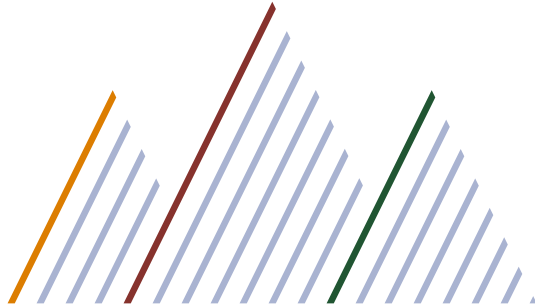


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Caryn Rosen Adelman was born and raised in the Midwest (USA) where she also completed college and post-graduate degrees. Caryn's focus has always been family first, then extended family, and then the families of world Jewry. Caryn has been privileged to lead organizations such as JTA, FIDF, Federation, OTZMA, PTA, LMV, and JAFI. Caryn's professional life has evolved from the CEO of a family foundation to a professional consultant to and for organizations for board development and donor engagement. More recently Caryn expanded her scope to work with philanthropists and philanthropies beyond the Jewish communal field, especially directed at programs for violence reduction and life skills enhancement for diverse populations. Recently Caryn chaired a federation task force to study Family caregiving and chaplaincy. Caryn also currently chairs The Women's Dialogue programs for JAFI where she sits as a member of the BOG.

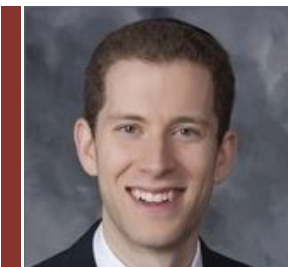


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David Arfin is the CEO of NineDot Energy and a globally recognized leader in creating innovative finance offerings that accelerate the adoption of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and other clean technologies. David invented SolarCity's SolarLease, the game-changing solar financing program. He is CEO and Co-Founder of NineDot Energy (New York), Co-Founder of Ener-Pacte (France), SolarVento (Mexico), and has served on the Board of Directors of Simpa Networks (India), and WattzOn (Palo Alto), and as an Advisor to Everyday Energy (San Diego), United Wind (New York), Tigi Solar (Israel), RayCatch (Israel), and eMotorWerks. Previously, David served as a Consultant to the US Department of Energy's SunShot initiative and an Entrepreneur-In-Residence at Israel Cleantech Ventures. David has also been an emissary for the US Department of State in Angola, Israel, and Palestine. David has a BA in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles, a Masters in Public Policy Analysis from the Claremont Graduate University, and an MBA from Stanford. He was a Coro Fellow and was President of the Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School. He is on the board of the Friends of the Arava Environmental Institute for Environmental Studies.



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Jonathan Bernstein is the Director of Research for Hefren-Tillotson, Pittsburgh's largest independent wealth manager. In this capacity, Jonathan oversees fund selection and monitoring, market updates, and investment strategies. He is the creator of the firm's Impact Portfolios, which integrate sustainable investment strategies. Jonathan is a graduate of Yale College and earned a master's degree in Creative Writing from Brooklyn College. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst charter holder (CFA®) and a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certificant. Prior to moving to Pittsburgh, Jonathan spent six years as a financial advisor in New York, overseeing alternative investment strategies and client portfolios. In 2016, Jonathan published his first novel, "The Ivy League Impostor." In 2021, his play - "The Call" was commissioned by NYC theater company 24/6 for its series of telephone plays performed for senior citizens and others who are housebound. Jonathan serves as President of Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh and was Treasurer of the board of the *Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle*. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, art, theater, and spending time with his family. Jonathan and his wife Kara have three children.

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Ilan Caplan has over 22 years of diversified renewable energy experience including the development, operations, and finance of utility-scale wind and solar projects. His particular area of focus includes management, analytics, resource management, development, trading, accounting oversight, and structuring. Prior to his current SVP role at HEP, Ilan was co-founder of Peak and before Peak, served as a Finance Director selling over \$260+M (160 MW) of solar and (280 MW) of wind projects. These key roles have resulted in 1.9+ GW solar and wind sold and built, \$2.0+ billion in value. Although originally born in South Africa, Ilan spent much of his life in Texas (including being an alum of the University of Texas at Austin), with a short stint in California to meet his wife and learn how to surf. Denver has been home to Ilan, his wife, and three young(ish) kids for the past 19 years. Ilan has a keen interest in family time, maintaining the fitness of oneself and the environment, and the growth of the local Jewish community.



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Carole Caplan-Sosin is proud to be a past president of the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation in Evanston, IL, and to have helped navigate the building of the first LEED Platinum House-of-Worship in the world. As a WHP Alum and Greenfaith Fellow, Carole sees herself as an advocate of both spirituality and environmentalism and enjoys teaching others how to get down and dirty in the creation of healthier and more sustainable lives. Carole is currently organically farming herbs, flowers, and seasonal vegetables for market, and co-leads the Jewish Alliance for Food, Land, and Justice, a small local group providing programming on environmental and sustainable living in the Ann Arbor area.



