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Etan is a tech and community leader who lives in Seattle with his wife Sonya and three children. He's served in lay leadership roles with Jewish Family Service of Seattle, Sephardic Bikur Holim Congregation, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle. Etan's first book *A Persian Passover* was a Association of Jewish Libraries 2022 Spring Holiday Highlight and was featured in *Hadassah Magazine* and the *School Library Journal* for its historical authenticity and cultural significance. Over the years, the Wexner program has provided energy and inspiration in his Jewish community endeavors. On the professional side, Etan is a security product leader, inventor, author and mentor. He is currently a senior product manager in Microsoft's Identity Security team, working to prevent and detect identity compromise and keep customers safe. As part of that role, he has been a co-inventor on several pioneering security capabilities, with multiple patents pending. In the course of Etan's career, he's held a range of roles across law, business development, consulting and product, so he frequently advises and mentors others on their career development.



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

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Born in Lviv, Ukraine, Tanya moved to Pittsburgh, PA with her family in 1994. She obtained her BS in Computer Science from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. Tanya moved to the SF Bay Area where she attended Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley. Currently, Tanya is the Director of Small Business and Middle Market Product Management at First Republic Bank. She previously led Wells Fargo's Enterprise Customer Experience, Small Business Segment Strategy and Customer Experience teams, and had roles at Salesforce and Franklin Templeton Investments. Tanya is the 2011 recipient of the Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel Award for Young Leadership, given by the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco. She has been involved in the Federation for over two decades as a volunteer, community organizer and lay leader, serving as YAD Campaign Chair and YAD President. Tanya has taken on leadership roles in the JCCSF preschool and Brandeis School of SF where her children attend. She has three young children and lives with her husband in San Francisco.



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

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Tracey Bilski is a philanthropic entrepreneur with more than 20 years of leadership experience. She co-founded and chaired J-Teen Leadership (2008-2013), an award winning community service and Jewish engagement program for over 400 high school students that was recognized by Slingshot as one of the 50 most innovative Jewish organizations in North America (2013). As a Harvard MBA and graduate of the Wexner Heritage Fellowship Program, Ms. Bilski has developed a reputation for bringing innovation and metrics to not-for-profit organizations, including: UJA-Federation of New York - where she serves on the Board of Directors and previously as Chair of the Westchester Women's Campaign (2003-2005); the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute; and numerous local agencies. Ms. Bilski was the first woman to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Mount Kisco Hebrew Congregation in its 106 year history. Ms. Bilski began her career in real estate development and project management, working for Douglas, Elliman, Knight and Frank (1983-1985); New York City Public Development Company (1986-1988) and The Linpro Company (1989-1990). She went on to open a private art consulting practice (1998- 2003) and most recently was a founding corporate board member of Restorsea Inc., a prestige skincare company which launched in Bergdorf Goodman in October 2012. Ms. Bilski's deep commitment to entrepreneurship, as demonstrated through her philanthropic and business experiences, uniquely qualifies her to advise and develop strategies for philanthropists who are impact driven and outcome oriented.



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

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Originally from Albuquerque, Rena now considers Denver home. Rena received her BA in Psychology from Occidental College and an MA in Conflict Resolution from University of Denver. After nearly 10 years in higher education as both faculty and administrative leadership, she served as VP of Community Engagement at ThinkImpact, an international social enterprise. Later, she worked as Innovation Lead of Entrepreneurs & Ventures at UpStart Labs. She became a certified Design Thinking facilitator through the Stanford D School and in 2017 founded BOOSH, where she serves as Principal Consultant. BOOSH helps nonprofit leaders improve their mindsets, strategies and programs through Human-Centered Design. As a volunteer, Rena currently serves as Education Chair and on the Board of Trustees for Congregation Rodef Shalom. She is also a member of the mayoral-appointed Denver Women's Commission. In her spare time, she and her husband wrangle two kids, ages 10 and 7.



