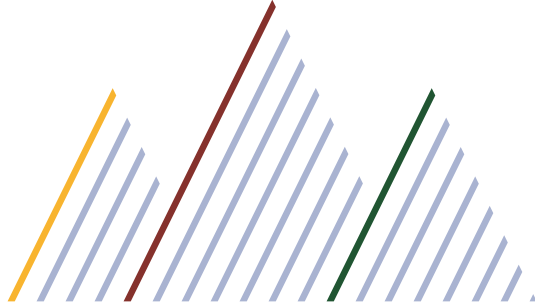


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## PARTICIPANTS

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Sharon has been Executive Director of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI) since May 2014. Sharon brings a wealth of experience to the job, including seven years as staff attorney at ACRI, during which she dealt with cases concerning land issues, socio-economic dignity and worker's rights. Upon completion of her previous position at ACRI, Sharon founded and headed the Corporate Social Responsibility Clinic at the Academic Center of Law and Business. From 2009 to 2014, Sharon served as the Tel Aviv and Central Israel Region Equal Employment Opportunity Commissioner. Sharon was among the founders of and served as a board member of "Itach-Maaki – Women lawyers for social justice" for seven years. In 2005, she was featured in *The Marker* newspaper as one of the top 10 most influential people working for social change in Israel. In May 2014 she was featured in *Ha'aretz* as one of 66 prominent women leaders in Israel. Sharon holds a master's degree in public administration from the Harvard Kennedy School, an LLM (*magna cum laude*) from Tel Aviv University, and an LLB and a BSc from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Sharon is married to artist Yoav Weiss and they have two daughters. The family lives in Tel Aviv.



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Dan is a longtime entertainment and new media executive whose career began in the infamous Creative Artists Agency mailroom. In the 30+ years since then, his career has spanned two different tenures at CAA, where he conceived of and launched the Agency's New Media department in 1991 and where he returned, years later, to rebuild and run that department at the height of the tech boom. Whether in his roles there, or as VP Creative Development at Walt Disney Imagineering, or in positions ranging from Chief Strategic Officer to Founder & CEO at a range of other companies, Adler has integrated his vast experience and relationships across entertainment, technology and business to successfully pioneer new initiatives, launch new companies and make compelling content. Along the way, he has worked extensively with Israeli tech companies and has produced arena-level concerts in Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka, Seoul, Rome, Vancouver, Honolulu, Las Vegas and New York City. He also has launched celebrity-driven cosmetic and wellness brands in Japan, South Korea and the US. He is involved in a wide range of charitable and political causes, with particular focus on youth activism, education and the Middle East. Dan also served a two-year term on the California Film Commission as an appointee of the Governor. At his core, Dan is a storyteller who believes that the power of narrative is what unifies all of us and whose proudest achievement is the raising of his two sons.

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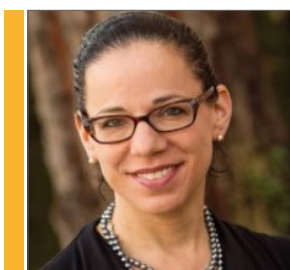


## **ABIRA ASHKELONI**

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Since 2014, Abira has been President of the Southern District Magistrates Courts. One of her achievements is being part of the establishment of family court in the Kiriyat-Gat magistrate and insertion of standards and methods of work. In all her management positions, she placed the value of putting the “judge in the center” considering his needs and well-being. She initiated a special day for families and organized conferences about personal and organization strength. As a member of a team she’s currently involved in developing a special education program regarding stress, strain and wear and tools to prevent or reduce them. She previously served as Vice President in charge of Kiriyat Magistrate and Vice President of Family Affairs. She was born and raised in Tel Aviv and was released from the army as a first lieutenant. Abira was accepted as a member of the Israeli bar association and practiced law for 10 years, spending five managing her own law firm. In 2005 she was nominated as a judge. She is married with three daughters.

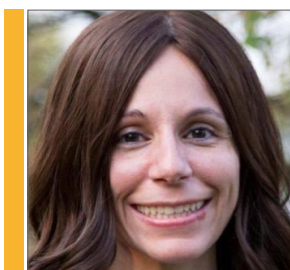


## **RACHEL SABATH BEIT-HALACHMI**

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Rachel is a scholar, Jewish institutional leader, author, strategic innovator and sought-after public speaker. Most recently she led a four-campus team to achieve the goals of a five-year strategic plan as the National Director of Recruitment and Admissions at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC). In 2013 she was also appointed President’s Scholar and most recently was also appointed Assistant Professor of Jewish Thought and Ethics. She has taught courses on liturgy, modern Jewish thought, gender and theology as an adjunct member of the faculty at HUC for over 16 years. Prior to her recent national role at HUC-JIR, Rachel served as Vice President of the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem and for over a decade as a member of the Institute’s faculty, while directing the Hartman Lay leadership, Rabbinic leadership and Christian leadership programs for North American leaders as well as programs in pluralism and Jewish identity for officers of the IDF. Ordained in New York in 1995, she also earned a PhD in Jewish philosophy from the Jewish Theological Seminary. Rachel co-authored two books and published numerous scholarly articles as well as pieces in key Jewish thought publications including “Radically Free and Radically Claimed” in *Jewish Theology in Our Time*. She serves on the editorial board of the *CCAR Journal of Reform Judaism* and as a consulting editor for the new multi-denominational journal, *Zeremim: An Online Journal of Applied Jewish Thought*. Rachel has served on the faculties of the Wexner Foundation, CLAL and the Skirball Center. For more than a decade she also served seasonally as the rabbi of Congregation Shirat HaYam on Nantucket Island. Rachel lived in Israel for nearly 15 years and currently lives in Cincinnati with her husband, Rabbi Ofer Sabath Beit-Halachmi, and their three children.



## **GUILA BENCHIMOL**

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Guila is a speaker, educator and researcher. Currently, she is the Senior Advisor to the Safety, Respect, Equity Jewish Coalition on gender discrimination and sexual harassment. She holds an MA in criminology and criminal justice policy and a PhD in sociology. The focus of her research and advocacy is on sexual violence, with a special interest on violence in religious communities. She brings over 10 years of experience as a Jewish educator to her work and she currently consults for and addresses Jewish organizations and other communities of faith regarding abuse prevention and intervention. Guila is also a research associate at the Centre for the Study of Social and Legal Responses to Violence where she works on projects related to homicide and domestic violence deaths. She has written for *Huffington Post Canada*, *The Canadian Jewish News*, *The Jewish Week* and more.

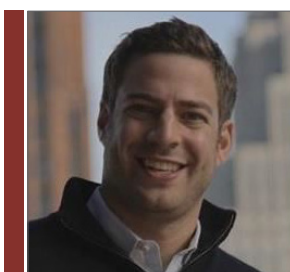
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**ANN BENNETT**  
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Ann has held leadership positions in the Jewish community including President of Gesher Jewish Day School and Vice President for Leadership of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. She has served as Co-President of the University of Rochester Hillel Board and on the boards of RAVSAK, Capital Camps and the JCCNV. She has been involved in numerous strategic planning efforts and executive searches. In 2001, she received the Jerome Dick Young Leadership Award from the JFGW and is a 2005 graduate of the Wexner Heritage Program. She has a background in environmental policy and land use, worked on Capitol Hill and served as Chair of the Fairfax County Non-motorized (Trails) Transportation Committee. She is working in the environmental policy arena to reduce the impacts of climate change with the Sierra Club, Clean Energy for Fairfax Now and the Jewish Earth Alliance.



