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Andrew is a recovering consultant turned serial entrepreneur, startup mentor and early stage investor. He has invested in over 70 startups over the past 15 years. Andrew is currently the Strategic Advisor / Head of REACH Labs for Second Century Ventures and was previously Managing Director at Dreamit Ventures where he launched and built both their Edtech and Urbantech (Proptech and Construction) verticals. Andrew has written over 60 published articles for Fortune, Forbes, Propmodo, CREtech, Builders Online, Architect Magazine, Multifamily Executive, AlleyWatch, Edsurge, The 74 Million, et. al.

Andrew began his career at Booz & Co consulting on strategy and operations for Fortune 100 clients. After a brief stint at Kaplan helping transition their traditional classroom test prep services into online products, he then joined Bunk1.com as COO where he spent eight years building it from scratch to the leading provider of web services to the summer camp industry. After being bought out of Bunk1 in 2008, Andrew managed a family office where he was responsible for both incubating new ventures and for managing over \$50M of alternative assets including hedge, private equity, and venture capital funds as well as a number of direct investments in private companies. Andrew was also the founding CEO of Layercake.com. In 2014, Andrew joined Dreamit as the Managing Director of the NY office before helping build Dreamit's new, later stage accelerator platform and launching its Edtech and then its Urbantech verticals.

Andrew has a keen appreciation for how hard it is to build a successful startup, even under the best of circumstances.

Andrew received his MBA in Operations & Marketing from Chicago Booth and a BA in Economics & Political Science from Johns Hopkins University. He speaks Hebrew fluently as well as some Spanish, French & Japanese and is working on JavaScript.

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