

## WEXNER HERITAGE PROGRAM ALUMNI COUNCIL

### ANNUAL IN-PERSON MEETING: PREWORK ASSIGNMENTS

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

#### PREWORK ASSIGNMENT #1

#### Running the Monday Evening Program with WHP Members and Spouses

Current Passion Topic

Deadline: **Tuesday, May 30**. Estimated time to complete: 3 minutes . Please email to [aatkins@wexner.net](mailto:aatkins@wexner.net) and [kkaiser@wexner.net](mailto:kkaiser@wexner.net)

**Background:** There will be 5 WHP cohorts and spouses at their Madregot Institute in Snowbird while we are meeting: New England and Portland 21 (who will become alumni at the end of the week!) and Cleveland, Palm Beach, FL and SF Bay Area 22, who some of you met last summer in Aspen at their New Member Institute – they will become alumni next summer, b'h, in Israel. One of the advantages of overlapping with these young'uns is that we can engage with them on important issues, share best practices and ideas, give them a taste of how alumni think and do, while we can also learn from them as young people joining our network. We will be meeting them casually during our whole time in together in Utah -- at coffee breaks, meals, and perhaps davening (optional) -- but Monday evening is our deep dive into real dialogue with them, and YOU will be their opening texts this evening. The Monday evening program will center around a modified "Open Space" type of conversation where each of you will be assigned to a cluster of chairs and convene and facilitate a conversation around a topic that you are passionate/concerned/working on/about with whomever shares that interest and elects to join you in an idea exchange/conversation. Please gear the conversation towards action steps – share best examples of how people or organizations are solving for the problem. You can start by introducing yourself in 2 minutes or less to model that others should do the same, and then share examples from your community or your work about the challenge and the way it is being solved (fine to discuss failures also but try to steer positive). Then call on others, making sure no one takes up too much space and that constructive listening ensues.

**Your pre-assignment is to send in a topic that you are most passionate about/involved in as a Jewish lay leader by May 30 – email to [aatkins@wexner.net](mailto:aatkins@wexner.net) and [kkaiser@wexner.net](mailto:kkaiser@wexner.net).**

Examples: "Jewish Camping," "Reinventing the Synagogue," "DEIJ" "Keeping Liberal Jews Literate," "Antisemitism," "Adapting Federations to 21c needs/trends/demographics," "Jewish Education," "Climate Change" "The Judicial Overhaul in Israel" "The Relationship between GenZ and Judaism" "DIY Judaism vs Legacy Organizations", "JCC's," "Reaching GenZ," "Impact Investing in Israeli Companies," etc!! – probably this year (sadly) we should have a few groups microfocus on Antisemitism – one topic could be in HS, another on College Campuses, another in society at large.

Whatever you are giving most of your attention to or keeps you up at night or, what you want to be working on in the near future. If you want to send 2 topics, feel free because if there are duplicates, that will be helpful. Your topic should be 3 words max. More instructions for this part of the evening will be given on-site, but it's nothing you can't handle.

## PREWORK ASSIGNMENT #2

### “X to the Nth”

**Deadline: Bring to Snowbird**

**Estimated time to complete: 1/2 hr to 2 hrs if you need to research or work on a presentation**

Please prepare a short report on two “BESTS” that have captured your attention, given you hope or taken your breath away RECENTLY (in the last year). They can be Jewish or not (maybe 1 from the Jewish world and one from another part of your life?): great ideas, programs, approaches, products, campaigns, studies, collaborations, or WHATEVER. They can be from the business world, the arts, tech (yeah, just a few break throughs there!), geo-politics, academia, anywhere else including the Jewish world. Come prepared to give up to a 5 minute MAX presentation to the group. If you want to share written materials, bring enough for 22 people. Fine to bring props but PPT or video for this assignment is not encouraged (however, if essential, email me).

## PREWORK ASSIGNMENT #3

### “Needs & Deeds”

**Deadline: Bring to Snowbird**

**Estimated time to complete: Advance thinking, from 2 minutes to 15, but do come prepared.**

As part of our getting to know one another and sharing resources/best practices/community, we will engage in an asset mapping exercise (“Needs & Deeds”). Each of you will have 2 posters – one with your “needs” -- requests for advice or leads, large or small -- and another where you will write your “deeds” – what you can offer in terms of expertise, experience, something recent that you are proud of doing that you want us to know about – again, large and small. We will keep these posters up for our entire meeting and there will be various times to go around and look at everyone else’s, leave them notes with requests, follow up questions, ideas, help (needs AND leads). When asked in your registrations what you would like to teach about or discuss, so many of you offered magnificent topics. Unfortunately, we don’t have time to cover them all in individual sessions, but this session will be your chance to share some of your many areas of expertise and questions. Here are some quotes from your registrations to get you thinking:

- I published a book and can walk people through the process.
- I have run many companies and can teach how to eliminate leadership blind spots by inventorying and processing resentments, fears and old ideas that are no longer serving us well.
- I teach business communications/persuasive speaking/storytelling
- I've agreed to serve on a fundraising committee for our community Jewish middle school and high school, which has outgrown its current buildings so needs a capital campaign to expand the school's footprint. I'm hoping to get some creative ideas on how to raise money from families that aren't on the usual suspects list.
- I would love to hear from others who are involved in Jewish social impact.

## **PREWORK ASSIGNMENT #4**

**Deadline: Read by Snowbird**

**Estimated time to complete: 15 to 20 minutes**

Many of you will be leading sessions based on your own expertise. We will be fortunate to engage in an "Inclusive leadership workshop with [Etan Basseri](#) (Seattle 19) for which he suggests the following pre-reading so we can hit the ground running.

[Taking people to the window](#) (Part 1)

[Taking people to the window](#) (Part 2)

## **PREWORK ASSIGNMENT #5**

### **WAIVER/Code of Conduct**

**By completing the assigned pre-work and responding with your chosen topic from Assignment #1, your email back to us will also indicate your agreement to the following waiver and code of conduct.**

### **2023 SUMMER INSTITUTE WAIVER**

As a member of the WHP Alumni Council and part of the The Wexner Foundation Alumni Network, I plan to participate in the 2023 In-Person Delegates Meeting, June 25 – 27, 2023 at the Cliff Lodge, Snowbird, UT. On behalf of myself and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, I thereby forever release and discharge The Wexner Foundation (TWF), its representatives, officers, trustees, and agents from any and all loss, liability, or damage due in whole or in part to my participation in the meeting, including, without limitation, personal injury, death, and property damage. I hereby certify that I am at least 18 years of age and am able to execute this liability and travel release.

Additionally, since 2018, TWF expects that all participants and faculty will adhere to The Wexner Foundation Code of Conduct; all Alumni and staff will be expected to behave professionally, treat others with courtesy and respect, and use language thoughtfully. Thank you.

[Read the Code of Conduct Here](#)