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Lisa Narodick Colton is a consultant helping nonprofits, social causes, and small businesses with disruptive change, strategic planning, and communications strategies. She combines business acumen with awareness of the generational and technical changes in our society to help leaders position their work for success in today's connected age. She founded Darim Online as a nonprofit to provide such services to Jewish organizations, and Darim Consulting, LLC to serve other businesses and social causes. During the pandemic, Lisa produced the Great Big Jewish Food Fest and the Big Bold Jewish Climate Fest. Lisa is an alumna of Stanford University, Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, and Livnot U'lehibanot. A native Seattleite, Lisa returned home after years in Burlington, VT, and Charlottesville, VA. Locally she's involved with Kavana and Limmud Seattle. She is a proud parent, along with her husband Jason, of teenagers Eli and Meira, plus their own pets and a rotating cast of fosters.



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Sonia S. Cummings is a longtime activist focusing on the climate emergency, the arts, and Jewish Life. She currently serves on the boards of Artis and Hazon and on the advisory boards of the Friends of the Arava Institute and the Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development. She formerly served on numerous boards including I Am Your Protector, (IAYP), The Jewish Funders Network, The Medici Archives Project, the American Friends of the Tel Aviv Foundation, and the Nathan Cummings Foundation. In 2019 she received the "I Am Your Protector Pioneer Award" in recognition of her work for IAYP. She recently completed a Certificate in Impact Investing at NYU. Prior to becoming a community leader and environmental activist, Sonia worked for two decades in the design industry in product development, marketing, licensing, and forecasting trends, in Asia, France, and the US. Sonia is also a fine arts painter. She and her husband both vote in California.

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Sandra Curtis, PhD, has been committed to environmental action as a volunteer and a professional for over 30 years. She's focused on four areas: environmental toxins from the fossil fuel industry, renewable energy, redwood preservation, and ocean protection. She has created and managed innovative behavioral research, media projects, and programs in health, space sciences, and environmental education. She's an effective speaker, advocate, and mentor. At the Public Health Institute, she is developing and collaborating on projects to reduce exposure to environmental toxins. As Director of Innovative Projects at Plastic Pollution Coalition, she expanded the focus on environmental hazards of single-use plastic to health concerns from exposure to the toxic chemicals in plastics. She enjoyed a long career as Sr. VP at Zorro Productions, Inc., producing for stage, film, and television. Her company, XenoQuest Media, produced videos for NASA's Astrobiology Institute and the UN's Environment Program. She led international communications for a portable solar lantern company. The author of biographies and children's fiction, Sandra serves as a scientific advisor and mentor on non-profit boards and for the City of Berkeley Commissions.



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Rabbi Fred Dobb has served as Rabbi of Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation (Bethesda MD,) since before his 1997 ordination from RRC. Fred remains active as well in Jewish, interfaith, and environmental efforts. Past President of the Washington Board of Rabbis, he is now chair of COEJL (Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life) and serves on the national board of Interfaith Power and Light. He received a Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary in 2009. Fred still writes, speaks, and consults as time permits, but mostly is happy to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable at Adat Shalom. Together with Minna Scherlinder Morse, his pride and joy, and major projects are Gilad Martin (born in 2009) and Sara Penina Scherlinder (2005).



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Steven Fadem is an innovative entrepreneurial executive with substantial leadership experience building media, entertainment, technology, information and business services, artificial intelligence (AI), and cybersecurity companies with experience in the digital transformation of traditional businesses. Steven's non-profit involvement intensified because of his Wexner training and has been the most satisfying experience of his life (other than family!) and his resulting small contribution to the growth, prosperity, and survival of the Jewish people is beyond any description of immense satisfaction.



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Scott Garson is a retired commercial real estate broker in Cleveland, Ohio. Scott spent 26 years in the industry where he specialized in inner-city properties and urban redevelopment. Previous to his work in the private sector, he was employed in the non-profit community development field as the Assistant Director of Development for MidTown Cleveland for ten years after a three-year stint working for the Historic Warehouse District Development Corporation. He has served on numerous boards of civic organizations during his professional career including serving as Board Chair of Cleveland Hillel. He recently ended a six-year term as Board Chair of the Shaker Heights Development Corporation, a local community development corporation, and is the Co-Chair of the Intergroup Outreach subcommittee of the Community Relations Committee at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. Scott has been active in advocating for Bail reform as well as other issues related to social and racial justice. Scott is a graduate of Kenyon College. Scott is married to his wife Ann and has two adult children. His daughter Jessica lives in Alaska where she works with handicapped adults and his son Noah is a preschool teacher in NYC.

