

THE WEXNER FOUNDATION



WEXNER HERITAGE PROGRAM ALUMNI COUNCIL

ANNUAL IN-PERSON MEETING

JUNE 25 - 27, 2023 6 - 8 TAMUZ 5783
SNOWBIRD, UTAH

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

12:00 - 2:00 PM	Registration*	Atrium Overlook
12:00 - 2:00 PM	Lunch*	Conference Center Terrace Tent
2:00 - 3:15 PM	Rocky Mountain Hi <i>Angie Atkins, Director, WHP Alumni and Summits</i>	Magpie B
3:15 - 4:00 PM	The Torah of Change Making <i>Rabbi Jay Henry Moses, Vice President</i>	Magpie B
4:00 - 4:30 PM	Needs and Deeds (Pework Assignment #3) <i>All Delegates</i>	Magpie B
4:30 - 5:00 PM	X to Nth (Pework Assignment #2) <i>All Delegates</i>	Magpie B
5:00 - 5:30 PM	Coffee Break*	Atrium Overlook
5:45 - 6:45 PM	X to the Nth (Continued) <i>All Delegates</i>	Magpie B
7:00 - 8:00 PM	Dinner* <i>Tables Reserved for Delegates ables 1, 2, and 3: What Was a Meaningful Year in Your Life?</i>	Conference Center Terrace Tent
8:00 - 8:30 PM	Traditional/Egalitarian Ma'ariv*	Conference Center Terrace Tent
	Traditional/Mechitza Ma'ariv*	Small Tent A
8:30 - 9:45 PM	Fireside Tisch <i>Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz, WGF/DS Class 30</i>	Magpie Terrace

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MONDAY, JUNE 26

7:00 - 8:15 AM	Coffee Available*	Atrium Overlook
7:15 - 8:15 AM	Traditional Mechitza/ Shacharit* Morning Nigun Circle*	Golden Cliff Wasatch A
8:15- 9:00 AM	Breakfast* <i>Tables Reserved for Delegates</i> <i>Table 1: Synagogues- Scott Stone, Los Angeles 05</i> <i>All other tables: Free Flow</i>	Aerie Restaurant
9:00- 9:45 AM	D'var Torah <i>Jason Schwartz, Dallas 13</i> DEIJ Awareness in Jewish Institutions: Making Internal and External Change <i>Karen Herron, Washington DC 13</i>	Magpie B
9:45 - 11:15 AM	Leadership and the Art of Storytelling <i>Aaron Henne WGF/DS 28, WFF Pilot</i>	Magpie B
11:15 - 11:45 AM	Coffee Break*	Atrium Overlook
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Scare Your Soul: The Courage to Lead a (Jewish) Life <i>Scott Simon, Cleveland 05</i>	Magpie B
1:00 - 1:45 PM	Lunch* <i>Tables Reserved for Delegates</i> <i>Table 1: Fundraising- Jodi Miller, Philadelphia 16</i> <i>Tables 2 and 3: Free Flow</i>	Conference Center Terrace Tent
2:00- 2:45 PM	Practicing Inclusive Leadership <i>Etan Basseri, Seattle 19</i>	Magpie B
2:45- 3:45 PM	Antisemitism and What to Do About It <i>Lenny Gusel, NY RSJ 16, Marc Lerner Phoenix 09, Carole Sterling Toronto 1</i>	Magpie B

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3:45- 4:00 PM	Coffee Break* <i>Delegates get ready for optional hike</i>	Atrium Overlook
4:00- 6:15 PM	Optional Hike	Meet in Atrium Overlook
6:15- 6:45 PM	Traditional/Mechitza Mincha*	Golden Cliff
	Traditional/Egalitarian Mincha*	Small Tent A
7:00- 8:00 PM	Dinner*	Conference Center Small Tent A
8:15 - 9:15 PM	Better Together: Open Space and Networking to Make Change*	Ballroom 1
9:30 PM	Traditional/Mechitza Ma'ariv*	Golden Cliff
	Traditional/Egalitarian Ma'ariv*	Wasatch A
9:30- 10:30 PM	Around the Campfire <i>Rabbi B. Elka Abrahamson, President</i>	Magpie Terrace

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TUESDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 - 8:15 AM	Coffee Available *	Atrium Overlook
7:15 - 8:00 AM	Traditional Mechitza/ Shacharit*	Golden Cliff
	Traditional Egalitarian/ Shacharit*	Wasatch A
8:00- 9:00 AM	Breakfast* <i>Check Out/Bring Suitcases to Magpie B</i>	Aerie Restaurant
9:00 - 10:00 AM	May Their Memories Be a Blessing <i>Angie Atkins, Director, WHP Alumni and Summits</i> <i>Karen Herron, Washington DC 13</i> Designing Meetings with the Intention of Welcoming and Belonging <i>Jackie Shelton Miller, LA/Bank of America</i>	Magpie B
10:00 - 10:45 AM	The Torah of Truth and Disagreement <i>Rabbi Uri Toplofsky</i>	Magpie B
10:45- 11:20 AM	Parking Lot, Updates from the Foundation, Closing Exercises	Magpie B
11:30 - 12:15 AM	Shuttle to Mayor's Office Shuttle to Airport	Lobby
12:30-1:30 PM	Making Change, Leading Through Crisis <i>Delegates in Conversation with Erin Mendenhall, Mayor, Salt Lake City</i>	451 State Street Salt Lake City, UT
2:30 PM	Final Farewells and Ride Shares to Airport	451 State Street Salt Lake City, UT

