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JULIA AND HENRY KOSCHITZKY
CENTRE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

DAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT



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Joshua Tepper
Rochelle Waxman
Jonathan Zepp
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ASSOCIATED HEBREW SCHOOLS

Shawn Goldberg, Board President



Shawn and his wife, Helene, are the proud parents of two children, Chaim '16 and Aaron '18, who both graduated from AHS and continued their Jewish education at TanenbaumCHAT. Shawn's involvement with the Board of Directors stemmed from a strong desire to give back to the community. Recognized as a true leader within the community, Shawn was asked to take on the role of Board President, an opportunity that would allow him to continue leading by example and demonstrate the Jewish values he hopes to further instill in his children. As the new Board President, Shawn takes on this role during a challenging but exciting time. Shawn has described volunteering at Associated as a very rewarding experience, one which has provided him with the opportunity to contribute to the school and to the community, and to lead by example for his children, who will become future leaders.

ASSOCIATED HEBREW SCHOOLS

Elaine Osher,
Immediate Past
President



Elaine Osher and her husband Benny are the parents of three Associated alumni. Elaine is the immediate Past President of the Board, current co-chair of the Development Committee, and a leading member of the LIFE & LEGACY Team.

Elaine has served in many roles on AHS's Board in the past, including as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and of the Va'ad HaChinuch (Education Committee). She has also been a PTC liaison at the Posluns campus of AHS and co-chaired committees planning both the Annual General Meeting and Staff Appreciation Evening. Elaine is very involved in her community, both at AHS and in other spheres; she has also been a volunteer at Sha'arei Shomayim synagogue.

Elaine's term as President overlapped a time of turmoil in both the school and the wider community, and her leadership throughout this period was as dedicated as it was necessary. In her role as President, Elaine led by example, meeting any challenges head-on. While Elaine rarely claims the spotlight, she has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the school and to Jewish education and continues to involve herself meaningfully in the school's community and operations even following the conclusion of her term as President.

In her own words: "I believe that the cornerstone of Jewish continuity is a strong Jewish education. Volunteering at AHS enables me to contribute to both my community and my children. There is no more rewarding experience than being a part of AHS's record of excellence."

ASSOCIATED HEBREW SCHOOLS

Maya Roth,
Executive Member



Dr. Maya Roth is a Clinical Psychologist who provides assessment and treatment services to Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP personnel and veterans at the St. Joseph's Operational Stress Injury Clinic – Greater Toronto Services. She is also an Associate Member at the Yeates School of Graduate Studies at Ryerson University, and is actively involved in research, training, and knowledge translation.

Maya, and her husband Lee, are parents to four children at Associated Hebrew Schools – Zachary, Hannah, Kayla, and Nathan. Maya is a staunch advocate and champion of AHS and this is evidenced through years of participating in activities and field trips within her children's classes and through involvement in formal and informal volunteer roles over the past decade.

Maya and family have participated in the AHS Welcome Wagon by mentoring new families and supporting their transition to the school. For many years, Maya volunteered to teach students about the importance of commemorating Remembrance Day. This has evolved from reading age-appropriate books about remembrance formal presentations about the multifaceted sacrifice of military service. Maya has volunteered with the PTC on various initiatives and currently serves on the AHS Board of Directors and the Executive.

While juggling a busy professional and personal life, Maya continues to benefit from the connection to the AHS community and opportunity to give back that volunteering provides. Maya is hopeful that her children will follow in her and Lee's footsteps by seeking opportunities for volunteering within their community throughout their lives.

ASSOCIATED HEBREW SCHOOLS

Stephanie Kepecs,
Volunteer Coordinator



Stephanie Kepecs was recruited in the AHS hallway in 1988. The PTC needed volunteers for their ambitious fundraising efforts to provide little extras for the student body.

Stephanie was fortunate to be mentored by PTC presidents Sally Zigler, Ellen Markin, and Esther Zeppieri z"l. From these leaders, she learned the 3 fundamentals of effective volunteering:

- Stay focused on the reason for your efforts.
- Work collaboratively with the administration and not get in the way.
- Always remember that those kind enough to volunteer work with you, not for you.

In 1992, Stephanie learned how to quilt. What initially began as a creative outlet for a busy mother of 3 boys became a fundraising opportunity for the PTC. Within a few years, quilts were raffled, tickets sold in the hallways to parents and grandparents.