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

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

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I live in Vancouver, Canada with my wife, Shari. Professionally, I am a former practicing lawyer, but for the past 25 years have been President of a store fixture and retail display business. I currently serve as a governor of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Vancouver and a director of the Ronald S. Roadburg Foundation. Prior to that I served as chair and then past-chair of the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver. Previous involvement in the Federation includes 4 years as chair of the local allocations committee and 5 years as chair of the Israel and Overseas allocations committee. I also served as the Canadian chair of the Coast to Coast Partnership of the Jewish Agency's Partnership2Gether program. Our partnership is comprised of 6 Canadian Jewish communities and 5 communities in the Upper Galilee. Other past community involvement includes serving as president of the Jewish Family Service Agency of Greater Vancouver and a number of positions on my synagogue board.



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Juliana was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She attended The George Washington University; graduating magna cum laude in under three years with a degree in Gender Studies. Since 2015 Juliana has been working on operations for the Raya App. Before her time at Raya Juliana worked extensively in the non-profit sector, politics and international relations in Washington, D.C.. At Albright Stonebridge Group, a global strategy firm, she directly supported its Chair, Secretary Madeleine Albright. Prior to joining Albright Stonebridge, she worked for the think-tank, Center for American Progress as well as the for the Obama-Biden Transition in 2008 and 2009. Juliana is an Executive Committee member of the Board at both the Palm Beach Day Academy and the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County. She is tremendously proud of being involved with the creation of the Jewish Volunteer Center; a program of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, which is in its 10th year. She is a member of the inaugural Wexner Heritage cohort from Palm Beach, a member of the Community and Jewish Life Committee for JFNA and a Board member for Repair the World. Juliana, her husband, daughter and their three rescue dogs live in Palm Beach, Florida.

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



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Jennifer Goldson is a Professor of Legal Writing at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio. Prior to her appointment at Capital, Jenni was a practicing attorney in Columbus for 25 years, focusing primarily in the family law field. She co-chaired the judicial subcommittee of the Columbus Bar Association's family law committee for over ten years. Jenni's work in the Jewish community is presently focused in her board engagement at Jewish Family Services, where she serves as Board Vice Chair and Co-Chair of the Nominating and Governance committee. In 2017, she was recognized by JFS as Board Member of the Year for helping to establish a pro bono legal clinic at the agency, which is still active and serving those in need. Prior to her involvement at JFS, Jenni served on the board of her synagogue, Congregation Tifereth Israel, and was chair of the membership committee, Board of Education, and Youth Commission. In her spare time, Jenni loves to watch sports, play pickleball, cook, and solve puzzles and word games. She and her husband, Jamie, live in Bexley, Ohio and have three children: Micah (25), Sari (22) and Eliana (18). All three of the Goldson children have participated in the Wexner Service Corps.



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



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Gabrielle Jerusalem, a Cleveland native, is deputy general counsel for the Case Western Reserve University, where she handles student affairs matters, including student and faculty misconduct issues, regulatory application, international concerns, Title IX proceedings, etc.. She received her BA from the University of Maryland, and her JD from the George Washington University Law School. After ten years away, she returned to Cleveland, where she resides with her husband and four children. She is an active member of the Cleveland Jewish community, particularly through her volunteer work with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland and as a member of Green Road Synagogue. Gabrielle also volunteers monthly with the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, providing brief legal advice to residents of the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter. In her free time, Gabrielle enjoys cooking with her husband, reading, photography, and exploring Cleveland with her children.

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Deborah Kattler Kupetz is a serial entrepreneur and OG in disruptive thinking. She is a Category Designer working with start-ups, incubators and funds to help them create strategic business advantage. This dream work is a synthesis of her range of diverse experiences, love of the new and opportunity to help streamline the path to success for those looking to start new things. She and her husband David Kupetz have three adult daughters and new sons (Rachel & Ben, Ariella & Jack, & Noa & Asher). She is passionate about depth and profundity of Judaism and all the ways it can be shared for continued inspiration.



