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Jack Almo is a Senior Vice President and Portfolio Management Director with Morgan Stanley's Private Wealth Management division. He is based in the firm's Seattle office, along with his partners and a supporting team of associates. Jack and his team develop customized wealth management solutions for ultra-high net worth families, private foundations and endowments, and privately controlled companies. His team manages approximately \$1.3 billion (June, 2019) on behalf of its clients. Originally from Seattle, Washington, Jack graduated from the Syms School of Business at Yeshiva University. He joined Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management in 2011, after spending six years at UBS Private Wealth Management, where he was a member of the President's Council. He began his career with Goldman Sachs' Finance Group in New York and later returned to Seattle with Goldman Sachs to join their newly formed Pacific Northwest Office. Jack serves on numerous non-profit boards and is deeply passionate about community service. He is currently Chairman of Kline Galland Center, a member of the Investment Committees of Virginia Mason and the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle. Jack and his wife Adina have three children and reside in Seward Park.



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Alana Ballon is an entrepreneurial leader who is passionate about innovation in education, technology and the Jewish community. She leads Duo Security's global sales enablement and productivity team, creating programs to onboard and train over 200 people. Prior to joining Duo, Alana led the Inqune team to help client companies grow effectively and maximize their most valuable resource: their talent for five years. With over 10 years of cloud computing and education experience, Alana has helped cloud software leaders build learning programs that improve revenue and lift barriers to growth. Alana spent several years at Salesforce.com and clients include: Dropbox, Square, Okta, Informatica, Talkdesk and FinancialForce. Alana holds a Master of Arts in Organizational Psychology from Columbia University's Teachers College and Bachelor of Arts in Business Economics with a minor in Arabic and Islamic Studies from U.C.L.A. She is a past board member of ImmerseNYC and currently serves on the board of San Francisco Humanities, the Technology Advisory Board for Jewish Vocational Services, volunteers at HIP Housing and is active at Congregation Beth Jacob. Alana lives with her husband and two young children in Redwood City, CA.

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Susan Borison, a former attorney, transferred her legal adversarial skills to her next job, mother of five. During her years as CEO of her household, Sue was on the executive board of Fuchs Mizrahi School and Green Road Synagogue. She also spent time on the boards of Federation and the Mandel JCC. Today, she is on the board of Mandel JCC and Jewish Federation of Cleveland while serving on several Federation and JCC committees. Susan is honored to be on the Wexner Alumni Council. Sue is the founder (with Wexner colleague Stephanie Silverman) of *Your Teen Media*, delivering advice and camaraderie to parents of teenagers in search of peace of mind and community. YTM began as a print magazine but now includes online courses, social media (FB, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter), Your Teen TV, Newsletter, Facebook Group, and the Your Teen with Sue and Steph podcast.



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Alicia Chandler is a writer, speaker, teacher, and consultant working on the issue of inclusion of intermarried couples and interfaith families in Jewish spaces. She is the founder of Multifaith Life, LLC, a consulting firm that exists to help Jewish institutions and the Jewish community adapt to the increase in interfaith families. Following a successful legal career as General Counsel - Continuing Care for Trinity Health, Alicia decided to serve the Jewish community on a full-time basis. She is currently a PhD student in Sociology at Wayne State University studying interfaith families in the Jewish community. She had degrees from the University of Michigan and Harvard Law School. She has also done coursework at Hebrew College. Alicia is a past president of JCRC/AJC, treasurer at Temple Beth El, and a board member of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit. Alicia is a past recipient of AJC Detroit's Community Leadership Award. Alicia is a native Michigander and devoted Wolverine. She is married to her college sweetheart and has two school-aged children.



