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Josh Protas is the Vice President of Public Policy and heads the Washington, D.C. office for MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. In this role, which he assumed in 2012, Josh coordinates and implements MAZON's advocacy agenda, including efforts to protect and strengthen the federal nutrition safety net, with particular emphasis on the food security needs for seniors, veterans, and military families.

Previously, Josh served as the Vice President and Washington Director for the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. At the JCPA he was responsible for enacting the organization's diverse public policy agenda, working in partnership with the JCPA's network of local and national member agencies, faith community groups, and other organizational partners.

Prior to moving to the Washington, D.C. area in 2010 with his wife and three kids, Josh served as the director of the Tucson Jewish Community Relations Council and Senior Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona, where he provided leadership for the JCRC and Federation's social action, public affairs, planning and community relations activities.

Josh is trained as a historian and began his career doing historic preservation and cultural resource management, including a book published on the history of Montezuma Castle National Monument. He earned his M.A. in Western American History and Public History from Arizona State University and his B.A. in American Studies and French Literature from Wesleyan University.