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

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



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

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Mike is married to Naomi and they have three children, who all attend Jewish schools. Mike moved to Houston from Pretoria, South Africa in 1979 and has lived there since, other than attending university in Austin and working in Japan for a year. He has served on a wide variety of committees in the Jewish community, as well as having been on the board of a variety of organizations, such as the Federation of Greater Houston, Hebrew Free Loan Association, and Seven Acres (a Jewish home for the elderly). Mike received the Federation's Ben Susholtz Young Leadership Award in 2007. In his professional life, Mike is President of TLC Wealth Management and provides financial guidance to individuals and families...work he's enjoyed doing since 1994.



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Doug is the President of Splendid Chocolates, a tradition started by his grandfather in Poland before WWII. Bringing change to the community is important to Doug. He has served on the board of Federation CJA in Montreal and has held various positions in the organization including Chair of West Island Division, participating in Leadership Development, Chair of Jewish Chamber of Commerce, and Co-chaired National Young Leadership. Doug currently sits on the board of his girl's High School. Doug saw an opportunity during the Spring floods in 2017 and 2019 to connect those in need with those that wanted to help. He mobilized the community by creating a Facebook group to crowdsource an emergency response. Thousands of volunteers provided immediate, hands-on emergency support to people in need. Doug lives in Montreal with his wife Stacey and daughters Lexi (16) and Nicki (14).

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

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



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Alex is a Soviet born Russian Speaking Jew who immigrated to the states with his family in 87, he was 10 years old. As a young man who did not have a sense of identity, he attended Hebrew Academy, had a Bar Mitzvah, but was disconnected from community involvement through his twenties, until a life transforming trip to Israel in 2009. Alex headed the call to service in the community from the organizations which sponsored the trip and is now one of the more committed and visible young leaders in the community, being recognized with the Dinkelspiel Award by his Federation and a Distinguished Borrower Award by HFLA for outstanding service to the community. In his personal life Alex is a partner in a successful IT Consulting firm and a married father to three children ages 25, 21, 7yo. One of the proudest moments for Alex was the opening of a Donor Advised Fund and making a gift from that fund in the name of his late grandfather who was the family patriarch and his Jewish mentor, to Rambam hospital in Israel, something his grandfather gave to for many years and to be able to continue that legacy is very important to Alex.

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Mytyl Simancas was born in Mexico City. After living in New York City and for a brief time in Israel and Uruguay, she landed in Miami Beach 25 years ago. Always involved in the Jewish communities wherever she has lived, today she is the Chair of Miami-Yerucham Partnership and member of the Executive Board of Miami Jewish Federation. Mytyl is active in Amutot, Israel & Overseas, Teen Engagement, Diller Teen Fellowship Sterling committee and Israel Engagement and co-chair of Arts & Culture Committee Miami Beach JCC. Other than her family, her passions are Israel, Jewish People, and helping others. She is a realtor with Compass and is also a Zin Fellow (BGU), which helped her develop a deep love for the Negev. She is a graduate of OLAM (GMJF), Melton (CAJE) and studied at Shalom Hartman Leadership Program (Miami). In 2020 she founded Adopt a Family Miami, a non-for-profit that helps 130 families from the invisible workforce in Miami Beach. She is a translator (EN-ES) having translated already two books related to the Holocaust. She has been recognized by the GMJF (Leadership Award), Jewish Volunteer Services, MBJCC, JCS, Israel Bonds and the City of Miami Beach for the work she is doing.



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Marcie Solomon, formerly of Long Island, New York, is a resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and works as an Attorney with Block & Associates, LLC, focusing on nonprofit law and commercial litigation. Prior to making a career switch to the law, Solomon worked as a leader in the Arts Management sector where she most recently served as the VP of Orchestra Operations of the Pittsburgh Symphony. A highlight of her tenure included bringing the orchestra to perform for Pope John Paul II at the Vatican for an ecumenical concert of hope. Most recently, Marcie has merged her experience in the arts and law to serve as an Adjunct Professor at Carnegie Mellon University, teaching a gradual level course on Law in the Arts. In addition to her law degree, Solomon holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Double Bass Performance and a Master of Arts Management degree from Carnegie Mellon University. Outside of work, Solomon is most passionate about her family and her work in the Jewish community. She serves as an officer of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, and is First Vice President of Temple Sinai, a reform congregation in Pittsburgh. Marcie is a graduate of the Na.



