — 2021 (Seasonal)

- Provided entertainment at Morey's Piers in the form of cabarets and flash mobs; also worked as a cashier and in food and beverage preparation at Jumbo's Grub & Pub.

PHILANTHROPY/ACTIVISM/ORGANIZATIONS

Founder and CEO of [Hot Jewish Energy](#) (online blog), [This Is Hot Jewish Energy Podcast](#), and Hot Jewish Media LLC [IBCSM](#) (partnership with Island Impact Ministries) in Santiago, Dominican Republic: 2014, 2016-2020, 2022-2024

Student Ambassador for [Jewish on Campus](#) (2021-2022)

[Birthright Israel Foundation](#) Alum Ambassador Chair (2024-present)

TikTok's 1st Delegation to [March of the Living](#) (2024)

[A Wider Bridge](#)'s Be'er Sheva Pride Solidarity Mission (2024)

[Combat Antisemitism Movement](#) & State of Israel's Voices for Truth Summit (2024)

[StandWithUs Emerson Fellow](#) (2024-present)

[ISRAEL21c Digital Ambassador](#) (2024-present)

The New School University Student Senate Senator (2024-present)

EDUCATION

The New School (MFA), New York – Contemporary Theatre & Performance (Drama), 2023-present

American Musical and Dramatic Academy (BFA), New York & Los Angeles — Music Theatre, 2018-2021

SPECIAL SKILLS

Customer service, easily reachable, Word, Powerpoint, Final Cut Pro & Logic Pro (Beginners), Canva (Intermediate), CapCut (Intermediate), Photoshop (Beginners), social media management, content creation, audio and video editing, podcasting, merchandising, singer, actor, instrumentalist (piano), Spanish (conversational), Hebrew (literate)