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OUR FACULTY

Organized according to meeting order, as seen in this agenda

Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz

WGF/DS Class 30, Director of Tefillah and Music, Hadar Institute

Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz serves the Hadar Institute as Director of Tefillah and Music. An educator, practitioner, and facilitator of Jewish communal prayer, Deborah supports those who seek to deepen, sharpen, and unlock their practice of empowered song and tefila. An artist and composer, she has collaborated on over two dozen albums of new Jewish music with treasured colleagues, including two albums of her own original music: *The Narrow* and *the Expanse* (2020) and *Yetzira* (anticipated release summer 2023).

Aaron Henne

WGF/DS 28, WFF Pilot, Artistic Director, Theatre Dybbuk

Aaron Henne is the Artistic Director of theatre dybbuk, an arts and education organization, which creates work inspired by Jewish history. In addition to his work with that organization, Aaron teaches storytelling throughout the country and has presented professional development and character creation workshops at Lucasfilm, Pixar, and Dreamworks. With Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, he has been faculty for the EMA program, was the Diane Luboff Scholar at the Cutter Colloquium, and is a part of Beit Hayotzer/The Creativity Braintrust. Aaron has also served as a professional mentor at Otis College of Art and Design and as faculty for Georgetown University. He has worked as an educator and facilitator for a variety of organizations including The Hive at Leichtag Commons, Jewish Federation of North America's Young Leadership Cabinet, and The Bronfman Fellowship. Aaron is a member of the ROI community community, and the recipient of LA Weekly and SF Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards for Playwriting.

Rabbi Uri Topolosky

Rabbi, Kehilat Pardes - The Rock Creek Synagogue

Rabbi Uri Topolosky joined Kehilat Pardes – The Rock Creek Synagogue (formerly Beth Joshua Congregation) in August of 2013. He also serves as the Rav HaKehillah of the Berman Hebrew Academy. Prior to his return to Maryland, Uri served as the Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel in New Orleans for six years where he helped revitalize a community shattered by Hurricane Katrina. Uri served previously as the Associate Rabbi of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale in Bronx, NY. Uri received his rabbinic ordination from Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School and was a member of the second graduating class in 2005. Prior to his rabbinic studies, Uri spent two years studying in Israel at Yeshivat Sha'alvim before attending the University of Maryland at College Park. Uri serves as President of the Washington Board of Rabbis, and as the chair of the Beltway Vaad. He is also a Senior Rabbinic Fellow of the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Mayor Erin Mendenhall

Mayor of Salt Lake City, UT

Erin J. Mendenhall is the 36th Mayor of Salt Lake City. In her first term she led the city thru COVID, a 5.7 magnitude earthquake, and a hurricane-force windstorm – for high, bi-partisan approval ratings (she is a Democrat). She is the city's youngest woman to hold this office, and only the 3rd in its history. Wanting to advance air-quality policy inside the city government and serve Salt Lake City on a wider range of issues, Erin was elected to represent District 5 on the City Council in 2013. During her six years on the Council, including one year as its chair, Erin worked for equitable progress across the city, driving road repairs and infrastructure maintenance, expanding access to transit and affordable housing, and making the city more equitable for women and girls. As mayor, Erin is working hard to make Salt Lake City more environmentally and economically resilient, and to take advantage of the region's historic period of economic opportunity. She is determined to ensure every Salt Laker — no matter their neighborhood, economic or housing status, faith, race, or sexual or gender identity — can access all the city has to offer. She earned a bachelor's degree in gender studies and a master's degree in science and technology, both from the University of Utah.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

RABBI B. ELKA ABRAHAMSON 
President

AVI ALLEN
Director of Operations

ANGIE ATKINS 
Director, Wexner Heritage Alumni and Summits

HAFTAM YIZAK HEATHWOOD
Coordinator, New York Jews of Color Cohort

KAITLIN KAISER 
Program Coordinator, Wexner Heritage Alumni and Summits

OR MARS
Vice President

RABBI JAY HENRY MOSES 
Vice President

RABBI DAVID M. RUSSO
Director, Wexner Heritage Program

SOPHIE SILBERSTEIN
Program Coordinator, Wexner Heritage Program

RABBI TALİ ZELKOWICZ, Ph.D.
Director, Curriculum and Research



Indicates staff who will be participating in programming with Delegates

THE WEXNER FOUNDATION

The Wexner Foundation develops and inspires leaders in the North American Jewish Community and the State of Israel. Through pluralistic, cohort-based educational programs, the Foundation invests in promising professionals and volunteers, giving them tools to exercise transformative leadership.

Working in partnership with other foundations, philanthropists, and organizations, our Foundation contributes to the development of a robust, meaningful, and diverse North American Jewish community and a professional, networked, and collaborative civil service in the State of Israel. The Foundation is committed to Jewish Peoplehood and actively fosters connections between Wexner leaders in North America and Israel, promoting engagement between them as a priority for leadership in both communities.

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