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Cheryl Drazin is the Vice President of ADL's Central Division. Cheryl is responsible for managing ADL offices in Austin, Dallas, Denver, Houston, and Omaha. In her role, Cheryl actively engages in board development, strategic planning and program creation supporting ADL's mission to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and secure justice and fair treatment for all. Prior to serving in this role, Cheryl was the Jean and Jerry Moore Southwest Area Counsel where she oversaw the civil rights agenda for the nation's seven southern and southwestern states. Cheryl provided legal guidance on issues of antisemitism, bullying, discrimination complaints, education equity, freedom of speech, hate crimes, immigration, separation of church and state, and voting rights. Born and raised in Shreveport, Louisiana, Cheryl graduated from Washington University in St. Louis and received her law degree from The University of Texas School of Law. Cheryl is currently serving as Chair of the ADL's Professional Staff Association. Outside of work, Cheryl serves as the Board Chair for Camp Young Judea Texas and is a member of the board of Jewish Children Regional Service. Cheryl and her husband Aaron have three children, Evan, Naomi, and Sam.



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Stephen Gaerber lives in Vancouver, Canada, with his wife, Shari. Professionally, Stephen is a former practicing lawyer, but for the past 25 years has been President of a store fixture and retail display business. He currently serves as a governor of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Vancouver. Prior to that Stephen served as chair and then past-chair of the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver. Previous involvement in the Federation includes four years as chair of the local allocations committee and five years as chair of the Israel and Overseas allocations committee. Stephen also served as the Canadian chair of the Coast to Coast Partnership of the Jewish Agency's Partnership2Gether program. Our partnership is comprised of six Canadian Jewish communities and five communities in the Upper Galilee. Other past community involvement includes serving as president of the Jewish Family Service Agency of Greater Vancouver and a number of positions on my synagogue board.



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Daniel Gorlin works as a management consultant for the Boston Consulting Group. Daniel is a Partner and Managing Director in BCG's health care practice where he provides strategic advice to many of the world's largest healthcare companies. Prior to joining BCG, Daniel worked as an investment analyst at Argus Partners in New York City, and holds a JD from the Harvard Law School and an MPA and BA from Columbia University. Daniel currently lives in Chicago's downtown neighborhood of Lakeview with his wife, Ashlyn, and his three children, Nitai, Liat, and Caleb. As a family, the Gorlins are very active in the Chicago Jewish Community, sitting on boards and doing committee work for numerous organizations including the Chicago Jewish Day School (CJDS), Congregation Anshe Sholom Bnai Israel (ASBI) and the Florence G. Heller Jewish Community Center. Nationally, Daniel serves as the Immediate Past President and Executive Board Member of 70 Faces Media, the merged entity of the venerable *Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA)* and the digital leader [MyJewishLearning.com](http://MyJewishLearning.com).



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Scott Harris leads a Real Estate practice at Manhattan-based residential brokerage firm Brown Harris Stevens, the Harris Residential Team, which he founded in 2003. Raised in New Orleans, Scott spent summers at Henry S. Jacobs Camp, the URJ affiliate in the deep south, where he was first exposed to Debbie Friedman, Jeff Klapper, and the power of Jewish music. A love for Israel was kindled while volunteering at Kibbutz Yahel in the Negev during college summers. A decade of college a cappella and professional touring as a singer were foundational to Scott's desire to incorporate music as a forge of leadership. With talented Jewish music superstar Rick Recht, Scott launched Jewish Star, a program which has identified hundreds of talented teens and young adults and guiding their musical talents to greater use within the Jewish Community and beyond. Scott serves on the national board of Jewish Rock Radio and JKids Radio. Locally, Scott chairs the Building Committee of Ansche Chesed Synagogue as its physical structure undergoes its first major renovation in a century. Scott has also carved out time to run more than 20 marathons, though he hasn't won one yet. He lives in New York City with his wife Sara and their three children.



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Karen Herron is a connector, thought partner and supporter who works as a lay leader to bolster the efforts of organizations working toward economic, racial, and gender equality and religious pluralism. Recently, Karen helped create the SEA (Study/Engage/Act) Change Racial Equity cohort of 50 congregants and clergy from two synagogues, one Conservative and one Reform, to engage in meaningful conversations, critical education, and collective action to address racial inequity internally in the congregations and externally in the community. Catalyzed through Wexner Summits, Karen continues working with fellow Wexner Alumni to amplify the field of Social Justice. She also has the privilege of continuing the work of another Wexner Summit project, Transforming the Israeli Spiritual Landscape with Jewish Mindfulness Practice with the Or HaLev Center for Jewish Spirituality and Meditation. Karen is a Founding Board Member of Youth Renewal Fund Darca, providing exceptional educational opportunities for disadvantaged Israeli youth. Karen has advised Jewish and secular nonprofits in capacity building and communications, applying the professional skills she garnered in an early career in Brand Management and Product Marketing.