Principal Rabbi Tessler introduced Stephanie to volunteering inside the classroom with a project to convert Grade 5 artwork into flags of the 12 tribes. For many years afterward, many quilts were created by children in different grades.

After her children graduated from Associated Hebrew School, Stephanie successfully created a fundraiser for North York General Hospital Foundation, which involved hundreds of young



ASSOCIATED HEBREW SCHOOLS

Barry Pakes,
Safe Reopening Committee Member



Barry Pakes is a Public Health specialist physician based in Toronto.

He is an assistant professor and the Program Director of the Public Health and Preventive Medicine Residency program at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, and the Global Health Lead for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Medical Education at the University of Toronto.

He also practices clinically in emergency medicine and primary care in Northern Ontario, and is a mohel. He has experience working globally, in Northern and Indigenous communities, and in local and territorial public health, as well as at the World Health Organization – where he led work on pandemic ethics frameworks, incorporating Halachic perspectives into the global response.

His recent public health leadership roles include Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Health in Nunavut, and Associate Medical Officer of Health in Middlesex-London Health Unit and Halton Region. He has degrees from Harvard, McGill and U of T, including a PhD in Public Health Ethics. He has lived in Israel, served in the IDF, and



BIALIK HEBREW DAY SCHOOL

Rochelle Waxman,
Board President



Rochelle has committed endless time and energy to her support of the Bialik community since joining the Bialik Board of Directors in 2015. She has provided tremendous thought leadership and strategic guidance to the Bialik lay and professional leadership in all matters that have helped to shape and influence policies and key decisions. Rochelle has served on virtually every Board committee, lending a balanced and thoughtful voice to strategic decision-making. She has been instrumental in developing the school's COVID response plan, and in shaping a strategic and sustainable approach to fundraising.

BIALIK HEBREW DAY SCHOOL

Aviva Lowe,
Immediate Past President



Aviva has committed endless time and energy to her support of the Bialik community over nearly a decade. She has served on virtually every committee lending a balanced and thoughtful voice to every strategic decision. She has been instrumental in providing leadership through the COVID-19 pandemic, providing critical context from a medical perspective ensuring that the health and well-being of our community is at the forefront of every decision.

BIALIK HEBREW DAY SCHOOL

Joanna Grossman,
Vice President



Since Joanna joined the Board she has provided tremendous thought leadership and strategic guidance to the Bialik lay and professional leadership. Joanna has generously shared her professional expertise on several matters that have helped to shape and influence policies and key decisions. Joanna's contributions are immeasurable and include: an instrumental voice in shaping the school's COVID response plan, shaping a strategic and sustainable fundraising approach, and supporting the union negotiations.

BIALIK HEBREW DAY SCHOOL

Heidi Miller-Dicker,
Finance Chair



Heidi has committed endless time, energy and expertise to Bialik for about a decade and has a longstanding leadership role as Treasurer and Chair of Finance. Heidi has supported Bialik with financial stewardship and fiscal oversight that have helped our community balance the long-term financial health with the pressures of the current environment. This includes our very difficult current situation to budget and plan in the completely unknown environment of COVID.

BNEI AKIVA SCHOOLS

Moshe Kesten,
Board President



Moshe is a passionate advocate for Bnei Akiva Schools. He is also a calm presence when working through the myriad of issues that come up every day.



BNEI AKIVA SCHOOLS

Howard Paskowitz,
UO Building Project Chair



Howard is a prominent real estate investment and development professional in Toronto. He has a tremendous amount of experience in multi-residential and city development. Howard has volunteered a multitude of hours working with us to plan for a new building for our Ulpanat Orot high school and ensuring that we have an opportunity to provide excellent facilities for our students to reach their full potential.



BNEI AKIVA SCHOOLS

Jack Samuel, Legacy Estate
Planning Campaign Chair



Jack is a prominent real estate professional in our community. He is working tirelessly for the future viability of our school. He also generously donated the use of his cottage for our first annual bikeathon this year!



BNEI AKIVA SCHOOLS

Esther Berglas, Legal Counsel
& Advisor Pro Bono



Esther is a superb lawyer and volunteers countless hours helping ensure we carefully analyze our proposed transactions and activities to ensure they are done properly and legally. Her advice and counsel are always excellent and she gives of her time with grace and dignity. She is so generous with her time and never minds being called at all hours to consult and help us with our organization.