**ADAM BLANCK**  
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Adam is the third generation of his family to work at Wallside Windows, a replacement window company founded by his grandfather in 1944 that has since grown to be the largest home improvement company serving a single geographic market in the country. Prior, Adam was an associate attorney in the corporate department at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn in Detroit, focusing on private equity and venture capital transaction. Adam continues to work closely with the University of Michigan Social Venture Fund on structuring impact investments in innovative companies. He is also a member of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit's NEXTGen Board of Directors and is the co-founder of Pitch for Detroit. Adam sits on the board of New Detroit. Adam served on the 2013 Presidential Inaugural Committee, on the White House Advance Team and on the Obama for America and Hillary for America Advance Teams. In addition, Adam worked in the White House as an intern for Vice President Biden's communications team. Adam earned a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School, *cum laude*, and a BBA, with high distinction, from the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan.

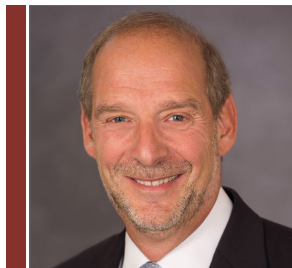


**JOSHUA CYPRESS**  
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Josh recently finished his doctorate in Jewish Studies at Brandeis University, concentrating on end-of-life decision making in the Jewish community, under the mentorship of Sylvia Barack Fishman. Before returning to graduate school, he served for nine years as a pulpit rabbi, first in Congregation Kehilah Jeshurun of Manhattan, ultimately as Assistant Rabbi and then as the rabbi of the Young Israel of New Haven. He is an honors graduate from Princeton University in anthropology and received his Wexner Fellowship for ordination at Yeshiva University. Josh's wife, Rebecca, is a professor of music history at Rutgers University and they and their kids have been living in Highland Park, NJ, since 2012.

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**DAVID EDELL**  
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David has dedicated his career to making a difference in the nonprofit sector. Following a career as a senior executive at UJA-Federation in New York, he founded DRG Executive Search in 1987. For over 30 years, David has been a leader in recruiting executives for nonprofit organizations and especially for Jewish Community organizations across the US and in Israel. David writes extensively on issues related to leadership and executive talent in the Jewish community. He is a founding board member of Leading Edge.



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Nurit is the Head of Strategic, Public Relations and International Affairs Department - Electricity Regulation, and serves as a central resource for strategic planning, analysis and facilitation of decision-making on a full breadth of issues. She leads the coordination, integration and development of the Authority's wide policies, programs, strategies and plans. She facilitates decision-making by providing ongoing analysis, work plans, promoting policy proposals and setting measurements of success. Nurit also manages the Authority's branding, communications strategy and consumer relations and represents the Authority to senior government officials including Knesset committees, Academy and the international community. She heads the Israel-Palestine Energy negotiation committee and leads wide-policy complex challenges including the Ultra-Orthodox demand for "Kosher Electricity," eliminating energy poverty, empowering consumers, transparency reform, etc. Nurit previously served as the Plenary Secretary and Spokesperson, was chosen for the MAOZ Senior Leadership Program and attended Harvard Business School - Executive Program. She co-chairs EU (Mediterranean regulators) Consumers working group. Previously, she worked at the *Yediot Achronot* daily newspaper as an economic, political and parliamentary journalist, was Chief Editor of Hebrew University's student magazine and headed Intel's Communication and Telecommunications Center. Nurit received the Government Outstanding Reward CEO fund in 2014, a decoration award as an IDF Exemplary soldier in 1993 and was chosen several times as the Newspaper's outstanding journalist.



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Zev is the Chief Academic Officer of Hebrew Theological College and Associate Professor of Jewish History at Touro College and University System.

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Jeni is currently the Executive Vice President of the Memorial Foundation of Jewish Culture (MFJC). Prior to her position at the MFJC, she served as a congregational consultant for LOMED - a program of New York's Jewish Education Project and as the Associate Rabbi at Temple Beth Sholom, Roslyn Heights, NY. Jeni received her BA in Jewish studies and English literature from the University of Judaism. She subsequently spent two years studying at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem before entering JTS where she was ordained in 2005, also receiving an MA in *Midrash*. For her doctorate at NYU, Jeni studied the intersection between performance, authority and identity in American Jewish Homiletics education in the 20th century.



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Orli is a professional board member and an independent consultant specializing in public and non-profit organizations. Currently she is serving as a board member in the Israel Electric Company, KAN - Israel public broadcast corporation, Meuhedet Health Services, Optibase Ltd, Gamatronik Ltd and Unet Credit Ltd. She is active in various social activities with Ethiopians and other populations. From 2012 to mid-2013 she served as Deputy Director and CFO of the Jerusalem Cinematheque - Israel film archive. From 2001 to 2011 she served as the Director of the Bureau of Municipal Corporations in the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality. In this capacity she oversaw 33 corporations owned fully or partially by the Municipality, which manages a cumulative annual budget of over 1.5 billion shekels. Before assuming this position Orli worked as a private consultant, specializing in finance and organizational changes dealing with business planning and economic feasibility for the municipal and public sectors. Prior to that she was the Deputy Director of the Department of Market Regulation with the Israel Securities Authority, where she had served as a certified public accountant. Earlier in her career, Orli worked in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange and as a teaching assistant in the Faculty of Management at Tel Aviv University, where she received both her BA in economics and accounting and her MBA. She holds an MPA from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

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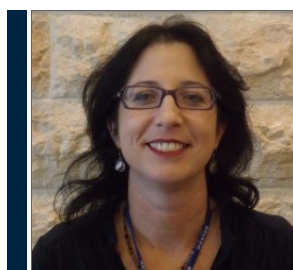
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**KARYN GERSHON**  
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Karyn is the Executive Director of Project Keshher, an organization that trains and empowers women activists as they cultivate thriving, vibrant, intellectual Jewish communities in Belarus, Georgia, Israel, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine. These leaders are catalysts for gender equality and advancing civil society in their Jewish and secular communities. Under Karyn's leadership, Project Keshher has invested more than \$20 million in women's leadership and now conducts extensive programming in more than 180 communities on gender in Jewish life/text, an interfaith collaboration on women's health, economic self-sufficiency and gender violence and creating healthy, pluralist societies. In the past year, Project Keshher invested in more than 50 projects to promote gender equity for women in its network. These included: Project Keshher Israel trained 24 women as Russian-speaking rape crisis counselors, Project Keshher Ukraine launched the first national radio show on women's health and Project Keshher Russia convened a national conference on gender violence for women of all faiths and advocated for domestic violence to be restored to an illegal act in Russia. Trained as a lawyer, Karyn was a litigator with Katten Muchin & Zavis from 1986–1994. She is a graduate of Cornell University and Northwestern University School of Law. In 2004, Karyn was named one of the Jewish Chicagoans of the Year by *The Chicago Jewish News*. After living in the Chicago area for more than 20 years, Karyn now lives in New York City. She has three grown children who live in Chicago, San Diego and New York.



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Sigal is Deputy Head of the Corporations Authority (Business Division) of the Ministry of Justice. She has worked for the Ministry of Justice since 1997 in various positions. Sigal holds an LLB and BA in economics from the Tel Aviv University, a master's in law from the Hebrew University and a management and organizational behavior diploma from Florida Atlantic University. Sigal lives in Jerusalem.



