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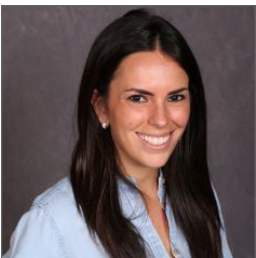
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Etan is a tech and community leader who lives in Seattle with his wife Sonya and three children. He's served in lay leadership roles with Jewish Family Service of Seattle, Sephardic Bikur Holim Congregation, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle. Etan's first book *A Persian Passover* was a Association of Jewish Libraries 2022 Spring Holiday Highlight and was featured in *Hadassah Magazine* and the *School Library Journal* for its historical authenticity and cultural significance. Over the years, the Wexner program has provided energy and inspiration in his Jewish community endeavors.

On the professional side, Etan is a security product leader, inventor, author and mentor. He is currently a senior product manager in Microsoft's Identity Security team, working to prevent and detect identity compromise and keep customers safe. As part of that role, he has been a co-inventor on several pioneering security capabilities, with multiple patents pending. In the course of Etan's career, he's held a range of roles across law, business development, consulting and product, so he frequently advises and mentors others on their career development.



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Katie grew up in Kansas City where she attended the local Jewish day school, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy. After graduating from the University of Southern California with a degree in Communication she re-located to Chicago. After college, Katie began her career at Harpo Productions working in the on-air marketing department for *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. Katie was a Senior Supervising Producer when Harpo closed its doors in 2015 and has been freelancing since then. As a writer/producer Katie has been working with clients such as the Oprah Winfrey Network, United Airlines, McDonalds as well as on her own projects through her LLC, Kid 3 Productions. Katie currently serves on the executive committee for JUF, the JUF Board, chairs the USHMM Midwest Next Gen board and participates in Jewish Women's Foundation. She is also an active member of the parents association of The Latin School. Katie lives in Chicago with her husband J.R. and children Max, James and Louie.



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Alison Betts has been a volunteer in the local Jewish community since she moved to Phoenix in 2006. She currently serves on the Board of the Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater Phoenix and is a graduate of the Wexner Heritage Program. In 2009, Alison learned about PJ Library and started her journey to bring the program to Phoenix. Since that time, PJ Library has grown to serve over 5,000 children across the Valley. Alison continues to lead fundraising efforts for PJ Library as well as launching a Phoenix endowment for the program. Alison has been a mentor for the Women's Leadership Institute as well as serving on various committees across the community. In her professional life, Alison works for American Express. The icing on her cake is her wonderful husband, Adrian, and her sons: Elliot and Cameron.



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A lifelong Baltimorean, Randi has built her career in the creative arena, first at a large regional advertising agency where she ultimately served as Senior VP of Account Services. Randi then established an advertising and marketing consultancy, became the proprietor of a boutique and gallery and created children's art camps. Her career then took another turn, as she studied to become an interior designer and created RSB Interiors. She has held many leadership roles throughout the Baltimore community, currently serving as Chair of Leadership Engagement and on the Board of Governors for The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore. Randi is a Trustee of Na'aleh: The Hub for Leadership Learning and was the inaugural chair of Accelerate, an intensive fellowship for emerging leaders. Randi has also served as Chair of the Board of the JCC of Greater Baltimore, past President of Beth Israel Congregation and past President of the American Marketing Association Baltimore Chapter. She has received leadership awards from the JCC Association, USCJ, American Marketing Association and Maryland Small Business Administration. Randi and her husband John are the proud parents of two adult daughters and two large dogs who rule their world.



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Julie Datnow is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in private practice. She is a current Federation board member, and past Women's Philanthropy Board Member. Julie is a Lion of Judah and a past participant of the Pauline Foster Women's Leadership Institute. Julie is a San Diego Wexner Alumna, a former board member of both Hillel of San Diego and Adat Yeshurun. In her prior life, Julie worked as a professional in the Jewish Community at the ADL, for the UJA National Young Leadership Cabinet and at the Jewish Federation of San Diego. Julie is married to Paul Datnow and mother to three daughters, Daniella, Rebecca and Sarah. In her spare time Julie loves to travel, hike, ski, do yoga and play mahjong.