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Mike Gildesgame has 35 years of experience in natural resources project management and program administration. Mike has led multi-disciplinary professional teams developing and implementing natural resource management policies and programs, managed and evaluated domestic and international environmental programs and projects, and facilitated group discussions to resolve complex environmental problems and achieve consensus on community and statewide concerns. Mike is a practicing mediator in Boston area courts, Vice President, Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action, Chair, Governance Committee, Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, past Chair, Friends of Israel's Environment in support of Adam Teva v'Din, Israel's environmental watchdog, and Member, Board of Directors and chair of the Climate Change Working group at Temple Emunah, Lexington MA.



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Rabbi Liz P.G. Hirsch currently serves Temple Anshe Amunim in Pittsfield, MA. She was ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in New York. Originally from the Boston area, Liz was active in her Reform congregation, spending summers at the URJ Eisner Camp in the Berkshires and nearly every weekend with the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY). Liz graduated from Brown University with a degree in Environmental Studies and spent a semester abroad at the Arava Institute in Israel. Between college and rabbinical school, Liz worked as a Legislative Assistant at the Religious Action Center, the Union for Reform Judaism's office in Washington, D.C. While at HUC-JIR, she served several congregations and organizations throughout the New York and Boston areas. Before serving Temple Anshe Amunim, Liz was the rabbi and one of the directors at Eisner Camp. Liz enjoys playing guitar, yoga, meditation, and hiking all over the Berkshires. She is married to Rabbi Neil P.G. Hirsch, who serves as one of the rabbis at Hevreh of Southern Berkshires. They live in Lenox with their two children, Lior and Mikah.

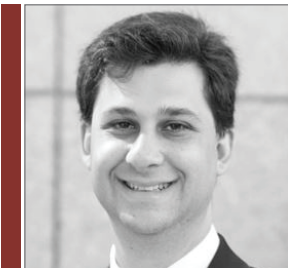


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Rabbi Aaron Lerner drives the engagement of more than 3,000 students and community members at UCLA Hillel. Under his leadership, Hillel has expanded annual fundraising to more than \$2.5 million to support exponential growth in Jewish identity and pro-Israel programming. Aaron embodies a pluralistic approach to Jewish life while empowering others to lead and innovate. His career path started in commercial real estate finance after graduating from USC's Marshall School of Business. A graduate of YCT, he enjoys surfing and family life in LA with his partner and WGF/DS Alum, Dr. Rachel Lerner, and their three ridiculous children.



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Aaron Levine is a climate scientist who lives in Seattle, WA with his wife and son. He is an active member of Temple DeHirsch Sinai and a steering committee member for The Tribe at TDHS. He was also a participant in the Stroum Center Community Learning Fellowship in 2015. Before moving to Seattle, Aaron received his doctorate in Meteorology at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu, HI, and a bachelor's in Physics and Geophysical Sciences from the University of Chicago. He was active in the Jewish communities of Honolulu and Chicago, holding leadership positions in Hillel at both universities and teaching religious school while in Hawaii. He grew up on the west side of Los Angeles where his family were members of Temple Isaiah. He attended religious school there through confirmation in tenth grade and was a summer camp counselor at Isaiah Day Camp for two years. He spent summers attending Camp Alonim at the Brandeis Bardin Institute between the ages of 9 and 16.

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Jodi Lox Mansbach is a creative and strategic leader who inspires people and organizations to re-think what's possible. She is the Principal of Living Playgrounds, a boutique design firm that is re-imagining a nature-based approach in the playground industry so that children have the space, time, and permission to play freely in outdoor environments that inspire wonder and joy. Jodi served as the Chief Impact Officer for the Atlanta Jewish Federation from 2017-2021 where she led strategy, innovation, marketing, and grantmaking. Prior to working professionally in the Jewish community, Jodi worked with the City of Atlanta to launch Atlanta City Studio, its first pop-up urban design center incubating new ideas about the design of the City and engaging the community in the process. Previously she was Vice President of Development and Construction at Jamestown, a real estate investment and management company. As an urban planner, Jodi was involved in the firm's New Urbanist development and adaptive reuse projects including Ponce City Market where she led the design of Skyline Park, the rooftop entertainment project. At Jamestown, Jodi also served as Sustainability Director and started and ran the Jamestown Charitable Foundation.



