



CONFERENCE  
FOR CHANGE

INCLUSIVENESS AND LEADERSHIP  
IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY

PROGRAM

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007**

<b>11:30 AM -1:00 PM</b>	<b>WELCOME DESK/REGISTRATION</b>	<b>EAST LOBBY</b>
<b>1:00 - 2:15 PM</b>	<b>SESSION I: HOW CHANGE HAPPENS</b> <i>Welcoming Remarks: Angelica Berrie and Lynn Schusterman</i> <i>Speakers: Marty Linsky and Aliza Mazor</i> <i>Working Lunch</i> This session will frame the conference and include a brief talk that stimulates the participants to understand change from multiple perspectives — personal, organizational and communal.	<b>GRATELLA RESTAURANT</b>
<b>2:15-3:45 PM</b>	<b>SESSION II: DEFINING OUR DESTINATION</b> In facilitated working groups, participants will draft their visions for an inclusive Jewish community. We will emerge from this session with a set of goals and desirable outcomes for each group — gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Jews (GLBT), women and Jews of color. <i>Breakout I: Women</i> <i>Dod</i> <i>Facilitators: Marty Linsky, Audrey Weiner</i> <i>Breakout II: GLBT</i> <i>Maclean</i> <i>Facilitators: Robert E. Bank, Sharna Goldsecker</i> <i>Breakout III: Jews of Color</i> <i>Carnahan</i> <i>Facilitators: Didi Goldenbar, Eric Green</i>	
<b>3:45 PM</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	<b>PRINCETON JUNCTION</b>
<b>4:00-5:45 PM</b>	<b>SESSION III: NAVIGATING THE TOPOGRAPHY OF CHANGE</b> Building on the previous session, we will return to our working groups to brainstorm strategies that can bridge the gap between current conditions and our visions for change. <i>Breakout I: Women</i> <i>Dod</i> <i>Facilitators: Marty Linsky, Audrey Weiner</i> <i>Breakout II: GLBT</i> <i>Maclean</i> <i>Facilitators: Robert E. Bank, Sharna Goldsecker</i> <i>Breakout III: Jews of Color</i> <i>Carnahan</i> <i>Facilitators: Didi Goldenbar, Eric Green</i>	
<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>HOTEL CHECK-IN &amp; DRESS FOR DINNER</b>	<b>FRONT LOBBY</b>
<b>6:30- 8:00 PM</b>	<b>COCKTAIL RECEPTION DINNER</b>	<b>TREEHOUSE LOUNGE GRATELLA RESTAURANT</b>
<b>8:00-9:30 PM</b>	<b>SESSION IV: SPHERES OF INFLUENCE: OUR ROLES ON THE PATHWAYS TO CHANGE</b> Following a brief summary of the afternoon session, participants will convene in new working groups, based on their roles in the Jewish community — philanthropists and volunteer leaders, funding professionals, communal professionals, advocacy professionals, and academics. We will explore the ways in which we can leverage our public roles to drive change. <i>Breakout I: Funding Professionals</i> <i>Rush</i> <i>Facilitator: Lisa Eisen</i>	

**TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2007 (CONT'D)**

	<i>Breakout II: Philanthropists / Volunteer Leaders</i> <i>Dod</i> <i>Facilitator: Rabbi Jennie Rosenn</i>	
	<i>Breakout III: Communal Professionals</i> <i>Maclean</i> <i>Facilitator: Marty Linsky</i>	
	<i>Breakout IV: Advocacy Professionals</i> <i>Carnahan</i> <i>Facilitator: Aliza Mazor</i>	
<b>9:30 PM</b>	<b>DANCE PARTY</b> Music By Aaron Bisman Of Jdub Records	<b>BAINBRIDGE</b>