**SCOTT HURWITZ**

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Scott Hurwitz is the Owner of Robin Companies LLC, and focuses primarily on the company's acquisitions, sales and investment management. Scott is a past President of the New Haven JCC and remains active on the boards of the JCC and Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven. He holds an AB from University of Michigan and JD from Cornell Law School. Scott and his wife Jocelyn live with their dog Ella in Woodbridge, CT and have two sons, Max and Adam, who are both in school in Boston.



**AVERY KASTIN**

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Born to Paul and Rosthema Kastin in 1979, Avery Kastin is a native Atlantan and went to school at Columbia University, graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in art history. Following stints of indentured servitude within the financial sector in New York and Chicago, Avery returned to Atlanta to work with his father in the food business as a processor and commodity broker. Outside of work, Avery's community involvement represents a substantial part of his time. Avery is proud to be very active with the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta and other local Jewish organizations. In addition, Avery is very involved in the arts scene in Atlanta - both with museums and dance companies - as Atlanta continues to grow as a cultural capital of the South. Personally, Avery also pursued his love of art by collecting emerging and classical works from a variety of mediums (primarily photographs). Avery traveled abroad extensively and continues to pursue a goal of requiring additional pages for his passport. A former championship golfer, Avery recently waved the white flag in despair on his golf game and has chosen hiking and skiing as more enjoyable ways to appreciate the outdoors.



### **DAVID KNOLL**

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David Knoll is a born and raised New Yorker, but considers Pittsburgh his true home. After a career as a Bond trader in New York City, David traveled the world for a year as a tour guide for a luxury Kosher travel agency. He then met his beautiful (and vastly more intelligent) wife on his return to NYC. They decided to move South, to Palm Beach, Florida, where he was on the ground floor of an attempt to build a new city on Grand Bahama Island. After the birth of two wonderful boys, and the subsequent Recession, he convinced his wife to move back to her childhood home in Pittsburgh. David and his wife have since had a third child, and have never once regretted their move.



### **SETH KROSNER**

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Dr. Seth Krosner is a trauma and critical care surgeon based in San Diego, California. He holds a BA with honors in medical sociology from Cornell University and an MD from the University of Illinois, and did his surgical training at the Medical College of Wisconsin and the University of Oxford in Oxford, England. Before moving to San Diego, he was a trauma surgeon at Chicago's Cook County Hospital for six years. His communal volunteer work has included serving as the president of the Agency for Jewish Education, whose programs have since been incorporated into the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center. He is also a past president of the JCC's arts board - The Center for Jewish Culture. Recently he served as president of Tifereth Israel Synagogue where he also co-chaired the search committee for the newly hired rabbi. Other volunteer activities include a local theater (Diversionary theater) and chairing the J-Pride committee. He lives in San Diego with his husband of 25 years, Phil Johnson, one of San Diego's leading actors. Seth considers the Wexner Heritage Program life-changing, and it built on a strong foundation of volunteerism and love of Tikkun Olam instilled in him by his parents. He believes that in addition to religious observance, education and Jewish cultural arts hold the key to Jewish continuity. He is very grateful to the Wexners personally, and to the foundation, for the opportunity to have become so much more knowledgeable about his Jewish heritage.





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After serving in various roles on non-profit boards, Debbie Kurzweil has found her niche. She currently serves as chair of the governance committee on the boards of The Davis Academy, The Weber School, Boston University's Hillel, and the Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta. In that role she is in charge of governance issues, by-law reviews, board training, and nominations. Debbie also serves on the finance committee of several of these boards. In addition, Debbie volunteers for several organizations that address food insecurity.