EITZ CHAIM SCHOOLS

Chaim Rutman,
Board President



Chaim and his wife Tami are both Eitz Chaim graduates whose families have been dedicated to the school's success for many years. The Rutmans have 4 of their 7 children currently in Eitz Chaim. As the President of the board, Chaim has given much of his time and energy over the past 5 years cultivating key relationships with many members of the Toronto community and working tirelessly to secure a bright and financially optimistic future for Eitz Chaim.

EITZ CHAIM SCHOOLS

Jeremy Gilbert,
Health & Safety Committee Co-Chair



Dr. Jeremy and Mrs. Sarah Gilbert have 3 children currently attending Eitz Chaim and 1 child who has graduated from Eitz Chaim.

Dr. Gilbert works as an endocrinologist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and is an associate professor at the University of Toronto. He is the program director of the residency training program for endocrinology and metabolism at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Gilbert has been involved as an active member since the start of the health and safety committee was formed at Eitz Chaim due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He contributes to discussions regarding policies and guidance for Eitz Chaim to allow the school to continue to keep its high educational standards while maintaining a culture of health, safety, and mental wellness for its staff and students.

EITZ CHAIM SCHOOLS

Steven Grossman,
Health & Safety
Committee Co-Chair



Steven is a manager at the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development. In his role, he works closely with Ontario's Chief Prevention Officer in developing province-wide training and safety standards and health and safety prevention programs for workers. During the COVID-19 pandemic, this has included developing resources to help workplaces protect their workers from COVID-19. It was Steven's professional experience and personal connection with Eitz Chaim that led to his role in chairing the Eitz Chaim COVID-19 Health and Safety Committee, which has helped the school prepare for re-opening over the summer and continues to support the school in navigating the pandemic. Steven and his wife Daphna, who works at the school in the special education program, have two kids in Eitz Chaim and next year plan for their third child to start in pre-nursery at the school.

KOSCHITZKY CENTRE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

Randy Shiff,
Immediate Past Co-Chair



Randy is a philanthropist and passionate leader in the Jewish community and the business world. Randy has been very involved in UJA Federation of Greater Toronto as well as many other community organizations. His term as co-chair of the Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Education recently concluded and he is a member of the UJA of Greater Toronto Board. He formerly chaired the Israel & Overseas Committee, was a member of the Toronto Hebrew Memorial Parks Board and Roselawn Cemetery renewal project. Outside of UJA, Randy has served on the boards of Associated Hebrew Schools, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation and Mount Sinai Hospital among many others.

Along with Robert, Randy helped to ensure the education portfolio at UJA was top of mind, ensuring the committee and the work was mission focused.

KOSCHITZKY CENTRE FOR JEWISH EDUCATION

Robert Palter,
Immediate Past Co-Chair



Robert is a senior partner at McKinsey & Company where he is a global coleader of their real estate efforts. He works with real estate clients along the value chain, such as investors or real estate-investment trusts, developers, operators, and real estate services firms on issues of strategy, organization, operations, capital project execution, and advanced analytics. Robert was previously listed as one of Canada's top 40 under 40.

Robert is also a passionate volunteer having served on the UJA of Greater Toronto Board and the Munk School of Global Affairs Board. Along with Randy, Robert helped to ensure the education portfolio at UJA was top of mind, ensuring the committee and the work was mission focused. Robert and his wife Barbara have two children attending Jewish Day School.

MONTESSORI JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Jacob Jesin,
Board President



Jake has served as a Director of Montessori Jewish Day School since 2011 and he was first elected Chair/President in October 2016. He has three children at MJDS. As the Chair and President of MJDS, Jake is a tireless volunteer who dedicates countless hours to the school. Working effectively with individual Members and Board Committees, Jake is always willing to listen to all school constituents, from children to School Administration. A strong supporter of Montessori education and all aspects of the school's functioning, Jake is a passionate advocate for the school and its unique role within the Toronto Jewish Community.

MONTESSORI JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Elliott Brodkin,
Community Director



Elliott was elected to the MJDS Board of Directors in October 2019 and was previously a Community Director of MJDS (2009-2010). Elliott dedicates his time and energy selflessly to MJDS. He was first involved in the school over ten years ago as a Community Director where he played a critical role in the establishment of our Middle School program. MJDS is once again privileged to have Elliott as a member of our Board. He never hesitates to offer his wealth of experience and guidance in a variety of topics. During the unique challenges of navigating a global pandemic - even while dealing with similar issues at his own school - Elliott contributed countless hours and advice to the successful reopening of MJDS.

