



JEWISH

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# Winter Snapshot 2023



## Meet Teen Talk Advisor Cloe Robinson

Cloe Robinson first learned about the Teen Talk App while in high school, struggling with her own mental health. Thanks to the partnership between Teen Talk App and the Jewish Federation's LA Jewish Teen Initiative, Cloe learned about the app and its goal of helping teens like her during challenging times. She applied to become a Teen Advisor, trained to provide social and emotional support to thousands of teens across North America.

Three years later, Cloe received the 2023 “Outstanding Hero Award for Youth Leader,” honored by the Los Angeles Suicide Prevention Network and awarded by the LA County Department of Mental Health. This award is presented to outstanding youth leaders “in recognition of their outstanding advocacy, dedication, and commitment to suicide prevention.”

*“With Teen Talk, I can be part of something that helps teens across the world, allows me to explore my own identity and psyche, and contributes to mental wellness and suicide prevention.” - Cloe Robinson, Teen Advisor since 2021 and Camp Bob Waldorf Counselor*

Cloe continued her journey of helping youth by working as a counselor at Camp Bob Waldorf during this past summer, assisting with the ranch program and honing her outdoor skills which she continues to put to use as a first-year student at UC Davis. Cloe believes in the power of community and empathy demonstrated by Teen Talk App.

*“None of us are truly alone, that there will always be someone who cares about us even if they don't know us personally, or even if they do and have no idea what we're going through. Empathy is so powerful, and a language that can be spoken across borders and even between species.” - Cloe Robinson*

Thanks to dedicated Teen Advisors like Cloe, Teen Talk App can continue to do the critical work of providing free, anonymous, and confidential social emotional support to struggling teens.

Cloe exemplifies the spirit of “tikkun olam,” helping to make the world a better place through service.

If you have a teen or know a teen who could use support, please share information about Teen Talk App, where teens support teens.

# ABOUT JBBBSLA

Founded in 1915, JBBBSLA assists youth in achieving their full potential through innovative, impactful programs.

For more information, visit [jbbbsla.org](http://jbbbsla.org), email [info@jbbbsla.org](mailto:info@jbbbsla.org) or call (323) 761-8675.

## **Youth Mentorship**

Free, professionally-supported one-to-one mentoring for Jewish youth ages 6-17 who could benefit from an additional positive adult role model.

## **Camp Bob Waldorf**

Non-denominational residential camp located in Glendale that offers multiple camp programs for youth from low-income households in a fun, safe, nurturing environment. Camp programs are built upon four core pillars - Community, Identity, Inclusion, and Respect.

## **College Access + Success**

Professional college counseling and scholarships to help youth in our programs reach their higher education goals.

## **Teen Talk App**

Teen Talk App provides a free, anonymous safe space for teens to request support from trained peers and learn from others with similar experiences.