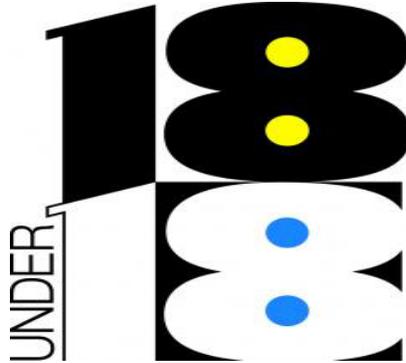


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*JVibe's first-ever "18 Under 18" awards were years in the making; the responsibility of choosing these remarkable teens wasn't taken lightly. We received nominations from all over North America, and the competition was fierce. We were floored by the creative and inspiring accomplishments of the young adults who were nominated. From philanthropy to theater to helping the disadvantaged to music, we found the nominees' talents not only varied but also deeply passionate.*

*The hardest part of the whole process for us was choosing only 18 teens; every teen nominated was truly inspirational. The winners represent those who we felt were most extraordinary in their dedication to a cause or pursuit reflecting Jewish values and an inspiration to other teens. We hope they serve as role models for everyone, and we look forward to seeing the ways in which they make positive change in years to come. At long last, here's our list.*

### **Allison Novack, 17, Surfside, Fla.**

Allison combines her passion for music with writing and leadership by producing teen-friendly concerts with **1308 Productions**, a non-profit that she and her family created to bring emerging bands to youth at an affordable cost in the Miami area. The shows have since become officially endorsed by MTV's Rock the Vote organization and encourage teens to get involved with politics. Not only are rising bands getting great exposure with new audiences, but teens who help Allison organize and promote the events receive community-service credit.



When asked how she feels about being on this list, Allison says: **"It amazes me that I'm recognized in a list of only 18 students. It really is an honor, since the reason [for getting involved] was not to be recognized. I did it because I enjoy it, and I'm glad for all of the positive results that are created."**

Clark Douglas Burris, director of Rock Ensemble, Sound Engineering and Guitar Studies at Miami Beach Senior High School, says: **"By taking the unusual initiative, as a teenager, to provide these special events for her fellow teenagers to display their musical talents, Allison has set the example for others to follow. This is only one of the ways in which Allison, in her own unique fashion, has improved the world."**