MONTESSORI JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Deborah Renwick,
Community Director



Deborah has served on the MJDS Board of Directors as a Community Member since May 2012. Throughout the years, Deborah has brought her experience and knowledge as an educator, and her business acumen and expertise as a school owner and administrator to the MJDS Board of Directors. She has worked extensively with MJDS's Tuition Assistance Committee - guiding its decisions with care and compassion. Deborah has been an active member of the Head Support Committee always offering advice, a helping hand or a warm smile when needed. MJDS is very grateful for Deborah's commitment to the ongoing success of MJDS and her generosity of time and spirit.

MONTESSORI JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Michelle Freedman,
Community Director



A parent of three Jewish day school graduates including two MJDS alumni, Michelle has served on the MJDS Board of Directors since October 2016. Michelle is always ready to give back to MJDS and the community that helped prepare her sons for life beyond MJDS. This year in particular, using her expertise as a medical professional, Michelle provided invaluable guidance as the school navigated the realities of reopening and operating during the COVID pandemic. Whenever the need arises, Michelle can always be counted on to give generously of her time and provide valuable insight to the MJDS community.

NETIVOT HATORAH DAY SCHOOL

Ashley Ross,
Board President



Ashley Ross has led Netivot HaTorah through this global pandemic! At the root, he is a community person, concerned with the well-being of our institution, each member of our school community, and always has the staff at the forefront of his mind. He always has his sights on the long term, thinking strategically and planning the future of Netivot, its place in the educational community, and making sure we live up to our values, especially during hard decision making. In his spare time, Ashley takes part in the Shomrai Shabbos Beit Midrash program and is committed to his Yoga practice.

NETIVOT HATORAH DAY SCHOOL

Barry Pakes, COVID
Advisory Volunteer



Since the first days of the pandemic, Dr. Pakes has been an accessible, thoughtful and reliable source of information for the Netivot school community. He has provided invaluable support and insight about the changing circumstances of COVID, clarity for the best decision making around policies, and a deeper understanding about how this applies to our community. He has twice volunteered for Q&A evenings with our Netivot parents, helping them better understand the circumstances we live in, and answer questions that were on their minds. He has continued to be an invaluable resource for our Medical Advisory Team, as they make difficult decisions for the well being and health of our school and school community.

NETIVOT HATORAH DAY SCHOOL

Noam Samson,
Development Chair



Noam has held many hats at Netivot, including president. And yet he continues to give tremendously of his time, especially during COVID. As a past president and treasurer, he was on our COVID Finance Committee to help manage tough decisions in the spring, including revised budget planning for September. He also chairs the Development Committee, and as such, has been instrumental in ensuring the continued financial stability of our school in a changed philanthropic environment. Noam has also co-chaired the Development committee and served on the Budget and Finance, HOSSEC, Strategic Planning and HOS Search committees.

Noam and his wife Talia are the proud parents of four children: Nina (Netivot graduate), Isaac (Netivot, Grade 8), Joseph (Netivot, Grade 5) and Maya (Netivot, Grade 3).

NETIVOT HATORAH DAY SCHOOL

Orli Nadel,
COVID Medical
Committee Member



From the first days of the pandemic Dr. Nadel offered her time, expertise, and networks to help Netivot make thoughtful, research based, and responsible health and safety decisions for our community. While she certainly served in an advisory capacity as a member of the Medical Advisory Team, helping the senior school leadership with its decision making, it was her willingness to constantly think forward that made such a tremendous difference. She provided new lines of analysis and problem solving, creative and thoughtful solutions, and helpful communications, all with an eye to our communal well-being and supporting our families. Dr. Nadel is a model of communal leadership and volunteering, taking on the school's needs as a second, unpaid job! She was always open to the opinions and ideas of others, and always pushed our thinking. She currently sits on Netivot Hatorah Day School's medical advisory committee and sits on Camp Moshava Ennismore's health and safety committee to help develop the communicable diseases policy. She is involved in clinical teaching of medical students and residents.