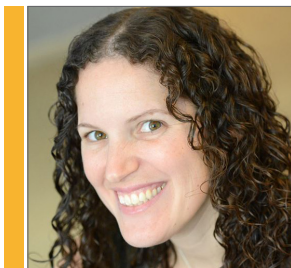
**JUDITH GOLDKRAND**  
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Judith, a Senior Vice President with Wells Fargo Bank, manages the Commercial Banking/Business Banking team in San Francisco. Judith has more than 25 years of experience in banking, including corporate finance, private banking and business banking. Her banking team provides a full array of financial services to private businesses and non-profits. Judith is a board member of the Women Presidents' Organization on behalf of Wells Fargo and the Chair of the Foundation of the Women Presidents' Organization. She is also a board member of Pacific Community Ventures and chair of the loan policy committee. In addition, Judith serves on the board of directors of Equal Rights Advocates. She is a board member of WBEC-Pacific (Women's Business Enterprise Council) and is a mentor with Million Women Mentors. Judith serves on the Impact Investing Committee for the San Francisco Jewish Federation, is a past board member of National Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federations of North America and a past president of Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco. Judith is active in her community, having served on many non-profit boards in California and New York. She is a graduate of Yale University. Judith is passionate about women's leadership and influence, global philanthropy, and the growth of women-owned businesses. In 2013, Judith was named one of Silicon Valley's 100 Women of Influence by the *Silicon Valley Business Times*. She has also been awarded the Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel Award for Young Leadership and the Jim Brooks Young Leadership Award by the Jewish Community Federation. In 2016, Judith was honored with the President's Award from the Women Presidents' Organization.

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## **ERICA GOLDMAN**

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Erica has been an engineering linguist, a high school English teacher, an Israel exchange program coordinator and an Israeli dance teacher. A two-time Brandeis University graduate, she holds an MBA and a master's in Jewish professional leadership and is a grateful Wexner Fellow, class 28, and Ruskey Fellow, cohort 2. Erica is an Educator for the Cornerstone Fellowship, a program of the Foundation for Jewish Camp, and in May 2015 she launched Ma'agal, an initiative to improve Israeli dance education at schools and camps across the nation. Erica now spends part of each summer visiting Jewish summer camps across the US doing Israeli dance residencies. When she's not dancing, Erica is the Director of Program and Operations for JPRO Network and is delighted to help support all those who work for the Jewish community in North America. She lives in Brooklyn, NY, with her husband, their baby and the two best cats ever.



## **DANIEL GROSSMAN**

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Danny is the Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, Marin, Sonoma and the Peninsula. Danny was formerly the CEO of SLOW Food for Fast Lives and was CEO and founder of Wild Planet Entertainment. He also served for seven years in the US Foreign Service, as a diplomat overseas and at the Department of State. His focus for most of that service was on Soviet human rights. Prior to that, Danny served as a legislative aide to Congressman James Coyne in Washington, DC. Danny is a native of San Francisco and was actively involved as a lay leader prior to becoming CEO of the Federation. He was a member of the Federation's Board of Directors, Board of Governors, Endowment Committee and Executive Committee, as well as Board Chair of both the Jewish Community Relations Council and Brandeis-Hillel Day School. Danny holds an MBA from Stanford University and received his BA in Russian. Danny is married to Linda Gerard and they have two sons, Noah and Jonah.



## **ALEXANDER HARRIS**

### **WHP Chicago 06**

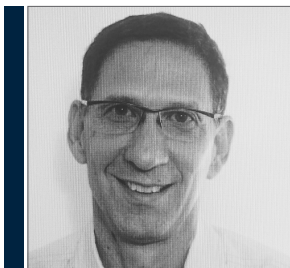
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Alec is a vice chair of the URJ North American Board and is chair of the 2019 URJ Biennial, to be held in Chicago. He is a past president of Chicago Sinai Congregation with 850-member families. At Sinai, he co-chaired the search for a new senior rabbi and is a member of the Rabbinic Leadership Team. He also co-chaired the Social Action committee for six years, establishing his congregation as one of the first Just Congregations. He works tirelessly to reduce gun violence in Chicago and his work ultimately helped shut down Bells Guns of Franklin Park, one of the top five gun dealers in the US whose guns were linked to crime scenes. Alec completed the Wexner Heritage Program and is a member of the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion Cincinnati Board of Overseers. He credits his non-Jewish wife for his involvement in Jewish leadership and they have college-aged children. He lives in Oak Park and is president of GIA Publications, Inc., a leading publisher of liturgical music, choral music and music education resources with 55 employees.



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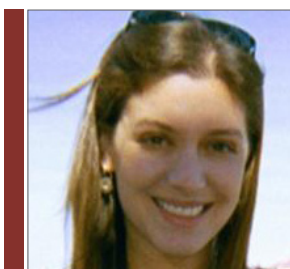


## **SHMUEL HIRSCHMANN**

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Shmuel has been the Director of Lev-Hasharon Mental Health Center since 2016. Shmuel's specialty is the treatment of sexual trauma and he is the director of the most diverse trauma treatment program in Israel. He has developed various treatment programs on the subject and teaches the subject at the Faculty of Medicine - Tel Aviv University. Shmuel holds an MD from the Technion in Haifa, an LLB from Ono Academic College and an MPA from Clark University. Shmuel lives in Emek Hefer with his family.



## **HAVA HOLZHAUSER**

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Hava is a forward-thinking Executive Director and JD with extensive experience in operations, management, finance, development, communications, teaching, training and crisis management. She has proven success creating partnerships, which further organizational or business missions. Hava works as part of leadership and strategy teams in purpose-driven academic centers, organizations and businesses.



## **JONATHAN KELSEN**

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Jon is Dean of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah and has been a Jewish educator for over a decade. He has previously taught at Drisha and Pardes. A graduate of the Pardes Kollel, he received ordination from Rabbi Daniel Landes and R. Zalman Nehemiah Goldberg and holds a BA in history and Asian and Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Pennsylvania and an MA in Jewish Civilization from the Hebrew University. In addition to teaching, Jon loves hiking, swimming, playing music and sports, meditating and films. He is a doctoral candidate in education and Jewish studies at NYU.



## **MERAV KIRSHNER**

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Merav is the IDF Deputy Head of Personnel Directorate and manages all the multi-year planning, budget approvals, manpower and welfare policies and carries out the challenges of human resources administration. Her senior roles in the IDF included Head of the Ground Forces Reserve Service Department when the new Reserve Law was submitted, Adjutant Officer of the southern border during the Pillar of Defense Operation, Head of the Resource Planning and Control Department in the Personnel Directorate during significant budget and personnel cuts and Head of the Planning and Management Division that led the new shortened service model. After joining the military, Merav was on a direct officers route of the adjutant core. From then on, all her roles were manpower management in field units, which included a wide variety of vocations and abilities both in peace and war times: drafting, manpower planning, connection to the reserve forces, welfare and education for the troops.

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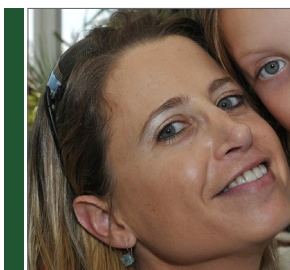


## **TZIONA KOENIG-YAIR**

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Tziona is currently Vice President and Director of the Center for Jewish Israeli Identity at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. Prior to this position, she finished her term in the Israeli government as the National Commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission. Prior to being appointed to establish and create the new government Equality Commission in Israel, she served as Head of the Legal Department and as Executive Director of the Israel Women's Network, Israel's foremost advocacy group for women. Tziona started her legal career as a prosecuting attorney at the District Attorney's office in Tel Aviv. Tziona also teaches courses on equality and diversity in the workplace and starting this year, Adaptive Leadership, at Tel Aviv University. She is currently working with organizations to enhance and implement the framework she learned at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. In her national and international work, Tziona is committed to social change and has dedicated her career to strengthening and supporting the promotion of equality both from a legal perspective and a public one. In 2011 Tziona was selected as one of 100 most influential people of *The Marker* for 2011, due to her work in promoting and implementing equality in the labor market in Israel. She holds an LLB from the Faculty of Law at Hebrew University and an MPA from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.



