

Hi there!! My name is Sammi Reyes! I am a high school senior, Jewish History and Hebrew teacher, leader, and the host of the Fashion Your Passion Podcast host.

I am a big dreamer so I have a ton of huge dreams but right now I am focusing on potentially moving to California for college, continuing the podcast to make it to the top 5 on the charts, landing motivational speaking engagements in California, and becoming a Rabbi.

Something that I think is unique about me is my ability to read other people. What this means is that if someone is feeling a certain way, I can tell. I receive other people's energies very strongly and some have said that I am an empath.

What am I scared of? I mean it sounds cliché but I am truly afraid of other people's opinions. It's been something that I have been dealing with for years and if I could tell about one way that I have been trying to overcome this fear? Not caring. Seriously, whoever you are reading this, You have so much going for you! and if someone else thinks differently or if they don't approve of what you are doing. Who cares! It's your life, not theirs. You only have control over your life, not theirs. And your life consists of what you want and need, not anyone else.

10 years from now seems like so far away yet I know it will come up so fast. Where do I want to be? In LA, being a motivational speaker and Rabbi. Working on my book and planning to move to Israel to start my family.

Right now, my day to day life is hectic as ever. I get up at 4 every single day, I go to the gym, get ready, do some work for my business or school, head to school, grind, run a meeting or two, then I head to work for a few hours and then I will go home and read.

I really have come to believe that if you look up to someone who is doing what you have always dreamed of doing and you study them and learn and develop their habits in your own life, you can achieve your dreams. The person I admire the most is my life mentor, Melissa Prych. From being my public speaking to being my mentor for my senior project which had evolved into being my life mentor, I couldn't ask for a better person in my life. Ms.Prych is a high school teacher, aspiring author, mom, wife, and so so much more. What I love most about her is her ability to put 150% effort into

what she is doing in the current moment and not worrying about anything else at that time. She comes into school every single day with a smile on her face and so so much joy for her passion for teaching.

If I could meet anyone living or dead, I would want to meet my great grandmother, Beatrice. Since I am named after her (my middle name is Beatrice) I have always felt such a connection to her and I swear her spirit is in me. I feel her being here all of the time and my mom and grandmother always say how much I am like her.

What advice I would give to teens... WOW, there is so much I want to say for this question but if there is one thing overall that I would think is most important, it would have to be this: JUST GO FOR IT. Whatever you want, whatever you desire in this lifetime of yours that is oh so precious, just do it and go for it and who cares where it takes you. If you dream about something forever and you never take at least one actionable step towards it, you will not get anywhere. The only way that you will ever achieve anything in life is just to go for it and don't look back, keep chugging along and before you know it, you have achieved your goal. I think that today, the most important thing for teens to know is that everything is going to be okay. No matter what season of life you are in whether its a good or bad season or even if it is just a good or bad day, everything is going to be okay. There is a light at the end of the tunnel and there is hope, trust me. You are only in a bubble right now and this is the real world but there is so much more for you to explore.

My biggest struggle as a teen is fitting in. I jokingly tell people that I am 17 going on 35 because I am such an old soul and it can be hard to find people who are similar to me. Although I have come to befriend mainly my teachers, I have found a few people in my grade who are very similar to me and who I just vibe with. I think that the one thing I did to overcome this was first accepting who I was. I am an old soul and that is okay. It just means that although it may be harder for me to find my people, there are people out there who want to be my friend. I just have to keep pushing on and reaching out and I will find the people who are MY people whether they are my age or older.

I just wanted to quickly stop in and thank Ashley for giving me this opportunity to be featured. This is my first feature of it's kind and I had so much fun writing this for all of you to read. I truly have developed all of my passions and in this season, I am truly motivated to help teens elevate

their life by following their passions. If you guys would like more from me, I am @thespiritualjew on Instagram and Twitter and I run a motivational podcast for high school students called “Fashion Your Passion Podcast” and it's available on all podcast platforms and we are on Instagram @fashionyourpassionpodcast