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007**

<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>MORNING RITUALS</b> <i>Shacharit</i> <i>27 Nassau</i> <i>Meditation Session</i> <i>24 Nassau</i> <i>Yoga Session</i> <i>25 Nassau</i>	
<b>8:00-9:00 AM</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	<b>GRATELLA RESTAURANT</b>
<b>9:00-10:00 AM</b>	<b>SESSION V:</b> Working in the full group, participants will review the visions and strategies developed on the previous day, highlighting common goals and strategies as well as divergent directions. Participants will then be guided through a process for translating their ideas into personal action plans. <i>Facilitators: Shifra Bronznick, Yonatan Gordis</i>	<b>CARNAHAN</b>
<b>10:00-10:45 AM</b>	<b>SESSION VI: GAINING TRACTION: ACTION PLANS FOR CHANGE</b> Using a “speed dating” model, participants will share their essential two action steps for promoting change in their respective environments. In each “encounter” participants will also respond to their partners’ action steps, and revise their personal action plans based on this feedback.	<b>MERCER</b>
<b>10:45 AM</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	<b>PRINCETON JUNCTION</b>
<b>11:00-12:15 PM</b>	<b>SESSION VII: COLLABORATING FOR CHANGE</b> Meeting again in the full group, participants will share the key action steps they will take over the next six months. The facilitators will then lead a brainstorming session, to develop a “peer bank” of collegial support and organizational resources. The session will conclude with a discussion about how we might use this new network to maximize our potential for impact. <i>Facilitators: Shifra Bronznick, Yonatan Gordis</i>	<b>CARNAHAN</b>
<b>12:15 -1:00 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b> Concluding Remarks	<b>GRATELLA RESTAURANT</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>ADJOURN AND CHECKOUT</b>	

The Conference for Change is sponsored by Angelica Berrie and Lynn Schusterman in partnership with Advancing Women Professionals and the Jewish Community and the Center for Leadership Initiatives.



**SARA ADLER**

Sara Adler has been involved in the Jewish community as a professional and lay leader for many years. Presently she serves on the Greater Miami Jewish Federation's Board of Directors and chairs a Federation committee that makes grants to organizations that improve the lives of women and girls in Israel. Sara also serves as the Florida Director of the New Israel Fund and the NY HUB Director for the Professional Leaders Project (PLP). She is involved with the National Jewish Democratic Council (NJDC) and Emily's List. Sara received her BS from Case Western Reserve University and a MSW from the Wurzweiler School of Social Work. Sara resides in New York City and Miami Beach and is the mother of two boys, Jonathan and Daniel Raiffe.



**DR. DAVID ALTSHULER**

David Altshuler consults to nonprofit institutions with a focus on organizational planning, leadership training, and financial resource development. He also advises foundations and individuals on strategic philanthropic investment. From 2000 until 2003, David was the Founding President of The Trust for Jewish Philanthropy, a foundation of United Jewish Communities, which represents and serves 156 Jewish federations and 400 independent Jewish communities across North America. Dr. Altshuler began his career as a university professor, ultimately occupying the Charles E. Smith Chair in Judaic Studies at George Washington University. He was the Founding Director of the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City, from 1986 through 1999.



**LINDA ALTSHULER**

Linda Altshuler has served as the Founding Director of the Hadassah Foundation since 1999. The Foundation works to bring about social change for women and girls in Israel and the United States. She is a Steering Committee member of the UJA Federation of NY Task Force on the Jewish Woman and is active with the Women's Funding Network. Linda was Director of Development for Hillel of New York City from 1996-1999. She served as Executive Director of the Barnum Museum in Connecticut and of the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum in Washington, DC. Linda was a curator of *The Precious Legacy: Judaic Treasures from the Czechoslovak State Collections*, an exhibition of the Smithsonian Institution. Linda has written on Jewish art and tradition, including serving as editor of the catalogue *In the Spirit of Tradition*. She earned a B.A. from Wheaton College and an M.A. from Case Western Reserve University.