## **SCOTT LEIB**

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Scott Leib grew up outside of Pittsburgh in White Oak, PA where he belonged to Temple B'nai Israel (Reform), had his Bar Mitzvah at Gemilas Chesed (Orthodox), and attended Serra High School (Catholic). He lived in a Muslim country for 2.5 months and now belongs to Congregation Beth Shalom (Conservative). All of this makes Scott simultaneously knowledgeable and utterly confused. He earned a BA in Business Administration at Franklin and Marshall College where he met his wife Cindy at Hillel. They live in Squirrel Hill and have two (grown) children, Elena and Joshua.

## **MARC LERNER**

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Marc Lerner has been a lifelong lover of camp, mostly Jewish summer camp. Marc has been deeply involved in similar work as a lay leader and he currently serves on the Advisory Council for Camp Daisy and Harry Stein. He was part of the Phoenix Wexner Heritage Program '09. For many years, Marc was also involved in the leadership at Congregation Beth Israel (CBI) in Scottsdale, Arizona (which owns Camp Daisy and Harry Stein), the oldest Reform Congregation in Phoenix, (2020 marked its 100th year) eventually serving as President of the Congregation from 2011-2013. Since his time on the Board at CBI, Marc has served on the Board at Hillel at Arizona State University and he is currently on the Board of the Anti-Defamation League for the Arizona Region, where he became Board Chair in September, 2020. Beyond the Jewish Community, Marc serves on the Board of Ryan House in Phoenix, a facility that provides respite and hospice care for families with children who have received life-shortening or life-ending diagnoses. An attorney, Marc works for Aetna, a unit of CVS Health, in its Medicaid area. He lives in Phoenix with his wife Lynn. The two of them have three children: Jonah (24); Marcy (22); and Solomon (19).





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Mike Levy is married to Naomi and they have three children, who all attend Jewish schools. Mike moved to Houston from Pretoria, South Africa in 1979 and has lived there since, other than attending university in Austin and working in Japan for a year. He has served on a wide variety of committees in the Jewish community, as well as having been on the board of a variety of organizations, such as the Federation of Greater Houston, Hebrew Free Loan Association, and Seven Acres (a Jewish home for the elderly). Mike received the Federation's Ben Susholtz Young Leadership Award in 2007. In his professional life, Mike is President of TLC Wealth Management and provides financial guidance to individuals and families...work he's enjoyed doing since 1994.



## **JACQUELINE COOPER MELMED**

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Jacki Cooper Melmed serves as Chief Legal Counsel for Governor Jared Polis. She held the same position under Governor John Hickenlooper from 2015-2019. Jacki handles a wide range of issues on behalf of the Polis administration including judicial appointments, clemency, ethics, and personnel and compliance matters. She also provides legal support to the Governor's budget, legislative, policy, and communications teams and to the directors of the principal agencies overseen by the Governor's Office. Before joining state government, Jacki specialized in commercial litigation, first with Hogan and Hartson (now Hogan Lovells) in Denver and then with Shoemaker Ghiselli + Schwartz in Boulder. She began her legal career serving as a clerk for the Hon. Michael Bender (ret.), Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court. Jacki is active on several community boards, including JewishColorado, Defy Colorado, and the CUBE School. She holds a JD from the University of Michigan, an MA from the University of Chicago, and a BS from the University of Michigan. She is an avid traveler, skier and hiker, and a proud mother of two. Jacki tweets at @JackiCooperMelm but prefers real-time, in-person communication.



## **ARIEL NELSON**

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Ariel Nelson moved to Livingston, NJ, with his family in 2002. They are members of the Synagogue of the Suburban Torah Center in Livingston and his three children have attended Jewish Day Schools. Ariel quickly got involved, volunteering and serving in numerous organizations and leadership positions. Early on, Ariel was a board member of his synagogue and then became its treasurer. He chaired the Kushner Academy's Day School Affordability Committee and was a member of Livingston's Vision 20/20 (long-range planning) and Citizens' Budget Advisory Committees. For the Jewish Federation of Greater Metrowest, Ariel started as a Super Sunday volunteer and soon found himself as a member of the Young Leadership Council. From there he was nominated for and graduated from the Arthur Borinsky Young Leadership program. He served for two years as YLD Campaign Chair and Campaign Vice Chair. Most recently, he has been a trustee of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest. Professionally, Ariel works for Geller & Company, an outsourced partner for all corporate financial strategies, planning, accounting, and reporting functions. There he serves as a divisional CFO for Bloomberg, LP. Ariel holds a BS and MBA from Columbia University.