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Originally from Albuquerque, Rena now considers Denver home. Rena received her BA in Psychology from Occidental College and an MA in Conflict Resolution from University of Denver. After nearly 10 years in higher education as both faculty and administrative leadership, she served as VP of Community Engagement at ThinkImpact, an international social enterprise. Later, she worked as Innovation Lead of Entrepreneurs & Ventures at UpStart Labs. She became a certified Design Thinking facilitator through the Stanford D School and in 2017 founded BOOSH, where she serves as Lead Consultant. BOOSH supports nonprofit organizations as they revolutionize their mindsets, strategies and programs through Human-Centered Design. As a volunteer, Rena currently serves as Education Chair and on the Board of Trustees for Congregation Rodef Shalom. In her spare time, she and her husband are designing their dream home and wrangling two kids, ages 8 and 5.



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A Yankee by birth and an Atlantan by choice, Jon Effron resides in the heart of Atlanta with his wife Jaci and daughters Ari and Ziva. Jon moved to Atlanta in 2006, after spending his twenties living in New York City working in the technology and media industries. Since moving to Atlanta, he's worked with hundreds of home buyers and sellers, created and written an award winning real estate blog, developed a townhome community, volunteered extensively, founded a neighborhood merchant's association, co-owned a clothing boutique and made thousands of friends along the way. He was awarded the Atlanta Scholars Kollel Tribute to Jewish Learning in 2016, and is a founding member and Immediate Past President of Hebrew Order of David Lodge Magen David. Jon is the Principal at The A Is For Atlanta Group, a leading residential real estate sales team at Compass, and has been recognized as one of the 100 Most Influential Real Estate Agents in Georgia by Real Estate Executive Magazine. A proud graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Jon loves making tacos, hosting gatherings, playing trivia and hanging out with his awesome family.



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Adam Finkel is a partner at Orfin Ventures, focused on incubating and funding deep-tech ventures around the world. Orfin funds deals alongside top-tier funds like Google Ventures, First Round Capital, Andreessen Horowitz, Data Collective and Kleiner Perkins. He is a member of the ROI network for global Jewish innovation, raised \$100,000 to bring the Moishe House concept for Jewish young adult living in Detroit, and is a JN contributing writer. He is also on the boards of Congregation Shaarey Zedek, NEXTGen, NEXTGen Connect, the Detroit chapter of Technion and serves as Outreach co-chair and Steering Committee member of the Detroit Homecoming (<http://bit.ly/1BQlSAz>), recruiting the 180 most successful Detroit ex-pats back to Detroit for a yearly conference. He also serves on the advisory council of Joshua Venture Group. Previously, he interned at The White House, served as an AJC Goldman Fellow, an MIBB board member and did research for a Pulitzer-nominated publication.



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Rosalind was raised in England and lived in Israel and New York before moving to the Bay Area. She is Principal of Rosalind Franklin Group and a Leadership Consultant Partner at Boyden, a global recruitment firm. She provides executive coaching for both corporate and nonprofits and consults with organizations and individuals on issues of board governance and leadership development. Currently she is President of the SF Bay Area Chapter of the International Coaching Federation and a former trustee of Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in Chicago, as well as Former President of the Bay Area Jewish Community Relations Council in addition to other board roles over the years. She is named after her aunt, whose ground-breaking scientific work contributed to the discovery of DNA. A harpist, Rosalind co-founded the California Symphony, which won national and international awards and recognition. Rosalind lives in Marin and adores her 3 children and 2 grandchildren who live close by.



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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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Bruce Goldberger is an executive compensation attorney in New York City. He is a former co-chair of Darkhei Noam, the country's largest partnership minyan, a liberal Orthodox framework in which women read from the Torah for the entire congregation. Bruce is a member of the Board of Advisors of the Office of Innovation of Hillel International, an incubator that conceives of and pilots new ways of expanding Jewish learning and engagement. He is also on the Board of the Judaism and Democracy Action Alliance of North America, Inc., which provides support for nonprofit organizations affiliated with Rabbi Michael Melchior, Israel's former Minister of Diaspora Affairs, that promote Arab-Jewish religious cooperation and democracy building in Israel. Married to Jerusalem native Esther Sperber, an architect who is one of 10 siblings, he visits Israel often (or at least did before the pandemic!) and is a long-time member of the International Council of the New Israel Fund, which provides vital support to civil society organizations that promote civil and human rights in Israel. Bruce and Esther have two daughters in high school. He is always happy to discuss partnership and independent minyanim and to connect and reconnect with the Wexiverse.