PAUL PENNA DOWNTOWN JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Karen Rosen,
Board President



Karen is a partner at Foglers LLP. She practises in the firm's Business Law Group. A significant portion of her practice is devoted to corporate and commercial lending. She works in close partnership with her clients advising on all aspects of commercial/corporate finance, including syndicated lending, subordinate/mezzanine financing, asset-based lending and aircraft financing. Karen is highly regarded for her business minded approach and has significant expertise in advising clients on mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, private equity investments, corporate structuring and restructuring, commercial agreements, corporate reorganizations, shareholder matters and aircraft acquisitions and sales. Public and private companies and financial institutions call upon Karen for her ability to structure innovative financing solutions, both Canadian and cross-border. She regularly acts for lenders and borrowers and provides advice across industries, including, solar energy, food & beverage processing, aviation, e-commerce, natural health products, garment manufacturing and distribution and telecommunications. Karen is recognized as a leading lawyer in The Best Lawyers™ in Canada.

Karen is a longtime volunteer leader. She is currently the Board President of Paul DJDS. She and her husband Mark Opashinov live in downtown Toronto with their children Becky and Sammy.



PAUL PENNA DOWNTOWN JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Jay Rosenthal,
Immediate Past
President



Jay Rosenthal has a 25-year career at the intersection of media, business, politics, and policy. He is the Co-Founder and President of the Business of Cannabis, Canada's authoritative source for news and analysis of the cannabis industry. A sought-after media commentator, Jay has appeared on CBC News Network, CBC's Metro Morning, The Globe and Mail, BNN Bloomberg and Breakfast Television. In April 2019, he was nominated as Cannabis Person of the Year at the O'Cannabiz Awards. With a background in government, Jay launched several successful consultancies and start-ups before launching Business of Cannabis. He began his career in the US Capitol, working for United States Senator Barbara Boxer. Moving to the Bay Area of California in the late 90s, he deepened his interest in the intersection of politics and technology, serving in the administration of the Mayor of San Jose, the 10th largest City in the US. Jay also founded a strategic communications firm that worked with Fortune 500 companies, and launched and sold an online publication which focused on California politics. From 2013 to 2017, Jay directed special projects at Public Inc., a social impact marketing agency, where he led two separate Public Health Agency of Canada-funded projects focused.

Jay's wife Dara Solomon is the Executive Director of both the Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre and the Ontario Jewish Archives. Together, they are the proud (and tired) parents of 2 children, Stella (11) and Cy (7) - both students at Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School. Jay is the immediate Past-President of the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School Board, chair of the Head of School Support and Evaluation Committee and the co-chair of the Middle School Exploration Task Force. From March 2020 to November 2020, Jay also chaired the school's Pandemic Task Force.



PAUL PENNA DOWNTOWN JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

**Alicia Richler
Kalman,**
Vice President



Alicia Richler Kalman is a senior communications professional, journalist, blogger, and passionate volunteer. From covering the World Series to meeting with Heads of State to leading a corporate charity, Alicia's life and career have given her vast and varied experience across many industries. Alicia currently leads client communications at ADP Canada, one of the largest global human resource organizations, using her communications skills to solve business challenges. She co-chairs ADP's sponsorship of Junior Achievement and is a chapter President of their International Women's Inclusion Network whose purpose is to equip and empower women to achieve success. Throughout her career, in particular when she led her own consulting firm, Kinetic Motions Communications, Alicia has crafted creative and innovative communications campaigns. She loves to collaborate with stakeholders to develop an authentic narrative that raises the profile and reputation of an organization's brand. Alicia is particularly proud of her time as ED of the Sears Canada Charitable Foundation and acting as its community spokesperson. Alicia grew the Foundation to include national and regional fundraising events in support of children's cancer research and youth development programs. Alicia is deeply connected to Israel and the Jewish community. While working at CIC, she collaborated to build strong relationships with Canadian media and government to promote community relations. She led numerous media missions to Israel, in particular special trips with up and coming female journalists, some of whom went on to be a Premier of a province, syndicated columnists and TV personalities. Alicia earned a Master's Degree in Journalism from NYU. She worked in radio and television, as a morning show and hockey producer, and as an Assignment Editor at Rogers Sportsnet. Her love of writing has been a thread throughout her career, and really came alive when she launched her blog in 2017, Kinetic Motions.