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Cindy Orbach Nimhauser has held multiple local and national leadership positions in a number of internationally known philanthropic organizations. Cindy is currently the Chief Development Officer at Rales JFS. As a volunteer, she is a Past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of SPBC. She was the 2008-2009 Co-Chair of United Jewish Communities-UJC (now JFNA) National Young Leadership Department and Cabinet. As a speaker and fundraiser, she has raised significant capital for the charities that she has worked with. Cindy was on the Speaker's Bureau for UJC, training and motivating others to enhance their volunteer experience. She is a past member of the JFNA's National Women's Philanthropy Board. Cindy is a graduate of NYU and Hofstra University School of Law, as well as the Wexner Heritage Program. An internship during law school for Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan was followed by a stint working for Manhattan Borough President Andrew Stein upon graduation. Her skills include writing, public speaking, intense management training and performing stand-up comedy. Cindy is married to Bruce Nimhauser, Mom to Zach & Chera, Ross and Grammy to Eliana.



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Talia Resin began her career in Management Consulting for Accenture and Deloitte Consulting Group, developing and implementing technology solutions and training programs for Fortune 500 companies. Since becoming a mother of three boys, she emerged as a leader in the Jewish community focusing primarily on two areas of passion: Jewish education and pro-Israel advocacy. She served on the board of Sinai Akiba Academy and developed Israel-related educational programming for Sinai Temple and the broader Los Angeles community. She was also an advisor to The Growing Garden Academy in their launch of the first Jewish day school in the South Bay. She is currently on the board of Shalhevet High School, a modern orthodox high school in Los Angeles. As a passionate pro-Israel advocate, Talia is an active member of AIPAC's National Council, Los Angeles Cabinet and the co-chair of the Los Angeles Women in Politics mentorship program. She is also a member of AIPAC's New Leadership Network. Talia attended Jewish Day schools in Montreal, Canada. She earned a BA in Economics from Tufts University ('93). She lives with her husband Jamie and their three sons in Beverlywood, Los Angeles.



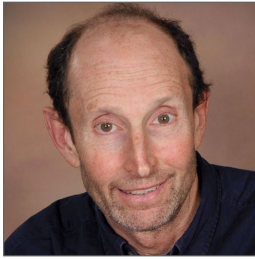
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As Senior Vice President, Matthew Rich's career spans over 30 years in the financial services industry starting in New York City and the last 18 years in Boulder, CO. Matt's experience includes Endowment and Foundation Consulting, Financial Planning for Individuals and Families, Corporate Stock Benefit Consulting, Portfolio Management, and Institutional Sales. Matt's passion in working with non-profit organizations expands outside of his job as he serves on multiple boards across the country. Currently Matt serves on the board of the Boulder Jewish Community Center, previously holding positions as Treasurer and President. Matt is also the current Treasurer of LiFT Academy in Seminole, FL, and serves on the board of the Jewish Life Committee for the Rose Community Foundation. Matt has helped multiple non-profits start endowments and was part of the capital campaign team that raised over 30 million dollars for the Boulder Jewish Community Center, the largest capital campaign for a non-profit in the history of Boulder County. For individuals and families that utilize his expertise in financial planning, Matt brings an approach that encompasses a larger, macro view of the global economy and the values and goals of each client to help them plan, strategize, and achieve their goals and aspirations. Matt just celebrated his 22nd anniversary to his wife Julie and has two beautiful daughters, Samantha and Abigail. He enjoys cooking, skiing, hiking, and playing guitar.