**RABBI ANDY BACHMAN**

Andy Bachman is Senior Rabbi at Congregation Beth Elohim in Brooklyn, NY. With his wife Rachel Altstein, he is co-founder of Brooklyn Jews. Prior to CBE, Andy was Executive Director of the Edgar M. Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life at NYU, where the Hillel won awards for arts, outreach, and social justice programs. He holds a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin and was ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York in 1996. He and Rachel have three children and one dog



**ROBERT E. BANK**

Robert Bank is the Chief Operating Officer at Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), the first and most comprehensive HIV/AIDS education, service, and advocacy organization in the United States. As COO, Robert provides strategic direction, leadership and vision to a diverse, multi-disciplinary team. With an annual budget of 27 million dollars, GMHC provides direct services to over 15,000 men, women, and children each year and is committed to shaping humane public health policies in the areas of prevention and care for individuals living with and at high risk for contracting HIV/AIDS. He worked from 1986-1995 as Deputy Assistant Chief in the NYC Department of Law. In 1999, Harvard Law School named him a Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow. A native of South Africa, Robert has lectured on public interest law, immigration, discrimination and HIV, and has committed his professional life to fighting inequality. He lives in NYC with his partner, Alan Cohen.



**BEEJHY BARHANY**

Beejhy Barhany was born in the Tigray region of Ethiopia and made aliyah to Israel at the age of seven. After army service, Beejhy settled in New York City and in 2001, she founded BINA, the Beta Israel of North America Cultural Foundation Inc., a nonprofit organization devoted to preserving the history and culture of the Beta Israel (Ethiopian Jews). BINA facilitates dialogue between the Beta Israel and greater Jewish and African-American communities within the United States and speaks out on behalf of the Beta Israel. Through BINA, Beejhy develops conferences and events, including the Annual Sheba Film Festival which highlights film and art works created by Ethiopian and Jewish artists. She is currently working on a project about the Ethiopian Millennium and the role Ethiopia has played in the development of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Beejhy Barhany resides in New York City with her husband and daughter.



**JUDY BECK**

Judy Beck is the Director of the Synagogue Leadership Initiative, a department of the UJA Federation of Northern New Jersey. She is also the supervisor of the chaplaincy program of the Federation. Prior to her role in Bergen County, Judy directed the Center for Jewish Family Education at the Jewish Education Association of MetroWest where she created the Connections Project, a program for unaffiliated Jewish families. The Connections program won the Avi Chai and Conference of Jewish Federations award for excellence and innovative programming. Judy also was the online facilitator and program consultant for Mishpacha, one of the first on-line Jewish family education initiatives, targeted to unaffiliated Jewish families throughout the world. Judy was the recipient of the 2005 Saul Schwarz Award, presented to an outstanding Jewish communal professional by the New Jersey Association of Jewish Communal Service.



**RACHEL NEWTON BELLOW**

Rachel Bellow has focused on leadership issues in the nonprofit and commercial sectors for more than 25 years. Rachel holds a BA from Harvard University. She began her career on the design team for the MacArthur Foundation "genius" awards and later served as a Program Director at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Rachel left Mellon to found Project 180, an incubator for joint ventures between nonprofit and commercial enterprise; she later became a Partner at Divine, Inc., a venture capital firm, where she was responsible for strategy and acquisitions in its "social markets" division. Rachel's current consulting work focuses on helping CEOs and boards of directors to clarify company mission, dissolve operating conflicts, address individual leadership obstacles and develop strategic plans. Her focus has been on start-ups and companies at critical inflection points, where innovation is a priority, and there is a call for dramatic, accelerated change.



**AUDRA P. BERG**

Audra Berg is Assistant Vice President for Leadership Development at the Jewish United Fund-Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. She was most recently Program Director for Advancing Women Professionals and the Jewish Community (AWP). She has served as Director of Development for the Makor/Steinhardt Center of the 92nd Street Y and as the Midwest Region Director of the United Jewish Communities National Young Leadership Program. Ms. Berg, a current Wexner Heritage member, serves on the Boards of the Jewish Communal Service Association of North America, where she is the Programming Chair, the University of Florida Hillel and the University of Florida — Department of Religion. She is a graduate of the University of Florida.



**JOELLE BERMAN**

Joelle Berman is a Senior Editor for JVibe, the fast-growing magazine for Jewish teens. She previously served on the editorial staff of BabagaNewz, a Jewish children's magazine and as an Executive Editor of Citizen Culture, a national publication aimed at young intellectuals, which she helped to establish. Joelle's passion for educating and empowering Jewish youth began at the Joseph Eisner Institute for Living Judaism in Massachusetts and continued when she helped lead the North American Federation for Temple Youth's Ldor V'dor trip to the Czech Republic, Poland and Israel in 2004. Joelle holds a degree from Boston University's College of Communication. She currently resides in Boston, where she is involved in promoting relationships between faith communities.