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Tal is an independent career development consultant who works with organizations promoting vocational leadership among underprivileged women as well as with individual clients. She has served as the Director of the Southern District of the Legal Aid Administration, Ministry of Justice, from 2013 to 2016. Between 2005 and 2012, Tal served as the Director of the Public Interest Law Center at Tel Aviv University's Faculty of Law. She received her LLB from the Hebrew University Faculty of Law and her MPA from Harvard University, the Kennedy School of Government. Tal served as a military prosecutor for the IDF (1992-1994) and worked as an attorney in the private sector, specializing in Torts, Insurance and Labor Law. In her previous roles, Tal has promoted the prevention of sexual violence, worked for the rights of sexual assault survivors (in her capacity of Executive Director of the Association of Rape Crisis Centers in Israel), and for the elimination of AIDS dispersion and for the support to people living with HIV/AIDS while holding the position of the Executive Director of Israel Aids Task Force. Tal has been performing volunteer work for various organizations since 1994. She has also worked in educating children with special needs.



## **YEHUDA KURTZER**

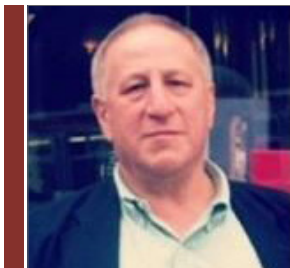
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Yehuda is President of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America. He has a PhD in Jewish studies from Harvard University and a Master of Arts in religion from Brown University and is an alum of both the Wexner Graduate Fellowship and Bronfman Youth Fellowship programs. Yehuda is the author of *Shuva: The Future of the Jewish Past*, a work of constructive theology that offers new thinking on how contemporary Jews can and should relate to our past while living profoundly in the present. As a fellow in the Institute's iEngage Project, Yehuda writes and teaches widely on the central challenges facing Jewish life in both America and Israel, and how new Jewish thinking can help us stand up to these challenges. Yehuda previously served on the faculty of Brandeis University as the inaugural Chair of Jewish Communal Innovation. He lives in New York with his wife, Stephanie Ives, and their three children.

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## **GEOFFREY LEWIS**

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Geoffrey is of counsel to a law firm in Boston, MA, concentrating in trial work, including family law and securities arbitrations. He also engages in substantial business development and cross-border work between Israel and the US, as well as Europe. His major interests revolve around the Israel-Diaspora relationship and he is particularly passionate about issues related to peace, Arab-Jewish coexistence and inter-religious dialogue. He is an International Co-Chair of the Abraham Fund Initiatives and is on the Boards of Americans for Peace Now, the University of Haifa and Americans for a Vibrant Palestinian Economy. He was previously a board member of Combined Jewish Philanthropies and served in the past as President of the Jewish Community Relations Council. Geoffrey is married to Amy Caplan, Vice-President of Strategic Partnerships at Ninth Decimal, and is the proud father of Samantha (32,) Jessica (28) and four-legged sons Reuben and Gus. Geoffrey's non-professional interests include World Jewry and the challenges it faces and opportunities it enjoys. He also greatly enjoys music, especially classic rock and the Grateful Dead, who he followed for decades.

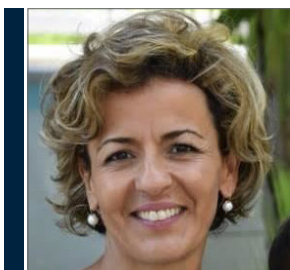


## **MARGARET JELINEK LEWIS**

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Margaret thinks 5 AM is a wonderful time to swim laps, especially in cold weather, and she embraces almost any opportunity to wear a fabulous hat. She is a passionate teacher and storyteller. Some of Margaret's favorite activities involve preparing and eating food with her family, hiking in the Scottish Highlands and writing. At Lone Star College - Tomball, Margaret teaches general psychology, lifespan development and human sexuality (which she has been teaching in some form or another since age three) and serves as the Faculty Fellow for the Center for International Education, where she develops programs for international students, international education and study-abroad. Her community service centers around her synagogue and Scouts. She is conversationally fluent in American Sign Language.

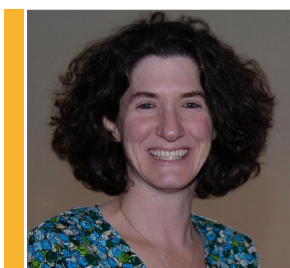


## **NILI LIFSHITZ**

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Nili is the Director of HR at the Negev Nuclear Research Center, where she moved from the Sorek Nuclear Center. She has been working for the Israel Atomic Energy Agency since 2004. Nili has BA in economics and logistics from Bar Ilan University and an MA in business management from Ben-Gurion University. Nili lives in Gedera.



## **ANN LUBAN**

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Ann is the Senior Director of Jewish Community Services at JCFS Chicago where she supervises a team of professionals who provide support and education to the Jewish community on issues including abuse, addiction, illness and loss. Previous positions include the Director of Recruitment for the Master of Arts in Jewish Professional Studies at Spertus and at the Council for Jewish Elderly as a Clinician and as the Director of Holocaust Community Services, an interagency program serving the needs of Holocaust survivors and their families. She is a founding board member of Chicago Jewish Day School, teaches adult Jewish education in her local community and has served on the Executive Boards of the Jewish Communal Service Association and Anshe Emet Synagogue. Ann has published journal articles and a book chapter and has presented at numerous conferences locally, nationally and internationally.

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## **JODI MANSBACH**

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Jodi joined the Federation as Chief Impact Officer in February 2017. She has been instrumental in leading the Atlanta community through The Front Porch initiative, which has spent a year reimagining the potential of the Jewish community. Before coming to the Federation, Jodi worked with the City of Atlanta to launch Atlanta City Studio, its first pop-up urban design center incubating new ideas about the design of the city and engaging the community in the process. Previously she was Vice President of Development & Construction at Jamestown, a real estate investment and management company. As an urban planner, Jodi was involved in the firm's New Urbanist development and adaptive reuse projects including Ponce City Market, where she led the design of the rooftop entertainment project. At Jamestown, Jodi also served as Sustainability Director and started and ran the Jamestown Charitable Foundation. She received a BA in art history from Yale University, an MA in art history from Northwestern University and a master's in city and regional planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology. A New Jersey native, Jodi has lived in Atlanta for more than 20 years after living in Chicago and Washington, DC. She loves to travel, ride her electric bike and look for mushrooms and spend time with her husband, three kids and a dog in the north Georgia mountains.

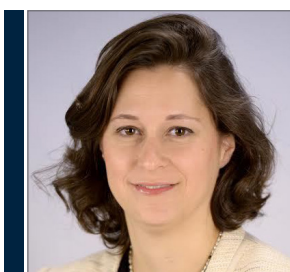


## **STACY MASON**

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Stacy is co-founder and executive director of WomenCount, a progressive non-profit organization founded in 2008 to promote women's political participation. WomenCount has launched two initiatives designed to expand political participation at both ends of the individual giving spectrum: WomenCount.org crowdfunding is a peer-to-peer platform aimed at low-dollar donors and Electing Women Bay Area is a local giving group that hosts donor events with candidates for Senate and Governor. In previous cycles, WomenCount has launched issue campaigns that give women a voice and create opportunities for political participation. Previously, she worked in political journalism, serving as editor-in-chief of *Roll Call*, the newspaper that covers the US Congress; associate publisher of *The Federal Paper*, a newspaper focusing on the White House and politics; and development director at *The Economist*. She is involved in the local community as president of the Board of Directors at Camp Tawonga and she previously served on the Boards of Congregation Beth Am and the Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School. She holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from Tufts University and a master's in journalism from Northwestern University. Stacy is married with three children and lives in Palo Alto, Calif.



