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WORK EXPERIENCE

Geffen Ventures (Single Family Office)

Chicago, IL

Investor | Head of Equities & AI

March 2024 – Present

- Manage an internationally diversified public-market portfolio of 350+ positions delivering 20%+ IRR while leading the firm's AI infrastructure as its sole engineer and architect.
- Lead investor on 15 venture investments spanning early-stage (Seed / Series A) and late-stage secondaries; one early-stage portfolio company is currently progressing toward a public listing via reverse merger.
- Underwrite real estate opportunities, assessing financial structures, market dynamics, and operating economics on direct and indirect property investments.
- Run end-to-end diligence on new investments — financial performance, management quality, competitive positioning — building investment theses and conviction across both public and private opportunities.
- Author the firm's quarterly family shareholder meeting deck which includes market outlook, portfolio attribution, and forward-looking themes, presenting investment views directly to the principals.
- Built the AI stack from no automation to 20+ custom multi-agent systems spanning sourcing, diligence, portfolio monitoring, and news/event analysis, cutting new-investment due diligence from 30+ hours to 5–6 hours per deal.
- Built live monitoring agents integrated with Goldman Sachs, Yahoo Finance, and news APIs to flag real-time events affecting portfolio holdings; select pipelines run on locally-hosted open-weight models for cost and data control.

Thunder

Manhattan, NY

Venture Capital Investment Banking Analyst

August 2022 – March 2024

- Labeled and curated training data for the firm's proprietary in-house ML engine pairing founders with investors, alongside the PhD AI cofounder — hands-on AI work in finance pre-ChatGPT.
- Worked through the firm's post-ChatGPT pivot to its current identity as 'investment banking for founders, by founders,' which retained the AI matching layer and remains the firm's wedge today.
- Conducted diligence and authored 12–15 page deal memos tailored for VC partners and IC meetings; drafted investment strategies covering equity, debt, and M&A alternatives for clients raising capital.
- Streamlined the start-up intake process to lift deal inflow 50% while improving diligence quality; designed LP intake SOPs and questionnaires used to determine fund-VC fit on capital raises.
- Grew the firm's weekly newsletter to 7,000+ subscribers with a ~35% open rate.

F50 Ventures

Austin, TX (Remote)

Venture Capital Summer Analyst

June 2022 – August 2022

- Designed SOPs and led the diligence process to select top start-ups from 300+ applicants.
- Prepared diligence reports for 10+ start-ups for further analysis and potential investment by the partnership.
- Co-organized two Silicon Valley Entrepreneurs (SVE) events; served as program manager for Founder World Fall 2022.

Maccabee Ventures

Manhattan, NY

Venture Capital Student Intern

November 2021 – May 2022

- Sourced new investments, conducted diligence, and negotiated deal structures on portfolio additions.
- Prepared quarterly and annual reports plus materials for the firm's annual LP meeting.
- Supported portfolio companies through targeted alumni-network introductions and growth-stage advisory.

EDUCATION

Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, New York, NY

August 2020 – June 2024

Rabbinical Ordination, GPA: 4.00/4.00

Yeshiva University, Yeshiva College, New York, NY

August 2018 – May 2022

B.A. in Mathematical-Economics and Psychology, Minor in Finance | GPA: 3.897/4.00, Dean's List, Honors Scholarship

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Investment Tools: Pitchbook, Koyfin, CoStar, Microsoft Excel (advanced modeling)

Programming: Python, SQL, multi-agent AI design (Claude / OpenAI), API integrations, GitHub, DigitalOcean

Languages: Fluent in Dutch; Proficient in Hebrew

Certifications: CFA Level II Candidate (Passed Level I)

Interests: Sailing, Skiing, Photography, Camping, and Cooking

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Jewish community educator and frequent guest speaker — recently at the University of Illinois Urbana–Champaign with JET; hosts regular Shabbos meals in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood for J-Life.