JENNIFER GOLDSON

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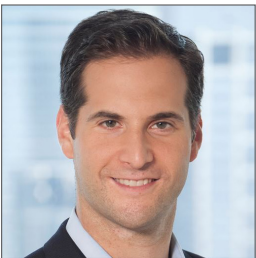
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Jennifer Goldson is a Professor of Legal Writing at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio. Prior to her appointment at Capital, Jenni was a practicing attorney in Columbus for 25 years, focusing primarily in the family law field. She co-chaired the judicial subcommittee of the Columbus Bar Association's family law committee for over ten years.

Jenni's work in the Jewish community is presently focused in her board engagement at Jewish Family Services, where she serves as Board Vice Chair and Co-Chair of the Nominating and Governance committee. In 2017, she was recognized by JFS as Board Member of the Year for helping to establish a pro bono legal clinic at the agency, which is still active and serving those in need. Prior to her involvement at JFS, Jenni served on the board of her synagogue, Congregation Tifereth Israel, and was chair of the membership committee, Board of Education, and Youth Commission.

In her spare time, Jenni loves to watch sports, play pickleball, cook, and solve puzzles and word games. She and her husband, Jamie, live in Bexley, Ohio and have three children: Micah (25), Sari (22) and Eliana (18). All three of the Goldson children have participated in the Wexner Service Corps.



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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.



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Sharon Gray is a community organizer, manager and leader who strives to affect change in the Jewish community by building bridges across denominations and creating collaborations that benefit the entire Jewish community. Sharon recently co-founded ROC Against Antisemitism, a nonprofit organization, with other members of her ROC19 Wexner Heritage cohort to raise awareness of antisemitism in her community and to foster an understanding of the Jewish experience. Sharon is a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Center and on the Federation Jewish Community Relations Council. Professionally, Sharon works as a Project Manager for Empire State Development, the economic development arm of the New York State Governor's office to manage economic development incentive grants across the State.



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Lenny Gusel immigrated with his family at the age of 9 from Moscow, Russia to Washington Heights, New York City. In 2002, while living in San Francisco, Lenny founded the 79ers, later to be known as RJeneration. He has been an active leader in the RSJ community since and continues to serve on the board of RJeneration, as well as being a founding board member of Mishpucha and an active member of AIPAC. Professionally, Lenny is an online security specialist and Head of Cybercrime Solutions for the retail bank of JPMorganChase. Lenny lives in Brooklyn with his wife Anna and three children, Sam, Aviel and Josh.



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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.



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Deborah Kattler Kupetz is a serial entrepreneur and innovator. OG of disruptive thinking. She is a Category Designer working with start-ups incubators, accelerators to help them define strategic business advantage. This dream work is a synthesis of her range of diverse experiences, love of the new and opportunity to help streamline the path to success for those looking to start new things. She has three adult daughters (Rachel, Ariella & Noa), one son-in-law, one almost son-in-law and another happy-to-have-if-it-works-out. She is passionate about Judaism—the depth, complexity and profundity and all the ways it can be shared for continued inspiration.



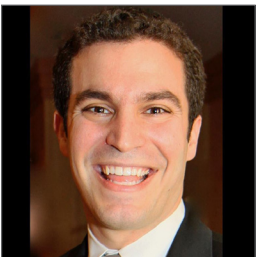
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Dr. Jason Kay originally hails from Albany, NY. He and his wife, Arielle, along with their three children, Ellie, Avi, and Jesse, live in West Hartford, CT. His childhood interest in astronomy led him to a professional career in optical engineering. Through his work at the nonprofit Nexterra Foundation, he is involved in the development of a space telescope for the imaging of planets orbiting stars other than our sun. Outside of his professional career in the sciences, Jason has been active in the Jewish community for many years. He has been involved with United Synagogue Youth (USY), a Jewish youth group for high school students, having been a local advisor in various cities as well as working regionally on programming and leadership development. In addition, he has been involved in both formal and informal Jewish education of teenagers in various synagogue-based and community programs. Jason served as the President of the Board of Trustees of the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Hartford where his children attend, has served on numerous committees at his synagogue, created and leads Shabbat morning youth programming, runs an alternative/traditiona High Holiday service, and has a huge passion for Walt Disney World.



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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.