**ELISE BERNHARDT**

Elise Bernhardt, a nationally-recognized curator, producer and advisor on arts programming, became Executive Director of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture in June 2006. She was the Artistic Advisor for New York City Center's acclaimed "Fall for Dance" Festival, from inception through 2006. From 1998 to 2004, Elise was the Executive Director of The Kitchen, one of the country's leading presenting organizations and media centers for contemporary arts. She was the Founder and Executive Director of Dancing in the Streets from 1984 to 1998. A Distinguished Alumna of Sarah Lawrence College, Elise has received the Chevalier des Arts and Lettres and the Doris C. Freedman Award for "Enriching the Public Environment." A member of the New York Dance and Performance Award Committee and the Advisory Board of the Brooklyn Arts Exchange, Elise also serves on the Board of the Kane Street Synagogue.



**ANGELICA BERRIE**

Angelica Berrie is President of the The Russell Berrie Foundation which counts among its accomplishments: the Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center at New York Presbyterian Hospital, the Russ Berrie Institute for Professional Sales at William Paterson University, the Russ and Angelica Berrie Humanistic Care Center at Englewood Hospital, the Angelica and Russell Berrie Performing Arts Center at Ramapo College, the Russ Berrie Nanotechnology Institute at the Technion and the Berrie Fellows Program, a leadership development program through the UJA of Northern New Jersey. Angelica was CEO (2003-2005) and Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors (2003-2006) for Russ Berrie and Co. Inc., a global gift company founded by her late husband. Angelica has served as Board Chair for Gilda's Club Worldwide, Board Chair for the Center for Inter-Religious Understanding, Board Member of the American Friends of Shalom Hartman Institute, and former Board member of The Arnold P. Gold Foundation for Humanism in Medicine. Born in the Philippines, Angelica converted to Judaism in 2005. She lives in Englewood, New Jersey.



**ELISA SPUNGEN BILDNER**

Elisa Spungen Bildner is President of FreshPro, a leading company serving the food service industry in the Northeast. Elisa earned her B.A. from Yale University and her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law. Prior to joining FreshPro, she practiced litigation and corporate law, later becoming a reporter and editor at the *Newark Star Ledger* and a journalism professor at Rutgers and NYU. Elisa is Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees (and Co-Founder, with her husband Rob Bildner) of the Foundation for Jewish Camping and immediate past Chair of the Jewish Funders Network. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of the Jewish Telegraph Agency and a Trustee of the Montclair Kimberley Academy. She is also a member of the President's Executive Committee for Yale University's Capital Campaign. Elisa and Rob have four children — Elana, Ari, Eli, and Rafi — and live in Montclair, New Jersey.



**DANIEL BLAIN**

Daniel Blain is the Senior VP for Human Resources of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. Since joining the Federation in 1989, he has worked in the Human Resources, Planning, and Community Relations departments. Daniel also has directed eight national Campaigns. Daniel received his B.A. from Washington University and earned a double Masters from Hebrew Union College and Washington University. He was a recipient of a Ferep scholarship for his graduate study and in 1994, was given the Louis Kraft Award from the Jewish Communal Service Association. Daniel currently is participating in UJC's Mandel Executive Development Program, designed to train the next generation of large-city federation directors. Daniel resides in Cleveland Heights with his wife Miriam and their children Max and Ruby.



**SHIFRA BRONZNICK**

Shifra Bronznick is the Founding President of Advancing Women Professionals and the Jewish Community (AWP). AWP's mission is to promote the leadership of women within Jewish institutions, and to act as a catalyst for communal change. Shifra is a consultant who specializes in helping nonprofit organizations navigate change, including the American Indian College Fund, the Public Education Network, The Fresh Air Fund, Hebrew Union College-JIR, American Jewish World Service, Medicare Rights Center, the Charles H. Revson Foundation, the Nathan Cummings Foundation, United Jewish Communities, and The White House Project. She designed the WHP National Women's Leadership Summits which convened the most influential women in business, government, the nonprofit sector and academia. In collaboration with Ma'yan, Shifra organized *Impact and Influence*, a conference for women volunteer leaders of national Jewish organizations. Previously, Shifra served as Executive Vice-President of Swig, Weiler & Arnow, one of New York's premier commercial real estate firms.



