



**36 UNDER 36
JESSE SPECTOR**

Age: 33

Primary Gig: Policy Officer for the Digital Economy at the Delegation of the European Union to the U.S.A.

One the side (what do you do in your “free” time): My two constants in this area are baking and trivia, but I also have lots of (intentional) un-constants, whether it be a puppet show, a craft fair, or a bluegrass concert. My love of baking leads me to my kitchen in the wee hours, and my love of trivia leads me to a D.C. pub, where I host a weekly trivia night.

Describe yourself in 10 words or less: Connoisseur of the new and interesting. Baking enthusiast. Devoted friend.

Celebrity Doppelganger/Who would play you in a movie: There’s an unfortunate shortage of curly red-headed celebrities, so I’d have to say something in between Deborah Messing and Little Orphan Annie. If I were casting this hypothetical movie myself, I think it would be fun to have Tina Fey play me.

Where I will be/hope to be in 10 years: I don’t know and I don’t really want to know. For me half of the fun is in figuring that out along the way. Wherever I am, I hope I’m there with people I love, doing something that’s both challenging and rewarding.

What I love about growing up or living in Sacramento: The trees. Did you know that Sacramento has the most trees per capita of any city in the world? (Did I mention I like trivia?) *Close Community.* I mean that both literally and figuratively. Literally everything seemed within a 20-minute drive which is especially convenient for those of us who aren’t good with advance planning. In the more figurative sense, the Sacramento community has always felt like family. My family moved to Sacramento when I was 4, we didn’t have any relatives in the area so our Temple and the wider community quickly became like my extended family. So much so in fact, that Second Day Rosh Hashanah services were held at our house. I feel very special to have been a part of something like that! The trees here are pretty cool too...