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Yael is a board member at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in London. Formerly, she was Deputy Director of Budget at the Ministry of Finance, responsible for macroeconomic and fiscal policy. She has successfully fulfilled several positions in the MoF during the last ten years in areas such as telecom and broadcast markets. She holds a BA in economics and an MBA, both from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. She currently lives in London with her family.

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## **ANAT MEYASSED-CNAAN**

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Anat is a District Public Defender with the Ministry of Justice. She was born in Israel to parents of Jewish Moroccan origin. During childhood, her family relocated to England and later to Mexico City. After graduation Anat returned to Israel to join the IDF and served as an intelligence unit of the Israeli Air force. She attended law school at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, graduated with honors and was then clerk at the Israeli Supreme Court to the Honorable Judge T. Strasberg-Cohen. Anat also served as a prosecutor with the Haifa District Attorneys, set up her own law office and got her master's in law from Haifa University, with honors. In 2013 she joined the Israel Public Defense Office and was soon appointed District Public Defender. Anat is married to Amichai and proud mother to Bar, Nimrod and Shahaar.



## **NICK MEYER**

**WHP Los Angeles 09**

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Nick currently serves as the President of Film for eOne as well as the CEO of Sierra/Affinity, a production, finance and international sales company which he founded in June 2009 and was fully acquired by eOne during in the summer of 2018. Prior to creating Sierra, Nick served as president of Paramount Vantage where he supervised all aspects of the business including finance, operations, acquisitions, development, production, sales, marketing and distribution of a full slate of feature films. He also served as President of International for Lionsgate, overseeing the international operations for the company. He has served on the Board of Sinai Akiba Academy and currently sits on the Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Los Angeles. Nick is member of AMPAS Andrei des and resides in Los Angeles with his wife Vaughan and three children.

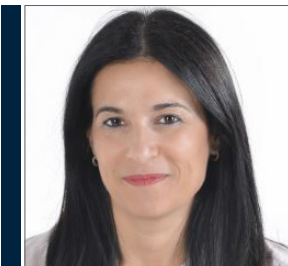


## **KEMEL MULLA**

**WSL 2018**

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Kemel is the Director General of the Druze Religious Justice System, which belongs to the Ministry of Justice. He has served in this position since July 2011. After enlisting in the IDF, Kemel joined a combat unit in the infantry. He completed a squad commanders' course in battalion of the Golani brigade and an officers' course. He held various command positions between the years 1986 and 2007 and is now retired from the Israel Defense Forces at the rank of lieutenant colonel. Kemel received his BA in Middle East history and land of Israel and his MA in national security and administration from Haifa University. He then practiced law through a private office in his residential area. Kemel is from the village of Yarka, in the north of Israel, and is married with four children.



## **MICHAL HIRSCH NEGRI**

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Michal was the General Manager of Ra'anana Municipality and was the first woman to hold this position. Previously, she was the Head of the Education Department in Ra'anana. Due to her experience in a range of educational positions, from teaching through school management and to directing the education administration, Ra'anana turned into an educational model and a point of interest for other municipalities. Michal turned Ra'anana into one of the leading cities in Israel with the percentage of eligibility for a matriculation certificate (*bagrut*), she reduced the dropout percentage from 15% to 1% and built a unique program for integrating youth-in-danger in high schools, for which she received the Roni Feinstein prize in 2014. Michal holds a BA in English education and an MA (*cum laude*) in education management from Bar-Ilan University. She is a certified business coach and has completed the Municipal and Public Corporations Directors course and the program for Paradigm Disrupting Business Models in the IDC Herzliya. Michal lives in Ra'anana with her family.

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## **NEOMI NEUMANN**

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Neomi is the Head of the Research Division of the Prime Minister's Office. She started as a research analyst 20 years ago and previously worked in the foreign affairs office of the Museum of Muslim Art in Jerusalem as an analyst, dealing with Iran and Iranian affairs. She has a BA and an MA in Middle East and Iranian studies. She grew up in Zfat, a small city in the Galilee, and served in the Air Force of the IDF. After her service was completed, she traveled abroad for an extended period. She is married with three children and tries to devote time to lecturing about national security trends to various audiences.



## **MICHAEL NOVACK**

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Michael serves as the Founder and CEO at Kiosite, a St. Louis-based firm working to match talented individuals to meaningful career opportunities on a more transparent, more accurate and more efficient basis. The company's work seeks to improve the lives of individual job seekers, the productivity of private sector businesses and the efficiency of public sector initiatives. Dubbed a "Wiz Kid" by the *St. Louis Business Journal* and named a "30 Under 30," Michael has extensive entrepreneurial leadership experience and regularly presents on a variety of business, hiring and development-related topics. Prior to his current work, Michael worked as a technology consultant through a firm he founded. Michael is a member of the ROI Community and an alum of the Wexner Heritage Program. He serves as an advisor or director at a variety of non-profit and corporate boards in St. Louis, New York and Israel, and attended Washington University in St. Louis.



## **MARC PRINE**

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Marc is an industrial/organizational psychologist where he works with organizations to integrate empirically supported methodologies into the management of human capital. The main focus is on optimizing the selection, development, engagement and retention of employees through use of people analytics, assessment and psychology. Marc has ten years of consulting experience working with organizations from financial services, life sciences, manufacturing and both federal and local government. Marc earned his PhD in business psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, an MA from West Chester University of Pennsylvania and an undergraduate degree from Temple University. He is an adjunct professor in graduate level statistics and his work has been published in *the Huffington Post*, *Forbes* and *Fast Company*.

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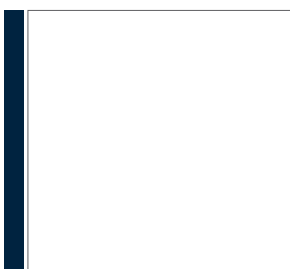


## **MICHAL RAIKIN**

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Michal joined MAOZ in February 2019 and is currently the Director of Atudot North, a new initiative that aims to address the greatest challenges facing the North in the fields of health, employment, economic development and local government. Previously she was the Director of the Cadets for Local Government, Rothschild Foundation, since 2013. In overseeing and expanding the Cadets program, she interfaced with government ministers and officials, dozens of local governments, officials of the federations of local authorities and of regional councils, other non-profits including Atudot l'Israel, university partners and others. She introduced three new Cadets tracks at the Technion, Oranim College and Haifa University, and helped develop the network of Cadet graduates. She was elected to the position of Deputy Head, Golan Regional Council in 2005 and among other accomplishments, drew up the strategic plan for the 32 Golan communities, which has been implemented in the last decade. In 2008, she became the Director of the Division of Society and Community, Golan Regional Council, responsible for the departments of Education, Youth, Culture and Sports and Demographic Growth, Transportation and Social Services.



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Nir is the Director of Work Relations, Wages and HR Planning for the IAI. He was previously the Deputy Director of the Staff Directorate at the Prime Minister's Office and the former head of the PM Office's Budgets Department. He came to the PMO from the Ministry of Finance, where he worked as Senior Deputy Director, Wages and Labor Agreements Department. Nir studied at the Hebrew University and holds a BA in economics and international relations and an MBA.