Alicia is also the busy mother of three children, Matthew, Julia and Nessa, all of whom attend Toronto Day Schools. She is VP, Board of Directors, of PPDJDS, Co-Chair of the Advancement Committee and member of the Pandemic Task Force. She has also served as Fundraising Recruitment & Retention Chair.

PAUL PENNA DOWNTOWN JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

Joshua Tepper, COVID Consultant



Dr. Joshua Tepper, MD, FCFP, MPH, MBA

Dr. Tepper is a family physician and a well recognized health system leader. Recently he was the President and CEO of North York General Hospital, one of Canada's leading community hospitals with seven sites including a 200 bed long term care home. Prior to NYGH, Dr. Tepper was the President and CEO of Health Quality Ontario (HQO), Canada's largest health quality organization. At HQO, Dr. Tepper oversaw implementation of several large scale quality improvement initiatives, the launch of broad public reporting initiative and development of a quality standards program. He also oversaw one of Canada's largest health technology assessment programs that guided government on what medical devices and technologies should be publicly funded. He was previously a Vice President of Education at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, one of Canada's largest academic hospitals.. Prior to joining Sunnybrook, Dr. Tepper was Ontario's first Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) in Health Human Resources. Nationally, he has served as a senior medical officer for Health Canada, a research consultant for the Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI) and on many Pan-Canadian healthcare initiatives. He is a recognized academic and a full professor at the University of Toronto. Dr. Tepper has always remained in active practice serving marginalized populations including in rural and remote communities and taking on clinical leadership roles. He has served as the Medical Director for the Inner City Health Associates and President of the Inner City Family Health Team. He was also the Vice-President of the Society of Rural Physicians



He has received several provincial and national awards for his leadership. He completed Medical School at McMaster University and his residency in Family Medicine at the University of Toronto. Dr. Tepper holds a degree in Public Policy from Duke University, a Masters of Public Health from Harvard, and then completed his executive Master's of Business Administration at the Richard Ivey School of Business where he was the Valedictorian. Joshua lives in downtown Toronto with his wife Sophia Ikura and children Ishai, Ayla and Adara .

ROBBINS HEBREW ACADEMY

Jenny Frisch, Board President



Jenny has been an incredible leader during these difficult times. She is always there to lend a hand. She is a great listener and strategizer. Our school is incredibly lucky to have her as its Board President.



MIRIAM & LARRY
ROBBINS HEBREW ACADEMY
האקדמיה העברית ע"ש רובינס
CONTINUING A PROUD **USDS** TRADITION

ROBBINS HEBREW ACADEMY

Ronnie Strasser, Development Committee Chair



Ronnie has raised an incredible amount of money for our community. He is a valuable Board Member and really cares about the school.



MIRIAM & LARRY
ROBBINS HEBREW ACADEMY
האקדמיה העברית ע"ש רובינס
CONTINUING A PROUD **USDS** TRADITION

ROBBINS HEBREW ACADEMY

Michal Gilboa, Mental Health Task Force Chair



Michal has written a Resilience Corner for our newsletter weekly. She has been incredibly helpful for kids and families. Michal did a Zoom session for parents which was very well received. She also has been an instrumental member of our Pandemic Task Force.



MIRIAM & LARRY
ROBBINS HEBREW ACADEMY
האקדמיה העברית ע"ש רובינס
CONTINUING A PROUD **USDS** TRADITION

ROBBINS HEBREW ACADEMY

Michelle Porepa,
Member of Pandemic Advisory Task Force



Michelle is a primary member of our Pandemic task force. She reviewed all our policies and procedures. Michelle is a physician who has always been there to answer our many questions. Michelle is also a valued member of our Board.



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TANENBAUM CHAT

Jonathan Zepp,
Immediate Past
Board President



"For volunteers looking to spend their time making an impact on individuals and the Jewish community at large, TanenbaumCHAT is an easy 'sell'. I was excited to get involved. The school has such a profound impact on each student – which I see from my own children. The school instills a commitment in its alumni to Am Israel that is the foundation of volunteerism and helps sustain the Jewish community in Toronto, in Israel and around the world. I recently completed a two-year term as President of the Board of Directors of TanenbaumCHAT. We focused on formulating a sustainable model for tuition accessibility and embarking on an ambitious plan to grow the school's fundraising capacity to support it, all while maintaining the excellence of the school's program. I am grateful to have been a part of such meaningful endeavours and to have worked with TanenbaumCHAT's Head of School and its outstanding educators, administrators and volunteers. I have been enriched by the experience."