**DR. ERICA BROWN**

Dr. Erica Brown works at The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, where she serves as Scholar-in-Residence, Managing Director for Education and Leadership, and Director of its Jewish Leadership Institute. She formerly served as Scholar-in-Residence for the Federation of Boston. Erica did her undergraduate studies at Yeshiva University and graduate work at the University of London, Harvard University and Baltimore Hebrew University. She was a Jerusalem Fellow and is a faculty member of The Wexner Foundation. She lectures widely on subjects of Jewish interest and publishes extensively in journals of education and Jewish studies. She has chapters in *Jewish Legal Writings by Women*, *Torah of the Mothers*, and *Wisdom from All of My Teachers* and writes a weekly internet essay on the Torah portion. Erica's forthcoming book is *The Sacred Canvases: The Hebrew Bible in the Eyes of the Artist*. She resides with her husband and four children in Silver Spring, Maryland.



**RABBI NINA BETH CARDIN**

Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin is the immediate past Director of Jewish Life at the JCC of Greater Baltimore, where she currently serves as adjunct staff. Ordained in 1988 from the Jewish Theological Seminary, she sits on the Chancellor-Elect's Rabbinic Advisory Council. Nina Beth is the Lead Consultant for adult learning for the JCCA's Mandel Center for Jewish Education. She is currently pursuing an advanced degree in the Anthropology of Place and is active in Jewish environmental education and advocacy. She is the author of *A Tapestry of Jewish Time*, spiritual guide to the holidays and lifecycles, and *Tears of Sorrow, Seeds of Hope*, a spiritual companion to infertility and pregnancy loss.



**SANFORD R. ("SANDY") CARDIN**

Sanford R. ("Sandy") Cardin is the President of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation (CLSFF) as well as two other philanthropic entities created by the Schusterman Family: the Center for Leadership Initiatives (CLI) and the Schusterman Foundation - Israel (SFI). He also serves on the Boards of the Council on Foundations, the Jewish Funders Network and the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame. He is the Chair of the Westbury Group, an informal association of more than twenty Jewishly-oriented foundations that fund internationally, as well as the past President of the Grantmakers of Oklahoma and Heritage Academy, the Jewish community day school in Tulsa. Sandy graduated from Harvard University and was elected to the *Order of the Coif* upon the receipt of his *juris doctor* degree from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1981.



**MARK CHARENDOFF**

Mark Charendoff is the President of the Jewish Funders Network. He is the former Vice President of the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies and previously served as Director of Jewish Educational Services for the JCC Association of North America. Mark serves on the Executive Committee of *The New York Jewish Week* and on the Boards of Birthright Israel, BBYO International, Jewish Communal Service Association of North America, *Lifestyles Magazine*, the Jewish Home at Rockleigh and the Advisory Board of the Washington Institute for Leadership and Values. He is Co-Editor of *Jewish Education and the Jewish Community Center*. Mark's articles have enjoyed a broad circulation. He has served as faculty of The Wexner Foundation and speaks and teaches widely across North America.



**CINDY CHAZAN**

Cindy Chazan is Vice President, Alumni and Community Development for The Wexner Foundation. She directs the Foundation's alumni programs, facilitates collaborations among the Wexner Leadership constituencies in North America and in Israel, and engages Jewish communities in greater leadership development activities. Cindy was the Executive Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. Prior to that she was Special Projects Associate for the JWB/JCCA of North America and was the Director of the Koffler Centre of the Arts in Toronto. Ms. Chazan holds degrees in Jewish Studies from McGill and Brandeis Universities. She is a member of the professional advisory committee for Brandeis' Hornstein Program and serves on the UJC Mandel Center National Advisory Committee. She is a founding Board member of Advancing Women Professionals and the Jewish Community (AWP) and was the Chair of the Selection Committee for UJC's Mandel Executive Development Program.