## **WENDY ROSOV**

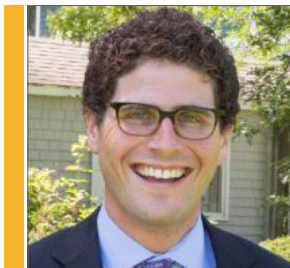
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Wendy is the Founder and Principal of Rosov Consulting, LLC. She serves as a senior-level consultant to individual philanthropists, community and family foundations and Jewish communal non-profit organizations throughout North America and in Israel, offering skills that maximize philanthropic and programmatic impact. Over the years, Wendy has worked as an evaluation consultant, facilitator and strategist with an array of grantmaking and operating foundations, including: the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund, the AVI CHAI Foundation, the Jewish Community Endowment Fund of San Francisco, the San Diego Jewish Community Foundation, the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, the Koret Foundation, the Taube Foundation for Jewish Life & Culture, the Jewish Foundation of Cincinnati, the Covenant Foundation and the Jim Joseph Foundation. Wendy has also worked closely with many of the grantee-partners of these philanthropies including: Repair the World, Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, ROI Community, the Israel on Campus Coalition, BBYO, Inc., the Center for Leadership Initiatives and more. Recently Wendy and the firm have begun working closely with the Jewish Agency for Israel on a number of research, evaluation and strategy consulting projects. For nearly a decade, Wendy was a member of the senior staff at JESNA, the Jewish Education Service of North America, Inc. She served as the Director of JESNA's Berman Center for Research and Evaluation where she grew the Center's visibility, scope and revenues exponentially. Before joining the Berman Center staff in 1999, Wendy served as Associate Director of the Conference on Rabbinic Education. She taught for more than 15 years in all types and at all levels of Jewish formal and informal education and identity-building programs, giving her a deep "insider" understanding of both the content and context of these fields. Wendy holds a PhD in education from Stanford University, an MA in Jewish education from the University of Judaism and a BA from Barnard College, Columbia University. Wendy and the firm are based in Berkeley, California.

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**DAN ROSS**  
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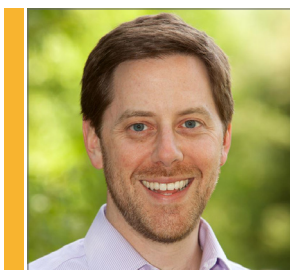
Dan joined the clergy team at Central Synagogue in July 2019. Prior to Central, he served as the Senior Jewish Educator at the Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale. Dan was ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York. During rabbinical school, he served as rabbinic intern at Columbia/Barnard Hillel and as a student rabbi at Temple Beth Ha-Sholom in Williamsport, PA. Originally from Merion Station, PA, Dan studied history and science, technology and society at the University of Pennsylvania. After graduating, he served for two years as a Teach for America corps member in Prince George's County, Maryland, teaching 7th grade social studies while earning a Master of Arts in teaching from American University. Following the Corps, Dan worked for two years at the Advisory Board Company, a health care research and consulting firm based in DC. Dan is always happy to talk about all things Harry Potter, Hamilton and Pixar. He lives with his wife Jade, also a rabbi, and their ridiculously adorable dog Rashi.



**RACHEL BRAUN SCHERL**  
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Growth strategy consultant, marketing expert and sought-after public speaker, Rachel is a trusted authority on leadership and entrepreneurship. In 2008, she partnered with healthcare investment firm Quaker BioVentures to create Semprae Laboratories. In the process of running Semprae, Rachel helped create a new category, in which she continues to take the lead. A self-described “vagipreneur®,” she is a market-maker in the multibillion-dollar global women’s sexual health subsector. Her first book, *Orgasmic Leadership: Profiting from the Coming Surge in Female Health and Wellness*, was published in May 2018. Rachel counsels many start-ups in the female health and wellness space. In 2015, Rachel was recognized as one of the Best Fifty Women in Business by *NJBiz*. In addition, she is the recipient of SmartCEO’s BRAVA Awards honoring top female CEOs. Rachel was honored as one of *JWI*’s 10 Women to Watch in 2016. She serves on the Duke New York Women’s Executive Board, the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation for Fuqua School of Business at Duke University and Formula XO, a specialty beauty company. Rachel earned an MBA from Stanford University after graduating *magna cum laude* and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa from Duke University with a BA in psychology and human development. Rachel is married to Zev Scherl (a very involved Wexner spouse), with whom she has a daughter and a son. As a family, they are very involved in Jewish communal activities. Rachel formerly served as a delegate to the WHP Alumni Council.



**DAVID SEGAL**  
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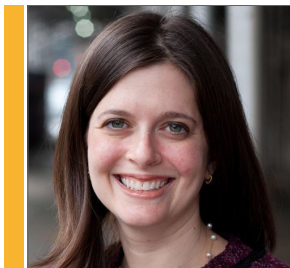
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In addition to writing for the *Houston Chronicle* and teaching at the JCC, David is the Texas Lead Organizer for the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. From 2010-2017, he was the rabbi of the Aspen Jewish Congregation, serving the Roaring Fork Valley of Western Colorado. His wife, Cantor Rollin Simmons, was his co-clergy. Now they live in Houston, TX, where his wife is the cantor at Congregation Emanu El. David was born and raised in Houston, TX, and has lived in Arlington, VA, Jerusalem, Israel, New York City and Aspen, CO. He studied classics and Judaic studies at Princeton University and was ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in New York. In March 2014, the *Jewish Forward* named David among America’s Most Inspiring Rabbis. During his time in Aspen, he was on the board of the Manus Fund, the Valley Settlement Project and the Aspen Homeless Shelter. He writes a monthly column for the *Aspen Times*, for which he won a 2015 and 2016 Colorado Press Association award for Best Humorous Column Writing. David also dabbles in stand-up with his comedy trio Three Rabbis Walk into a Bar.



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## **ANNA SERVIANSKY**

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Anna grew up in Orlando, Florida. She graduated from Brown University, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa with concentrations in history and Judaic studies. Following college, she worked at JTS for two years in the office of Community Development until matriculating to Georgetown University Law Center. After practicing law in the real estate department of two major law firms and listening to that inner voice nudging her that something was missing, she rediscovered her passion for Jewish education while working at Camp Ramah. Anna completed a master's degree at the William Davidson School of Jewish Education at JTS focusing on experiential education. While at Davidson, she worked for the National Ramah Commission, volunteered and maintained a small real estate law practice. Currently, she serves as an Associate Dean at JTS, primarily working on academic advising, co-curricular programming and advancement at List College and directing the JustCity Leadership Institute for high school students. She is married to Daniel Serviansky and together they are the proud parents of two sons.

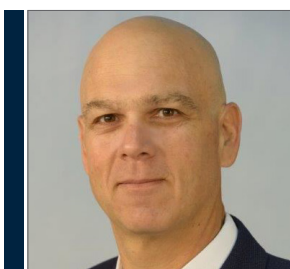


## **TILLY SHAMES**

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Tilly is the Executive Director of University of Michigan Hillel. Tilly has worked with Hillels in Toronto and Michigan for 15 years in various positions, including Director of Israel Affairs and Associate Director, before becoming Executive Director at the University of Michigan in 2012. Tilly is passionate about youth engagement, community-building, pluralism, women's advancement and social justice. She holds a master's degree in international affairs and a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and political science. She is a part of the Safety, Respect, Equity Coalition with a focus on communities of allies. She loves art, traveling, yoga, hiking, anything food related and diving into a conversation about our Jewish future.



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Ronen is the Head of Human Resources in the Israel Firefighters and Rescue services. Prior to his current position he was Senior Deputy Director for Human Resources in the Ministry of Justice and Senior Director for Human Resource Strategic Planning and Policy in the Reform Headquarters of the Civil Service Commission. Ronen holds a BA in economics, sociology and political science from Bar-Ilan University and an MBA in business administration from Ben-Gurion University. He lives in Rishon Le Zion with his wife and three children.