TANENBAUM CHAT

Russel Orelowitz,
Treasurer



"It was a privilege to be involved with TanenbaumCHAT over the past six years. I have been fortunate to be a product of a Jewish day school environment and to have had three children graduate from TanenbaumCHAT. Day schools are key to transmitting Jewish values from generation to generation. TanenbaumCHAT is led by an incredible team of teachers and administrators, and a dedicated and committed board of directors and committee members. It was an honour to be involved with TanenbaumCHAT."



TANENBAUM CHAT

Suzy Kauffman,
Parent Ambassador



“As an alum and a proud parent of two TanenbaumCHAT graduates and one current student, I value the importance of Jewish education in our community. Volunteering for the last seven years at the school has allowed me to play a role in ensuring that TanenbaumCHAT will continue to thrive as the preeminent North American Jewish high school for many years to come.”



TANENBAUM CHAT

David Mansell,
Major Gifts
Committee Chair



"Our family has benefited from the reduced tuition structure that was introduced in 2017, and we have seen the school thrive as a result of this extraordinary philanthropic donation. As a proud parent of two current TanenbaumCHAT students – with hopes that our other two children will attend in the future – my goal as Chair of the school's Major Gifts Committee is to help to keep TanenbaumCHAT accessible to as many Toronto families as possible. Thank you to the talented and dedicated teachers, administrators, lay leaders and donors who partner together to deliver excellent education and Jewish knowledge, practice, and pride to so many students."



THE JOE DWEK OHR HAEMET SEPHARDIC SCHOOL

Victor Arrobas,
Board President



A proud alumnus of Or HaEmet, Victor has selflessly dedicated himself to the success of the school and the Sephardic Community. Although busy in his professional life, he always finds time to devote to our school and community. Before being elected as our President, he personally spearheaded many committees and was especially involved in all our fundraising initiatives. Victor's devotion to Or HaEmet is legendary. In 2019, Victor was honoured by the City of Vaughan for his outstanding community commitment. Currently he is involved in every aspect of our school, giving countless hours to ensure our success. We are lucky to have Victor as part of our JDOHSS family. Victor and his wife Ilana share five beautiful children, two currently at our school and three alumni.

THE JOE DWEK OHR HAEMET SEPHARDIC SCHOOL

David Azulay,
Board Member



David, an alumnus of our school, enjoys giving back to the school that instilled so much in him and now in his children. David and his wife Dina, have six beautiful children, five are currently attending JDOHSS and one graduated in 2019. Growing up in a very community-oriented home instilled in him a need and desire to play a very active role in his community. David has acted as treasurer, tuition committee lead, Co-President and President of our school. In the past year, David has invested countless hours in ensuring the smooth operation of our financial office. Over the past few months, he has singlehandedly transitioned to a new accounting database for our financial office. He always finds the time in his hectic schedule to help. We are proud to have David as part of our JDOHSS family. With all of life's craziness he finds it important to have a hobby to keep him grounded. His hobby and passion is keeping tropical fish and a coral reef in his 8-foot tank that he custom built into his home.

THE LEO BAECK DAY SCHOOL

Daniel Rethazy,
Board President



Stepping up to become the President of the Board in a year like this takes commitment. Despite serving as SVP at CIBC, Daniel has always been available for the things which are most important in his life, such as coaching baseball for both of his sons. These were the things that Daniel considered as he prepared for his term as President of the Board, a pandemic never factored into it. But through it all he has guided the Board with thoughtfulness and calm which has served our entire community well.

THE LEO BAECK DAY SCHOOL

**Erika Rubin, Former
Board President**



Twelve years on the Board may seem like a lifetime, and in that time Erika Rubin led the Strategy, HR and Finance Committees at The Leo Baeck Day School, in addition to establishing the Investment Committee and serving as Treasurer and Co-President. Her commitment has never waned, and she certainly hasn't gone far, but she deserves this honour for this remarkable legacy.

THE LEO BAECK DAY SCHOOL

Lisa Dack, Immediate
Past President



Serving as Student Council President as a student may not have prepared her for her role as President of the Leo Baeck Board, but Lisa Dack was always destined to take on this challenge. A respected professor of education, her lifelong connection to this institution made her the perfect choice to steer the ship in choppy waters. Having become the Past-President now only clarifies how powerful her leadership was in two years as President of the Board.