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He is a member of Beth Jacob Congregation in Oakland and an active member of the AIPAC's pro-Israel political efforts. Michael is also active with the Jewish Community High School of the Bay where he has served as Head of the Finance Committee, is the recent past President of the Board, and currently is a Board member on the Executive Committee. He has co-chaired the Federation's Shalom-Hartman Leadership Development Program and chaired the annual Creating Hope event for Shalom Bayit, and effort to end domestic violence in the Jewish community.

After his Wall Street career, Michael spent two months studying at Yeshivat Orayta in the Old City of Jerusalem. Michael has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Clemson University, an MBA from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley and is a CFA charterholder.



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Carole Sterling has served as Chair of the World Union for Progressive Judaism since 2015 and on the Boards of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Union for Reform Judaism, ARZA Canada and expanded Executive of WZO. Carole was recently given the Union for Progressive Judaism's President's Award (UPJ is the root body of Progressive and Reform Judaism in Australia, New Zealand, and Asia), only the second time an individual who is not a UPJ member has been granted this honor.



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Scott A. Stone is one of the pioneers of non-scripted/reality television. His cutting-edge programs include award-winner series like: The Mole, Legends of the Hidden Temple, Shop 'til You Drop, The Man Show, A Season With, and BrainSurge. Stone also moonlights as an Adjunct Professor teaching television at his alma mater, USC, annually rated the #1 film school in the world. His work as a "goffer" while in school led to an eight-year stint as a studio executive at Lorimar-Telepictures. In 1988 he started his first of three successful production companies where he has produced nearly 3000 episodes of television airing on 28 different networks, making him one of the most prolific producers in non-scripted. He also sits on several boards at USC and in his community including Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills, where he is Immediate Past President, and Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity. He credits his husband, artist Gary Frederick Brown, their two college-aged sons, and his USC students with keeping him on the cutting edge.

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Miri Tilson is a doer. She truly embodies the saying that if you need something done, give it to a busy person, and she does it all with happiness and sincerity. She considers herself an Ambassador of Unity, and she is passionate about helping others any way she can. Miri measures her success by the depth of her relationships and values family and health above all else. Miri is a Seattle native, and after graduating high school, Miri spent 6 years in New York where she had a thriving career in finance, and 8 years in Los Angeles where she worked in PR, supported her husband Ben in his business ventures, and finally found her calling as a top selling realtor in the Beverlywood area. In August of '16, Miri, along with Ben and their two boys Doriel and Eliyahu, returned to her Seattle and professional roots. Miri and her mom, Fortun, are Financial Advisors at Morgan Stanley, working side by side to financially empower their clients. Miri descends from a long line of 'givers' on both sides of her family, and she strives to imbue that sense of responsibility of turning passion into action into her children lives.



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My family and I are originally from Los Angeles but relocated to St. Louis in 2009. My wife is Renee, and our three daughters are Halle (21), Dani (19), and Jenna (17), all of whom attended a community Jewish day school. Professionally, I have been in the tax credit industry since 2001; I focus on community development finance with an emphasis on financing affordable housing. I am the President of Huntington Bank Community Impact Capital, and I lead a team of professionals investing and lending to developers nationwide. I have traveled extensively and still explore different areas in the States and, when possible, the world. Judaically, we enjoy and are affiliated with many groups, from progressive to black-hat orthodox. I spent my junior year abroad in Israel at Hebrew University (91-92); it was an impactful year which showed me that, in the end, we are want the same thing Judaically. I believe Shabbat is the absolute cornerstone of all-things-Jewish, and I run an email distribution list called ShabbatNow.com which delivers short, uplifting, Shabbat-themed ideas and quotes to its subscribers just before sundown. I am also on the board of the St. Louis Jewish Federation and KIPP St. Louis, a charter school.

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