## **LEORA SIDI**

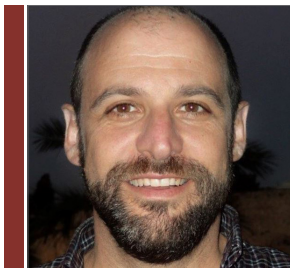
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Leora served as the Head of the Collective Agreements Department in the Legal Advisor's Office of the Trade Union Division at the General Federation of Labor in Israel until November 2018. In this position, she was responsible for overseeing collective agreements, signed by the General Federation of Labor, which have improved wages and working conditions for many workers in Israel. From 2005-2010, Leora served as a lawyer in the Legal Advisor's Office of the Wage and Labor Agreements Department in the Ministry of Finance. Prior to that, she served as a legal intern at the Legal Department at the Knesset (the Israeli Parliament). Leora holds an LLB and an MA in public policy from Hebrew University.

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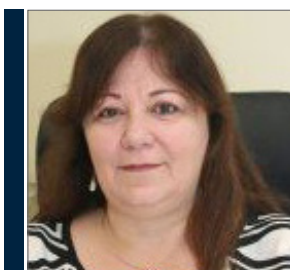


## **KENNETH STEINMAN**

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Kenny is a Senior Research Scientist at the Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology, where he studies different types of family violence and their intersection with health policy. Much of his work focuses on Ohio, where he serves on boards such as the Ohio Elder Abuse Commission, the Ohio Violent Death Reporting System and the Data and Evaluation Group of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund. Since moving to Columbus 20 years ago, Kenny has assumed numerous leadership roles in the local Jewish community, including serving as synagogue president, co-founding an independent minyan and representing Columbus 11 on the Wexner Heritage Program Alumni Council. More recently, he organized Refugee Road Project to strengthen Jewish efforts to welcome and support Somali, Bhutanese-Nepali and other new American communities in the city. Kenny loves hiking, *parshanut* and his wife, Robin Judd (not necessarily in that order). He delights in learning things from their two sons, including how to play guitar or where to find the best biscuits in Atlanta.

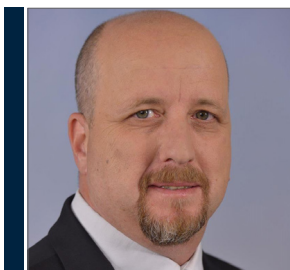


## **DORIT TEKES-MANOVA**

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Dorit is the Acting Director of the General Hospital at Tel-Hashomer. Previously serving as deputy director since 2012, she has had the privilege to lead the hospital and its remarkable staff through a successful accreditation process twice, to initiate and lead courses for medical managers and to lead changes in the OR, the ER, the ambulatory wing and the admission wards to improve clinical outcomes, quality measurements and patients' experience. She graduated from the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University within the academic reserve in 1992 and joined the IDF as a military physician, first in the air force as a flying doctor and later in various commanding positions in the Medical Corps. During those years, she completed her residency in Internal Medicine and worked as a senior specialist in Internal Medicine Ward A at Tel-Hashomer Medical Center. She has a master's degree in health management from Ben-Gurion University and worked at Leumit HMO as the head physician and manager of the central region. She is married with three sons.

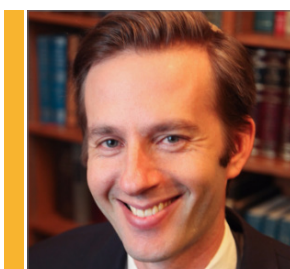


## **AVREMI TOREM**

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Avremi is the Commissioner for Equal Rights of Persons with Disabilities at the Ministry of Justice. Prior to his current position, he served as CEO of an NGO called Beit HaGalgalm. Avremi worked for many years in the private sector. Avremi holds a BA specializing in management and communications. He was elected to the Drom HaSharon Regional Council and served as a member of the general assembly between 2014-2016. A graduate of the Maoz project, he was one of the initiators of the establishment of a center body of NGO managers to coordinate and promote cooperation between NGOs. He is married with three children and lives in the Drom Hasharon area.



## **ETHAN TUCKER**

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Ethan is President and Rosh Yeshiva at Hadar and chair in Jewish Law. Ethan also directs Hadar's Center for Jewish Law and Values. Ethan was ordained by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel and earned a doctorate in Talmud and Rabbinics from the Jewish Theological Seminary and a BA from Harvard College. A Wexner Graduate Fellow, he serves on the board of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and the Ramaz School. He is the author, along with Rabbi Micha'el Rosenberg, of *Gender Equality and Prayer in Jewish Law* (2017).

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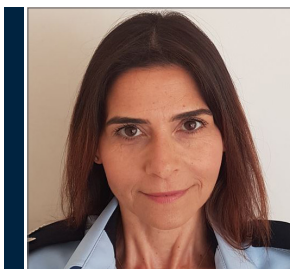


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Moshe was recently appointed Director General of the World ORT Kadima Mada Educational Network. Previously, Moshe was the Head of the Education Authority in the Jerusalem Municipality until 2017 and also served as the Head of the Jerusalem district in the Ministry of Education. Since he left the Ministry, Moshe serves as Director General and founder of a chain of educational institutes in the religious kibbutz movement, including 20 institutes with 4,000 students. Moshe also serves as a senior adviser for promoting and integrating Orthodox people into the Israeli society. Prior to his current position, he served as a high school principal and taught in the Hebrew University. Moshe is a member of the Municipal Board of Directors and Security Council, was Director of the Rene Cassin Society in the Science Museum and the Jerusalem Institute for the Research of Israel and was Chairman and voluntary Acting Director for the Movement for Trustees of Torah and Work. Moshe serves as a lieutenant colonel in the IDF reserves. He holds an MA with honor in Jewish history and has a teacher's certificate. Moshe lives with his family in Kibbutz Kfar-Etzion.

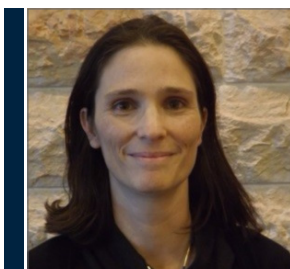


## **EINAT GIL TZUBARY**

**WSL 2018**

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Einat was promoted to rank of Major General and serves as Head of the Human Resource Division of the Israel Police. Previously, Einat was Head of the Security and Licensing Division for the Israel Police and oversaw securing the governmental offices, public places and private businesses by civil armed guards all over Israel. She has served with the Israel Police for 22 years and is a Brigadier General. She grew up in Haifa and after serving in the army as a commander of a squad, then of a platoon and finally of a new soldier unit, she joined the Police in 1995 and started studying in Bar Ilan University. While she was head of a juvenile crime investigation unit in Ramle, she was awarded for continuing to be in command at a high-level criminal field operation, even though she had been injured with three bullets. She also worked as a spokesperson on different positions, first of a sub-district and finally as the spokesperson of the Israel Police. Her most challenging position in this area was the spokesperson of the Southern Police District during the Disengagement. She is married with four children.



## **MICHAL TZUK**

**WSL 2015**

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Michal is the Chief Business Development Officer at Danel Group Ltd. Until 2018, Michal was the Senior Deputy Director General at the Ministry of Economy/Labor and the Director of Employment Regulation. Other past positions she held are Financial Assistant to the Director General of the Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center and a team leader at the Finance Ministry (the Budgets Division). Michal holds an LLB and an MBA from the Hebrew University. Michal lives in Modi'in.