**PROFESSOR STEVEN M. COHEN**

Steven M. Cohen is Research Professor of Jewish Social Policy at HUC-JIR. His professorial posts include fourteen years at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and, prior to that, Queens College, as well as visiting professorships at Yale, Brandeis, and the Jewish Theological Seminary. He also serves as Director of the Florence G. Heller - JCCA Research Center and Research Consultant to the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies. Steven has written and edited many books, scholarly articles and reports on Jewish community, Jewish identity, and Jewish education, including *The Jew Within: Self, Family and Community in America* (with Arnold Eisen); *Two Worlds of Judaism: The Israeli and American Experiences* (with Charles Liebman), and *Cosmopolitans and Parochials: Modern Orthodox Jews in America* (with Samuel Heilman). His earlier books include *American Modernity & Jewish Identity*, and *American Assimilation or Jewish Revival?* His current research addresses new forms of Jewish community organizing among younger Jews in the United States.



**ADAM COURTNEY**

Adam Courtney is the Director of Young Adult Initiatives at the JCC Association. He holds a BFA from the Parsons School of Design and a Masters from the University of Southern California. Adam has devoted five summers to the Brandeis Bardin Institute's summer camp, Alonim, as a Counselor, Head Counselor, CIT Advisor, and Division Head. Adam also has worked as Program Coordinator for Avoda Arts, an innovative Jewish arts program that has reached more than 60,000 students on more than fifteen university campuses. Prior to JCCA, Adam was the Project Manager for the Jewish Community Project of Lower Manhattan. He is also a photographer and installation artist who works with synagogues and community groups on developing Jewish arts projects.



**RABBI RACHEL COWAN**

Rabbi Rachel Cowan, Executive Director of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, received her ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1989. She has been Program Director at Congregation Anshe Chesed, Director of Derekh Torah and Director of Outreach at the 92nd Street YMHA. From 1990-2003, Rachel served as the Program Director for Jewish Life at the Nathan Cummings Foundation. Her work has been included in *Moment* and *Sh'ma* as well as in such anthologies as *Illness and Health in the Jewish Tradition: Writings from the Bible to Today*. She is the author, with her late husband Paul Cowan, of *Mixed Blessings: Untangling the Knots in an Interfaith Marriage*.



**BARBARA BERMAN DOBKIN**

Barbara Dobkin is the Founder and Chair of Ma'yan; the Jewish Women's Project at the JCC in Manhattan; the Founding Chair and immediate past Chair of the Board of the Jewish Women's Archive; and the immediate past Chair of the Hadassah Foundation. She currently serves on the boards of *Lilith Magazine*, Advancing Women Professionals and the Jewish Community (AWP), The Women's Funding Network and The White House Project. A pioneer in the Jewish community as an advocate and funder of Jewish women, Barbara also advises and supports a variety of nonprofit organizations, both Jewish and secular, in the United States, Israel and around the world. Barbara speaks nationally on issues of women's philanthropy and leadership.



**ALISA ROBBINS DOCTOROFF**

Alisa Robbins Doctoroff has been a leader in the expansion and establishment of high quality Jewish education and identity building programs for Jewish youth. She is President of the Abraham Joshua Heschel School and was instrumental in creating its high school division in 2001. Alisa is a Co-Founder of *The Jewish Lens*, a curriculum that teaches Jewish values through photography; she also serves on the Board of Moving Traditions, home of "Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!" Under her Chairmanship, the Task Force on Youth and Young Adults at UJA-Federation of NY developed its innovative *6 Points Fellowship* to support young Jewish artists. Alisa graduated from Harvard College and the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. She recently received an MA in Jewish Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Alisa lives on the Upper West Side with her husband, Dan, and their three children.

**FRIEDA DOW**

Frieda Dow is a psychotherapist and volunteer leader. Her Board affiliations have included: the Houston Museum of the Holocaust, the Jewish Federation Community Relations Committee, the Joint Distribution Committee, National BBYO (Southwest Region), the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Yeshurun, American Society for Technion (Houston Chapter), Hadassah, and Houston Metropolitan Ministries, among others. Frieda has served as a Vice-President on AIPAC's National Executive Committee and as a Director of the International Bank of Commerce. She is a past recipient of Israel Bonds' Golda Meir award and an AIPAC Achievement Award (Southwest Region). Frieda is married to Melvin Dow; they have five sons and nine grandchildren.