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After a 27-year career in the private practice of law, David Leit is about to make a major career transition. Since 1995, David's private practice has focused on intellectual property and technology issues, representing a lot of start-ups, as well as established companies with technology law needs. He is now leaving private practice to become Assistant Attorney General in the State of New Jersey, where he will lead the Special Litigation Group, focused on issues such as gun control, reproductive rights, voting rights, immigration, and civil rights. David has been active in synagogue leadership as well as the Federation, most notably as part of the first cohort of the Peoplehood Project and in various Israel-focused roles. David studied Religious Studies at Stanford University with Arnie Eisen, now Chancellor of JTS. David grew up in Livingston, NJ, and now lives in Maplewood with his wife Karyn and (sometimes) his kids, Ben (post-college) and Margery (in college). David has also been involved in sports and athletics for a long time and was captain of Stanford's club Karate team, coached 10+ total seasons of baseball and softball for his kids, and since 2012, has been competing in triathlons.



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Ernesto embodies diversity at its core. He was born and raised in Colombia, he lived and worked in the United States and Mexico and Finland. Ernesto is both creative and analytical. He holds a B.S in Industrial Engineering from The Georgia Institute of Technology (1986) and an MBA from The University of Texas at Austin (1996). He is the Chief Growth Officer at Radianz Living a Private Equity owned CPG company in NY. Previously he was the SVP for Suominen Corporation, a Finnish leading manufacturer of Home, Baby, Personal Care Wipes. Ernesto was also the Americas VP of Marketing for Novartis, responsible for iconic brands such as Excedrin and Theraflu and before that, he spent 17 years at Procter & Gamble, leading important businesses in Oral (Crest) Beauty (Pantene) and Home Care (Dawn). Ernesto is married to Renee and has 3 boys, Alex 17, Noah 17, and Jonathan 15. Family is his #1 priority. He is passionate about soccer, which he played in college and professionally. He is pragmatic and while an introvert, believes in the positive power of people. He sits in the board of several organizations including the Cincinnati JCC, Jewish Home of Cincinnati, and the board of directors of Clinova Corp. (UK Health Co.)



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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.



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Doug is the President of Splendid Chocolates, a tradition started by his grandfather in Poland before WWII. In 2017, he founded Cannfections, bringing his expertise in confectionary manufacturing to the Canadian Cannabis industry. Bringing change to the community is important to Doug. He is currently on the board of Federation CJA in Montreal and has held various positions in the organization including Chair of West Island Division, participating in Leadership Development, Chair of Jewish Chamber of Commerce, and Co-chaired National Young Leadership. Doug saw an opportunity during the Spring floods in 2017 and 2019 to connect those in need with those that wanted to help. He mobilized the community by creating a Facebook group to crowdsource an emergency response. Thousands of volunteers provided immediate, hands-on emergency support to people in need. Doug lives in Montreal with his wife Stacey and daughters Lexi (12) and Nicki (10).



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Jodi Krasilovsky Miller is a former strategy consultant who now serves as a Management Communication Lecturer to first-year MBA students at The Wharton School, teaching and coaching them to become more skilled communicators, presenters and persuasive speakers. For over the past decade, Jodi has devoted much of her time and business acumen to help fuel her passion for a variety of Jewish causes within the nonprofit world. Jodi currently serves as the Chair of Women's Philanthropy for Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia (JFGP), responsible for raising approximately \$6 million from this group of donors, as well as for all programming, events and outreach efforts related to the women's division. Previously, Jodi served as Co-Chair of the Center for Social Responsibility for Jewish Federation, working closely with Jewish Federation professionals and board members on allocation decisions for projects that fund food insecurity, disadvantaged youth, and the elderly in Israel and around the world. Jodi served for three years as Campaign Chair for Women's Philanthropy of JFGP, breaking previous fundraising records. Jodi has been a Vice President for Women's Philanthropy for several years, serving in additional roles such as Outreach and Engagement as well as co-chairing the Women's Leadership Development Program. Jodi was a member of Jewish Federation of North America's National Young Leadership Cabinet and served as Vice Chair of Membership for 2014-2015. Jodi serves on the JFGP Board of Trustees and is also a member of Women of Vision. She was the recipient of the Jack Goldenberg Young Leadership Award in 2011, one of Jewish Federation's highest honors. In addition, Jodi is an active member of the Board of Directors for Penn Hillel, and has served as a member of the Board of Directors of Perelman Jewish Day school, where she also served as PTO Co-President. Jodi has served in several capacities over the years at her synagogue, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, and has held leadership roles in her reunion class at the University of Pennsylvania. Jodi and her husband David, a radiologist, reside in Wynnewood, PA, and are the proud parents of three children, Rebecca, Benjamin and Jared.