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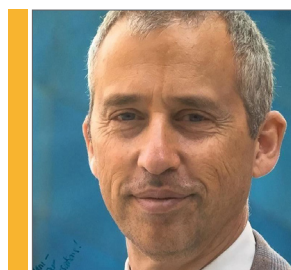


## **AMNON VIDAN**

### **WIF Class 20**

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Amnon is currently the Director of Finance, Human Resources and Operations at the Davidson Institute of Science Education, the educational arm of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. Prior to this position, Amnon worked for Bazan Group (formerly Haifa Oil Refineries Ltd.) as a Corporate Social Responsibility Manager, where he directed the group's community, ethical, sustainability and stakeholders' engagement activities. Before that, Amnon was the Deputy Director of the Peres Center for Peace, a leading Israeli peace-building NGO. Between 2003-2008, Amnon was the Executive Director of Amnesty International Israel. In this capacity, he has also been a member of Amnesty's Integrated Strategic Plan Committee entrusted to design the organization's global strategy for 2010-2016 and served as an interim manager of Amnesty's Demand Dignity and Arms Trade Treaty global campaigns. Amnon has also worked with LATET, an Israeli humanitarian aid organization, as Director of Fundraising, where he oversaw raising money, products and services for local and international humanitarian aid. He also worked at Knowledge Laboratories Ltd. and as the Director of Human Rights Education for the Security Forces in the Association for Civil Rights in Israel. Amnon holds a master's degree in sociology and anthropology from Tel Aviv University and an MPA from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is a major (retired) in the Israeli Army and has served as a naval officer. He lives with his wife and two daughters in Tel Aviv.



## **ADAM WEISBERG**

### **WGF Class 2**

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Adam is now the Executive Director of Urban Adamah. He previously served as Director of the Diller Teen Initiatives. Prior to that, Adam served as Camp Tawonga's executive director from 2008-2011 and as Berkeley Hillel's executive director from 2000-2008. Additionally, Adam has worked in a variety of roles in the Jewish community including with the Council of Jewish Federations in New York, the Jewish Agency in Israel and two years with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Bulgaria.

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## **MELISSA WIDEN**

**WHP Chicago 17**

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Originally from Columbia, Maryland, Melissa is an attorney and an activist in Chicago. Melissa received a bachelor's degree in political science from Duke University and a law degree from University of Maryland School of Law. As an attorney, Melissa has worked as a law clerk, associate, in-house counsel and most recently, as a founder and Managing Partner of Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP, a trial and litigation boutique based in Chicago with offices in Dallas and Santa Monica. Melissa served as Managing Partner until July 2016. In 2012, Melissa was recognized as one of America's Most Innovative Managing Partners by Law360, a widely respected legal industry publication. Advocating for women and girls always has been a passion of Melissa's. In March 2016, Melissa received the Chicago Foundation for Women's Impact Award. Melissa is a longtime Board member of Personal PAC and she has served as Chair for the last five years. Melissa is a Trustee of the Jewish Women's Foundation of Chicago and a volunteer/supporter of the Young Women's Leadership Charter School, Hand in Hand: Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel, Mazon, Lakeview Pantry, Uptown Café and the Jewish United Fund.



## **ALIT WIEL-SHAFRAN**

**WIF Class 29**

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Alit serves as the Co-Executive Director of 50-50 Startups, aiming to create new technology companies that are equally owned by and employing both Palestinians and Israelis by creating and operating a first-of-its-kind nonprofit business incubator. Between 2010-2017, Alit served as the Head of the Har HaNegev Environmental Unit (Ramat HaNegev Regional Council & Mitzpe Ramon Local Council), where she was responsible for implementing sustainability practices such as resource management including municipal waste and recycling management, energy efficiency, environmental education and design, sustainable food project and environmental enforcement. After graduating *cum laude* from the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, with both a BSc and an MSc, she continued to earn her PhD. She was an ISEF Fellow and served as the Chairwomen of the organizing committee of the First and Second Conference of ISEF PhD Fellows. Between 2011 and 2015, Alit was a Council Member and Chairwomen of the Air Quality Committee, Neot Hovav Local Industrial Council. Alit is also an Alumni of the Environmental Fellows Program, Heschel Sustainability Centre, Israel. Alit also earned an MC/MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School.

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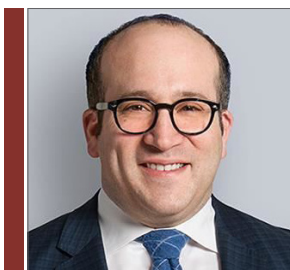
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**ARI WITKIN**  
**WGF Class 28**

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Ari is the Director of Leadership Development at the Jewish Federation of Metro Detroit. Originally from Minneapolis, Ari graduated from Goucher College where he received a BA with honors in both religious and peace studies, he completed a master's in nonprofit leadership from the University of Pennsylvania and was ordained at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Following his time at Goucher, Ari spent a year in service as an AmeriCorps VISTA working to engage faith-based institutions in supporting Baltimore city public schools. He subsequently went on to staff the Baltimore Interfaith Coalition, which convenes the city's top religious leadership in acting to address social justice issues in the city. In 2011 Ari spent six months living and learning with the Abayudya Jewish community in Uganda before returning to Baltimore and joining the staff at the Pearlstone Center. At Pearlstone he spearheaded the establishment and curriculum development of the Sustainability Apprenticeship, a seven-month program that integrates farm work, Jewish education and leadership development. While in rabbinical school Ari completed a unit of CPE at Jefferson University Hospital, served on the faculty for Repair the World's fellowship program, as the development manager at the Jewish Farm School, was the Rabbinic intern for Hillel at Drexel University and spent two years as the student rabbi at Germantown Jewish Centre. He and his wife Liz Traison live in Liz's hometown of Detroit.



**LAWRENCE WITT**  
**WHP Montreal 17**

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Lawrence is a partner with the pan-Canadian law firm Miller Thomson LLP, where he maintains a thriving labor, employment and human rights law practice. Lawrence is very involved in Holocaust education and he has the distinction of having participated on the March of the Living as a student, a chaperone and as a co-chair of the 2017 Montreal delegation comprised of 250 high school students accompanied by 10 Holocaust survivors. In the early 1990's Lawrence studied at a Yeshiva in Jerusalem and he subsequently served in the Israel Defense Forces as a lone soldier in the 401st Armored Brigade. Lawrence is married to Deena Lieberman and they have three children, Malka, Yakyra (Kiki) and Harel.



**LIRON ZOHAR**  
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Liron is the Director of National Programs at the Medical Technology, Health Information and Research Directorate of Israel's Ministry of Health. She directs nationwide projects in the field of medical technologies and life sciences, leads improvements in medical device regulation, facilitates approval of clinical trials to promote the life science industry and ensures the efficient and safe operation of blood banks and establishments. Passionate about gender issues and women's rights, Liron also serves as a Special Advisor for Gender Equality to the Director General, a role that allows her to advance opportunities for women and raise awareness of gender discrimination in the Ministry of Health. Liron has a BS in psychobiology, an MA in public policy and an MS in technology management, all from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. She is married to Yossi and the mother of four.

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DIRECTOR, CURRICULUM AND RESEARCH

\*Dr. Tali Zerkowicz joined our team on August 1 and will apply her expertise as a sociologist, researcher and educator to The Wexner Foundation curriculum and programming. You can read more about Tali on our web site.

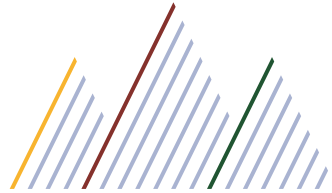
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