

THE WEXNER FOUNDATION

THE TORAH OF LEADERSHIP

April 7, 2022 | Erica Brown | Naming the Legacy

Becca Thomas: Erica's source sheet for today:

https://www.wexnerfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/4-7_Deut-34-Legacy-1.pdf

Alan Brown: Herb Friedman

Susie Sorkin: Ann Bear

Michael Neil: Peter Stark

Susie Sorkin: And my parents

Stuart Rossman: Lenny Zakim

Vanessa Ressler: A teacher and mentor, Madelyn Hunt. Learned more from her about perspective in life than from anyone else.

Larry Gellman: I was in the first Wexner Heritage cohort in Milwaukee more than 30 years ago. Herb Friedman was running the show and the outstanding (and a few of the not so outstanding) aspects of the program were the result of his resolute leadership.

Jessica Semel: so crucifix-ish

Vanessa Ressler: It evokes almost a Christ-like image

Susie Sorkin: +1 Jessica, and forlorn

Paul Corwi: I think he looks very human: we all die; even Moses dies

Scott Stone: Tissot was a devout Catholic

Larry Gellman: He looks completely vulnerable

Stuart Rossman: It appears as if his eyes are in fact dimmed upon death

Vanessa Ressler: What is that brown stuff that looks like hair or a head next to him?

Jacqueline Shelton: He looks weak to me

Tali Zerkowicz (she/her): What's the object that looks like a wig at his waist?

Jeni Friedman: He's alone

Jessica Semel: the shroud over him]

Judy Oberlander: large scale and direction of his feet..perhaps pointing to the Promised Land

Leora Zabusky: Totally exhausted. Giving over the land to others.

Vanessa Ressler: On the edge of the cliff

Carrie Harris: No staff

Sonia: He is on the edge and seems to surrender

Jacqueline Shelton: It's like he's done all he can do

Scott Stone: It's all so barren...

Larry Gellman: It is not uncommon for outstanding athletes to give so much effort and energy to the race that when it ends they collapse prostrate on the ground.

Angie Atkins: A few are writing me privately: To honor Erica's learning with us all year, we are going to thank her (and us!) by reciting kaddish d'rabbanan at the end of class...we will post a link to the prayer (transliterated too) — to thank Erica and formally

mark and close out our beautiful journey together in this covenantal class room as learners this year. (and not to worry, we have more Erica learning ahead on the Book of Ruth). More at end of class.

Jessica Semel: Huge capital campaign

Jeffrey Spear: Consistent with the Jewish theme "Choose Life". Focus on the living.

Susie Sorkin: not just in a business, but in a family, child care, etc

Leora Zabusky: Elements of Moses's leadership remain even after he dies

Tali Zerkowicz (she/her): And country!

Carrie Harris: Very different from Isaac's eyes in his old age.

Vanessa Ressler: Senior Rabbinic Search process to replace 35 year beloved Rabbi.

Took 2 years.

Scott Stone: 30m years of Synagogue membership, board involvement and presidency. 35 years of an independent business

Larry Gellman: For 45 years I have worked tirelessly to build Israel and our Jewish community. It started with Wexner and has led me to chair Federation and Israel Bonds campaigns and has now led me to J Street. Same project. Changing times call for new decisions.

Michelle Anfang: 5 years as campaign chair for sanctuary renovation.

Jessica Semel: 8 years working with Hillel's Jewish Campus Service Corps

Leora Zabusky: Merger of Jewish Day Schools.... 5 yrs and counting...

shelly kupfer: 2 years planning lion of Judah conference

Elka Abrahamson: Healing after crisis

Paul Corwi: 30 years—turning around a large synagogue

Jacqueline Shelton: Helping create a Holocaust photo-related project from beginning to exhibition opening and traveling the exhibit - 5 years

Stuart Rossman: Indispensable leadership is an oxymoron.

Larry Gellman: It was a horrible moment for Moses. It was what the circumstances required.

Larry Gellman: Getting back to where Jewish values and wisdom are what matters and not smearing those who choose to support Israel in a different way which is what we have now.

Stuart Rossman: Always the exit strategy

Tali Zerkowicz (she/her): @Larry, next week's monthly issue of WexnerLEADS is about values!

Angie Atkins: Keyn yehi ratzon for our grandchildren

Sue BK (she/her): Seeing true equity in Jewish communal leadership

Larry Gellman: Will do

Susie Sorkin: Well said, Elka.

Becca Thomas: Continue your learning with Erica starting 5/11:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJApf-yhqDsrHtiY7I58Wqscl4GZ9owi8mnO>

shelly kupfer: These sessions have been such a gift. Thank you Erica!!

Larry Gellman: Erica—You are a beautiful person and an amazing teacher. Thanks so much for your efforts!

Susie Sorkin: It has been a beautiful highlight for me as well. Thank you Erica, Wexner and all of you.

Stephen Grynberg: The image is Moses on the cliffs edge not looking over it but surrendered to the future he can't see

Amy Goldberg: I am happy for any of the sessions I was able to attend. Thank you Erica.

Jacqueline Shelton: Thank you for these amazing sessions, Erica! You have inspired so many wonderful conversations and learning!

Vanessa Ressler: We are so blessed Erica - thank you so much.

Sonia: Such great insights Thank your Erica!

judy neuman:Erica this has been the most meaningful and beautiful learning I have ever experienced - thank you!

Sue BK (she/her): Thank you Erica. I have looked forward to these sessions every week and they always energize me!

Michael Neil: Thank you, Erica and #thxwex !

Scott Stone: Yasher Koach and todah raba

Jessica Semel: These sessions have been a highlight for these many months!

Stuart Rossman: Thanks Erica

Debbie Toizer (Toizer): I have loved these sessions. Thank YOU for your leadership and for all of the beautiful learning.

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CHAG PESACH KASHER V SAMEACH

Erica Brown: Thank you all for bringing so much joy and meaning to every week.

Elka Abrahamson: We have been taught by the best. Bless you Erica. And a Nissan pesach to all. Let there be peace.

Judy Oberlander: Thank you Erika for a truly inspirational gift of learning to all of us as we find our ways in this "new era"

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Stephen Grynberg: Thank you Erica

Jacqueline Shelton: Thank you Wexner and everyone here! What a treat to learn together!!

Sonia: hag sameach