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WHAT'S NEXT SF BAY AREA 22 ~ THE WEXNER FOUNDATION NETWORK

The culture of our robust network is one of warmth, trust, sharing of expertise, and alumni being proactive to cross pollinate with one another. WELCOME! We urge you to take initiative to connect with and be responsive to Wexner alumni or staff because your fellow alumni across 5 programs – 2300 WHP (Heritage Program); 569 WGF (Graduate Fellowship/Davidson Scholars); 130 WFF (Field Fellows); 309 WIF (Israel Fellowship); 343 WSL (Israeli Senior Leaders); and launching cohorts – will benefit from your engagement and return the inspiration. As you join their ranks, there will be more than 300 WHP Alumni in the SF Bay Area – our largest community anywhere.

SF BAY AREA 22 GATHERINGS

We encourage you to become life-long Jewish and leadership learners, and your cohort is the best place to "fix your study," as Shammai advised. If you have not already formed a committee of 2 or 3 people to set dates for the coming year (5785) and a different group of 2 -3 to hand the baton to for 5786(!), we advise you to do so now. Many cohorts in our network continue to meet decades later -- still a source of strength, zest, imagination, feedback, fun, collaboration, and support. Contact Angie for ideas; examples also pinned to your assignments page

FOUNDATION RESOURCES

- Online Learning ~ The Foundation regularly holds exclusive zoom calls for our constituents, announced through emails and posted in our Facebook and LinkedIn group. On September 5 at 1 pm ET we will be holding a conversation about opportunities arising from the SURGE of interest in Jewish life since October 7th. Q4 we will launch a 4-part session on Polarization, and in Q1 2025 another one on Living to 120.
- The Wexner Network Database ~ WEXCHANGE* ~ Update your profile regularly and use WEXCHANGE to leverage the stellar network you are a part of (and tell us when you make a great connection).
- Online watercoolers for deep conversation and connection ~ please join, post and respond; help us foster vibrant platforms for cross pollination.
 - Wexner Members and Alumni (Facebook Group)
 - LinkedIn Group for Alumni
- Wexner Summits and Summit Seeds: the Network in Action ~ Summits catalyze select alumni across all five of our programs to engage in deep dialogue, learning, problem-solving and collaborative work. Each Summit addresses major issues facing the Jewish world. To learn more, contact Rabbi Jay Moses.
- ☼ WEXFactor: Leading Conversations ~ Read our latest monthly publication, where we invite Wexner alumni to address a pressing topic relevant to the exercising of creative, effective, and joyful leadership. Each one can be used to generate deeper conversation on the topics in your community, around board tables, staff meetings, shabbat tables, shul learning, etc. Contact Rabbi Dr. Tali Zelkowicz with any comments or ideas. We need author/participants for: POLARIZATION (November), MENTAL HEALTH (December), AI (January).
- Current WHP Curricula/Source Sheets, Recordings, Other Resources ~ we record many highlights from our institutes and online learning. You can access them through the LEADERSHIP LIBRARY tab on our website. You can also access syllabi and source sheets used by faculty teaching the current WHP cohorts and going back to 2012. A more detailed version of this page is now pinned to the top.
- Joining a National/International Board ~ We want you to double down on your local leadership. Be strategic, visionary, fiercely committed, generous, and if you want intros to organizations or to start your own, let us or the local delegates know! Meanwhile, it does open the mind and soul to ALSO eventually join a national or international board. Please reach out to Angie (aatkins@wexner.net) if you feel ready. If you are already on the board of an (inter)/national org and SEEK board members, fill out this form https://forms.gle/wTgfauRYiP6wytuw7



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You can always contact Wexner staff with questions, personal good and welfare, ideas, etc. Additionally, close to 40 WHP are selected to serve 3 – 5-year terms on the WHP Alumni Council, a brain trust to TWF that also shares information back and forth between you, your communities and the Foundation. We are delighted to announce that Tanya Bernstein has joined Rosalind Franklin (SF 00), Alex Rayter (SF 18) and Michael Sosebee (East Bay 10) to represent the Bay and plan meaningful networking and learning events for Wexner alumni in the Bay.

Nominate for Upcoming 2025 WHP Cohorts: SF Bay Area, Philadelphia, and Northern NJ.

Double Down on your learning, strategy for your own goals and leadership, philanthropy, keeping in touch!