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Steve Rosenberg was born and raised on the north shore of Chicago in Highland Park, later moved to Portland and is now a resident of Tel Aviv. He has been involved in numerous boards in Israel including Israel Tennis Centers and Machol Shalem (modern dance platform in Jerusalem). Steve is Past President of the JCC of Portland and of the Jewish Federation. He was an active board member of the JCC and the Portland Jewish Academy for almost 40 years. Steve can be found on his bicycle in Portland and Jerusalem most of the time, when he hasn't fallen off it. He also finds time to work in his real estate profession every now and then.



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Susan Steiner Saal is a strategy consultant, change management professional, and organizational leader who partners directly with senior executives to advance their vision by aligning strategic goals, organizational competencies, and stakeholder needs. With a background in management consulting and entrepreneurship, Susan is a non-profit and for-profit leader with expertise in strategy, marketing, fundraising, and governance. Susan cultivates deeply connected relationships to build and energize mission-driven opportunities. Susan is currently in her third year as a delegate on the Bay Area Wexner Alumni Leadership Council. Susan sits on the boards of the JCC Association of North America and the Jewish Community Federation of the Bay Area and is an incoming board member at Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School. Previously chair of the board of the Oshman Family JCC in Palo Alto and a founding board member of Urban Adamah, Susan contributes to the Jewish community by working alongside the most innovative leaders to strengthen organizations, build resiliency, and maximize impact through high functioning board/staff relationships.



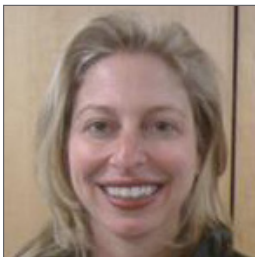
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Shari Schenk was born in New York and raised in Atlanta, GA where she attended The Epstein School and Camp Barney Medintz. She has lived in San Diego since 1985. Professionally, Shari was the Director of Business Development at the law firm of Casey Gerry Schenk Francavilla Blatt & Penfield LLP from 1989-2019. All of her three children attended the San Diego Jewish Academy K-12, and she served as the Chair of their Board of Trustees 2011-2013. Shari has been privileged to be involved as a lay leader at many other wonderful organizations in the San Diego Jewish community, among them the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, San Diego Center for Jewish Culture, Hillel (where she co-chaired the inaugural Campus Superstar fundraiser), the Agency for Jewish Education (Board President). She is the Immediate Past President of the San Diego chapter of the Jewish National Fund. In addition, Shari was appointed by Governor Gray Davis to serve on the California Commission for Economic Development. She is passionate about *Tikkun Olam*, community service and giving back to her community. Shari is married to Frederick Schenk, a civil litigation attorney, and they have three children.



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### **JACQUELINE SHELTON**

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Jackie Shelton is a non-profit consultant and community leader who loves creating connection. Last year she founded and continues to lead a weekly virtual women's challah-baking group, connecting amazing women and building community. She consulted for Lest We Forget, an outdoor photo display of living Holocaust survivors in SF. She was the exhibition director for Lost Stories, Found Images: Portrait of Jews in Wartime Amsterdam by Annemie Wolff. Jackie currently serves on the board of Sinai Memorial Chapel and is co-chair of the Parent Association at The Jewish Community High School of the Bay. Jackie received the 2020 Or Hadash award, given to one outstanding volunteer at The Brandeis School of SF. She is a past board member of the JCF and was part of the Federation's 473K planning team, organizing a conference about creating belonging. Jackie began her involvement with the young adult division of the LA Jewish Federation and served as its young adult division Chair. She received the LA Federation's Young Leadership Award. A graduate of the Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs, the Federation Grand Leadership program, UC Hastings and UC Berkeley, Jackie lives with her husband, WHP Alum Craig Miller (LA/Bank of America), and their three boys.