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Steve Moritz brings over 25 years of experience in the energy and sustainability industries working for multiple industry start-ups. He has spent his career building and managing successful businesses that thrive in the ever-changing world of state and federal energy regulation. His passion is to create opportunities for energy savings, carbon reduction, and revenue generation by influencing and leveraging the regulatory process. Steve started Encentiv Energy in 2009 to help commercial and industrial customers permanently reduce their energy consumption. Today Encentiv Energy's software platform is used by thousands of industry professionals every day to help customers make better energy efficiency decisions. For the last four years, Steve has volunteered as a mentor for cleantech startups through the Cleantech Open, which operates as an incubator for the most promising cleantech companies around the world. He was awarded "Mentor of Year" in 2020 and recently was part of a partnership with the Canadian consulate to mentor women-led cleantech startups in Canada.



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Rabbi Jennie Rosenn is the Founder and CEO of Dayenu, a new organization mobilizing the American Jewish community to confront the climate crisis with spiritual audacity and bold political action. Previously, she served as Vice President for Community Engagement at HIAS where she created a strategy to re-introduce the Jewish community to HIAS and led the mobilization of the American Jewish community to respond to the global refugee crisis. Prior to serving at HIAS, Jennie played a catalytic role in building the field of Jewish social justice as the Director of the Jewish Life and Values Program at the Nathan Cummings Foundation. Under Jennie's leadership, the Foundation also worked to cultivate the environmental movement and women as agents of change in Israel. Before working at the Cummings Foundation, Jennie served as a campus rabbi at Columbia University Hillel. Jennie has served on the boards of AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps, Repair the World, and the Jewish Funders Network and has twice been named one of the Forward's 50 Jews in America. She was ordained by HUC-JIR and lives in New York with her husband Rabbi David Rosenn (WGF/DS Class 5) and their two sons.



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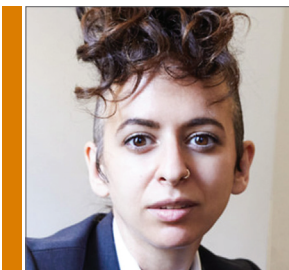
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Rich Sorkin is a Silicon Valley-based serial entrepreneur, executive, advisor, board member, and investor, with total exits exceeding \$1 billion. For over 20 years, he has led breakthrough companies commercializing transformative technologies, most recently in Big Data predictive analytics with a focus on the environment, energy, financial services, and politics. Rich is the co-founder and CEO of Jupiter Intelligence, the global leader in predictive data and analytics to manage climate-related risk. Jupiter helps businesses, governments, and the public sector make informed decisions that safeguard critical at-risk infrastructure from extreme weather, sea-level rise, storm intensification, and rising temperatures caused by short, medium, and long-term climate change. Most recently, Rich testified before Congress on the use of new technologies like cloud computing and artificial intelligence to address weather and climate risks. He has served as a Board Member at private and public companies as well as JFCS, AIPAC PNW, and the Yale Development Board. Extensive political experience includes work on the big data strategy for the 2016 Presidential campaign and advocacy work.



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Jericho Vincent is a writer and lecturer. Raised in an ultra-Orthodox rabbinical family, Jericho broke free as an adolescent in search of a self-determined life. While a night student in college, they founded Horizons Academy, an after-school program for at-risk teens. Jericho went on to earn a master's degree in public policy as a Pforzheimer Fellow at Harvard University, training in Public Narrative and Adaptive Leadership. After embarking on a spiritual journey through Buddhism and Sufism, Jericho returned to Judaism to excavate timely wisdom and practices from their family's ancient traditions. Jericho is the author of the memoir *Cut Me Loose* and the co-author of *Legends of the Talmud*. Their essays have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Rumpus*, *Salon*, *The Daily Beast*, and *The Cut*. They have been named to the *Jewish Week's* 36 Under 36 and to *The Forward's* Forward 50 for their writing and their community organizing with ex-ultra-Orthodox Jews. They have lectured on trauma, gender, and transformation at colleges, organizations, and houses of worship across the country and are certified in Internal Family Systems Therapy coaching. Jericho lives in Brooklyn with their family and is currently studying for the rabbinate.



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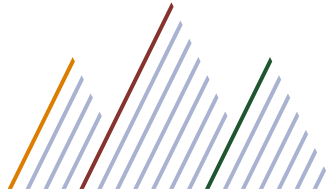


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Leora Zabusky is a strategy and marketing consultant. Before launching her own consulting practice, she had several positions in the commercial business of Genentech in San Francisco. Prior to Genentech, she served as a strategic management consultant for Monitor in New York. Beyond her professional roles, Leora is an active leader and philanthropist in the Jewish Community. She serves on the Boards of Penn Hillel, BBYO International, and the Perelman Jewish Day School. Leora received undergraduate degrees in Economics and International Relations at the Univ of Pennsylvania, and an MBA from Univ of California Berkeley. Leora was born and raised in Cape Town, South Africa, and moved to Harrisburg, PA, in high school. Philadelphia is now home for Leora, her husband, and two high school-daughters.

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