THE TORONTO HESCHEL SCHOOL

Ilan Zor,
Board Co-Chair



Ilan Zor is Director of Regional Sales at CIBC Asset Management. Before joining CIBC in January of 2013, Ilan worked for several financial companies in Toronto. Prior to that, he served as an officer in the Israel Defense Force for four years and received the Chief of Staff's Excellency Award.

Ilan is the proud father of two girls. In his spare time, he enjoys running and he completed the Toronto Waterfront Marathon several years ago. Ilan currently volunteers at the Toronto Heschel School where he serves as Co-Chair of the board. Last year he held the position of treasurer of the board.

Ilan has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Ryerson University and MBA from Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto.



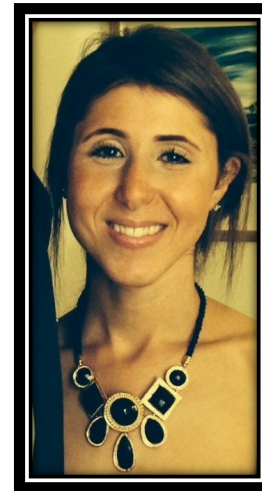
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Jasmine Eliav,
Board Co-Chair



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Dani Plant,
Board Member



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Tamara Lee,
Volunteer



TIFERES BAIS YAAKOV

Polina Nagla,
Day of Giving Campaign



"As the General Studies Principal of Tiferes Bais Yaakov, I'm blessed to be part of an incredible Administration, the most hard-working and dedicated staff, and the best students! To me, this really is the greatest school in the world! This is more than a job to me - it's my passion. I love this school and whole-heartedly believe in our important mission of educating young women to be successful, independent, thinking - ambassadors of Torah and Yiddishkeit, and helping them find their passions that lead to fulfilling careers!

I give my time to TBY because I live our mission of preparing bnos Yisroel for the 21st century - giving them tools and teaching them to be critical and creative thinkers, problem solvers, and inspired individuals. It's the best school in the world!"



TIFERES BAIS YAAKOV



Orly Aaron,
Day of Giving Campaign

"Tiferes Bais Yaakov is not just a place of learning, but a place of growth and positive energy. Tiferes educates the whole person. They teach the girls to give back and become leaders. We, as parents, must role model the importance of leadership and giving and make it a part of everyday life. I have always supported Jewish education, here and in Ottawa. It is the bedrock of our Jewish Community."

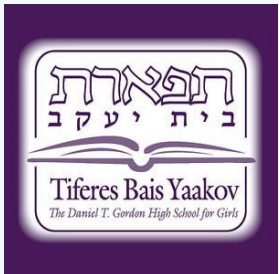


TIFERES BAIS YAAKOV

Andrea Skosowski,
COVID-19 Medical
Advisory Committee



"I was born in South Africa and came to Canada with my family at the age of 14. Although it was difficult fitting in as a high school student having a strange accent, I became involved in B'nai Brith, which helped foster my early Jewish identity. I suppose that was one of my first volunteer positions. I spent my first year of university in Israel at the Hebrew University's overseas program which further deepened my connection to the Jewish people. I attended York University then University of Toronto Medical School where I trained as a Family Physician. I am one of the doctors at the Sunnybrook Academic Family Health Team – we are a relatively small team and all pitch in to help when a need arises. While I have always been traditional, my husband and I grew more observant early in our marriage and have raised our 3 children in an Orthodox Torah home. Tiferes has educated both our daughters and has given them far more than just a secular education. It has been their spiritual, personal, emotional and academic home-away-from-home. The school and its amazing leadership and teachers have encouraged each of our daughters to excel in all these areas based upon their own distinct personalities, to learn about themselves, their place in the Torah world, and how they can represent Torah Jews to the greater community. It has taught our girls how to give back to their Tiferes family and more broadly as well. Tiferes makes it easy for us as parents to want to give back as well. I believe each of us has something to offer whether it is time, money or expertise and Tiferes has found a way for me to do that in my areas of interest as a mother and a physician. For that I am grateful. We are only saddened that our youngest's graduation will mean the end of our parental connection to the school. Perhaps I will be a Tiferes Safti one day!"



MAZAL TOV TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

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Shawn Goldberg
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Joanna Grossman
Jacob Jesin
Suzy Kauffman**

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