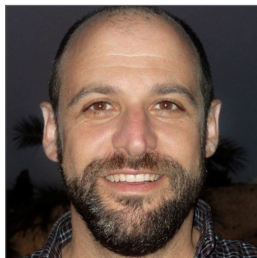
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Mytyl Simancas was born in Mexico City. After living in New York City and for a brief time in Israel and Uruguay, she landed in Miami Beach 23 years ago. Always involved in the Jewish communities wherever she has lived, today she is the Chair of Miami-Yerucham Partnership and member of the Executive Board of Miami Jewish Federation. Mytyl is active in Amutot, Israel & Overseas, Teen Engagement, Diller Teen Fellowship Sterling committee and Israel Engagement and co-chair of Arts & Culture Committee Miami Beach JCC. Other than her family, her passions are Israel, the Jewish People, and helping others. She is a realtor with Compass (so she can help people find their place in the world!) Mytyl is also a Zin Fellow (BGU), which helped her develop a deep love for the Negev. She is a graduate of OLAM (GMJF), Melton (CAJE) and studied at Shalom Hartman Leadership Program (Miami). Last year she founded Adopt a Family Miami, a non-for-profit that helps 130 families from the invisible workforce. She is a translator (EN-ES) having translated already two books related to the Holocaust. She has been recognized by the GMJF (Leadership Award), Jewish Volunteer Services, MBJCC, JCS, Israel Bonds, and the City of Miami Beach for the work she is doing.



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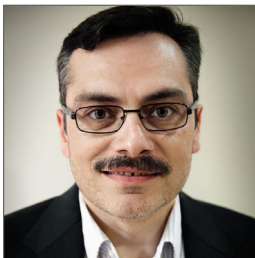
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Leonid Vayner was born in Kiev, USSR, and moved to United States in 1989. Leonid holds an MBA in Strategic Management from Pace University, a BS in Computer Science from NYU - Tandon School of Engineering, multiple industry certifications, and patents. Leonid is the founding Board Member of iMishpacha Inc, a grassroots group of Russian-speaking Jewish (RSJ) families with children and teens. He serves on JCC Brooklyn/ Kings Bay YM-YWHA Board of Directors and volunteers with several non-profits like the Hebrew Free Loan Society. For his service to the community he has been recognized by UJA-Federation of New York with the "Community Changemaker Award" in 2016, the "Giving Back Award" by Morgan Stanley in 2017, a NYC Mayoral Service Recognition Award in 2018, a Community Service award from Kings Bay YM-YWHA in 2019, and a Citation from Brooklyn's Borough President in 2020. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife and three children.



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Samantha Mintz Vineberg was born and raised in Montreal, Canada. She received her BCL and LLB from McGill University and practiced tax and estate planning in a law and accounting firm in Montreal before working as a tax planning professional at the Jewish Community Foundation of Montreal. Samantha is now a full-time Jewish community volunteer. She had served in many roles including as Vice President of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and was on their governance committee. Samantha is currently the Chair of the Women's Philanthropy recovery and resilience campaign for Federation CJA (Combined Jewish Appeal) and will serve in this role for 2020 and 2021. Samantha is passionate about Women's Philanthropy, community building and ensuring that the leadership baton is passed to the next generation of leaders. As someone who was born and raised in Montreal, Samantha is committed to ensuring that a strong, vibrant Jewish future exists in Montreal. Samantha is also a member of Federation CJA's allocation and budget review committee. Samantha shares her passion for community with her husband Justin Vineberg as well as their two teen children, Joelle and Mitchell.



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Kevin Waldman lives in San Francisco and enjoys being a connector and a storyteller. Professionally, he advises growing technology companies on their commercial real estate strategies – currently as an Executive Director with Cushman & Wakefield. Kevin has served on the board of directors for Moishe House, the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, LAVAN and Brandeis Hillel Day School. At Moishe House, Kevin served as its International Board Chair for three years from 2012 to 2015 along with serving in a number of other roles including Vice Chair as well as Chair/Co-Chair of its Governance, Development, Innovation, International Fund and 10th Anniversary Committees. He is an alumnus of the Wexner Heritage Program and JFNA's National Young Leadership Cabinet. He also is a past recipient of the SF Federation's Dinkelspiel Award for Young Leadership. Kevin was raised in New Orleans on incredible live music and spicy food, received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and loves trail running and swimming in San Francisco Bay.



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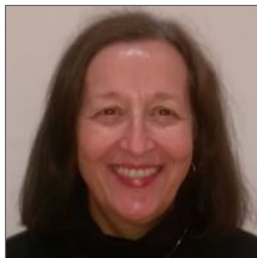
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