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Christie is a hematologist/oncologist specializing in malignant hematology, stem cell transplant and cellular therapy, and testicular cancer at Providence Cancer Institute. Christie grew up in Western Colorado and went on to receive a BA from Barnard College in 1996 and a DO from Midwestern University - Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2002. She completed internal medicine residency at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City in 2005. During residency, she completed Derekh Torah at the 92nd St. Y. She completed hematology/oncology fellowship at Oregon Health and Science University in 2008. She is the mother of 10 year old twins Elena and Thomas. Christie and her family are active congregants at Congregation Beth Israel in Portland, Oregon where she is a member of the Board of Trustees and the education committee. During the pandemic, she became a member of B'nai Jeshurun in New York to take advantage of the time change and fulfill a long term goal of being able to attend daily morning minyan.



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Alex is a Soviet born Russian Speaking Jew who immigrated to the states with his family in 87, he was 10 years old. As a young man who did not have a sense of identity, he attended Hebrew Academy, had a Bar Mitzvah, but was then disconnected from community involvement through his teens and twenties, until a life transforming trip to Israel in 2009. Alex headed the call to service in the community from the organizations which sponsored the trip and is now one of the more committed and visible young leaders in the community, being recognized with the Dinkelspiel Award by his Federation and a Distinguished Borrower Award by HFLA for outstanding service to the community. In his personal life Alex is a partner in a successful IT Consulting firm and a married father to three children ages 20, 16, 22 months. One of the proudest moments for Alex this past year was the opening of a Donor Advised Fund and making a gift from that fund in the name of his late grandfather who was the family patriarch and his Jewish mentor, to Rambam hospital in Israel, which was something his grandfather gave to for many years and to be able to continue that legacy is hugely meaningful to Alex. He hopes to continue a life of service to our community.



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I'm a leadership scholar, teacher, and Executive Coach. I teach at MIT Sloan and Brown University and help senior leaders become more effective through behavioral change. I trained at Harvard with psychologists Howard Gardner (multiple intelligence), David Perkins (cognition and education), and Robert Kegan (adult development), where I also worked as an instructor and researcher on leadership in complex contexts. I am currently working on a book with psychiatrist and MacArthur Fellow Jonathan Shay about the role of leadership in causing psychological and moral injury, a term coined by my co-author. In general, my research and teaching explore how we, as leaders, undermine ourselves and what we can do about it. My Jewish Communal interests have including federation, camping, synagogues, day schools, and adult education. I live in Newton, MA and we have 4 daughters who are now young adults. I am a former entrepreneur and family-office investor. I am also a conservatory-trained percussionist and drummer. I can be reached at mss746@mail.harvard.edu or 617-797-2594 and welcome the opportunity to help and support others in the Wexner community.



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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, Jewish People, and helping others. She is a realtor with Compass and 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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Scott Simon is a happiness entrepreneur, speaker, and founder of Scare Your Soul, a movement inspiring individual and global change through small acts of courage. He has spoken around the world, motivated people at schools and companies, given a TEDx Talk, co-founded a happiness incubator, and studied and worked with international thought leaders in the areas of courage and happiness. He is the author of the newly-published *Scare Your Soul: 7 Powerful Principles to Harness Fear and Lead Your Most Courageous Life*. He coaches divorcing men, leads mindfulness meditations, and has served as an officiant of numerous weddings (including one in a crowded bar on Cleveland's West 25th Street).

Scott earned his BA from Skidmore College, his MA from Case Western Reserve University, and Certificates in Positive Psychology from The Wholebeing Institute. He is a brand new contributor to *Psychology Today* and was just featured in *Fast Company Magazine*. He is currently a trustee of the Mt. Sinai Health Foundation, *Cleveland Jewish News*, *InMotion*, life trustee of *Shoes & Clothes for Kids*, *Overseas Connections Committee* chair and trustee of the *Cleveland Jewish Federation*, and vice-chair of the *Maltz Museum's Stop the Hate* program.



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Michael recently retired after twenty-nine years as a bond trader and salesman for investment banks where he focused on global bond markets for institutional money managers. He is a member of Beth Jacob Congregation in Oakland, a member of the AIPAC Northern California Board and the AIPAC National Council. He has co-chaired the East Bay Federation's Shalom Hartman Leadership Development Program, and is a graduate of the Wexner Heritage Program. Michael has served JCHS Finance Committee for several years. He is currently the President of the Board of Directors JCHS of the Bay. After retiring, Michael spent two months studying at Yeshivat Orayta in the Old City. Michael has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Clemson University, an MBA from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley and is a CFA charterholder.



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