**STEVEN DOW**

Steven Dow has served as the Executive Director of the Community Action Project in Tulsa, a multi-service anti-poverty agency, since 1992. The agency operates a wide range of programs, including early childhood education, affordable housing, financial services, and public policy advocacy. A former investment banker and lawyer, Steven is married to Stacy Schusterman; they have 3 daughters, ages 12, 10, and 6.



**GREGG DRINKWATER**

Gregg Drinkwater is Executive Director of Jewish Mosaic: The National Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity. Prior to Jewish Mosaic, Gregg worked in nonprofit communications, as a journalist in Russia, and as the news editor for San Francisco-based PlanetOut Partners, publishers of *Gay.com* and *PlanetOut.com*, the world's most popular LGBT Web sites. Gregg has volunteered for LGBT, Jewish, and social justice organizations for more than eighteen years. He earned his B.S. and M.A. degrees at the University of California, Berkeley, where he also devoted several years to a Ph.D. in history.



**SANDI DUBOWSKI**

Sandi DuBowski's film, *Trembling Before G-d*, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, and received twelve awards following its release in the United States, Israel, Canada, Germany, South Africa, and the UK; the film has been aired on BBC, Sundance Channel, HBO Latin America, Israel's Keshet/Channel Two, Poland's Canal Plus and other television stations worldwide. An estimated eight million people have seen the film, and Sandi has conducted 800 live events in connection with it; he has created *Trembling on the Road*, to document this life-changing movement. He is the producer of *A Jihad for Love*, a film about the global struggle of Islam and homosexuality, with a world premiere scheduled for 2007. The project was filmed in Egypt, Turkey, France, Pakistan, Iran, South Africa, and India as a co-production with LOGO, UK's Channel 4, France-Germany's ZDF-Arte, and Australia's SBS. Sandi is now developing a new film project with Amichai Lau-Lavie.



**DAVID EDELL**

David Edell is the President and Co-founder of The Development Resource Group. DRG Inc. is a national executive search and consulting firm that works solely in the nonprofit sector and is a leader in recruiting executives for Jewish communal organizations. DRG is celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2007. David's portfolio focuses on recruiting CEOs, foundation executives and development specialists. His clients include organizations and foundations working in human services, public policy, education, healthcare and the Jewish community. David lectures and writes often on hiring trends, recruitment and retention strategies, organizational change, management, human relations, and leadership development. He graduated from Boston University, spent a year at the Hebrew University, and received an M.S.W. from the University of Maryland's School of Social Work and Community Planning. Before founding DRG, David spent twelve years in several senior executive positions at the UJA-Federation of New York.



**LISA EISEN**

Lisa B. Eisen is National Program Director of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation. She spearheads the foundation's efforts to enhance Jewish life in the United States and to foster a vibrant, dynamic American Jewish community. She is responsible for creating new initiatives, overseeing grant management and cultivating strategic relationships with national Jewish organizations. Founding Chair of the Israel on Campus Coalition, Lisa also serves on the national boards of BBYO, Inc., Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life and Project Interchange Seminars in Israel. She is a member of the Panim Advisory Board. She graduated from Yale University and earned her Master of Arts degree at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Ms. Eisen is married and has three children.



**RABBI DAVID ELLENSON**

David Ellenson is the eighth President in the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion's 130-year long history. A member of HUC-JIR's faculty since 1979, David is a distinguished rabbi and scholar, dedicated teacher, and committed leader of the Reform Movement. In addition to his several endowed positions at HUC-JIR, Rabbi Ellenson has served as a Visiting Professor, Fellow and Scholar at many institutions, including the Shalom Hartman Institute of Jerusalem, The Hebrew University, the Jewish Theological Seminary, the University of California, Los Angeles, the Jerusalem Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies and The Wexner Foundation. Rabbi Ellenson is internationally recognized for his publications and extensive research in the areas of Jewish religious thought, ethics, and modern Jewish history. His many books include *After Emancipation: Jewish Religious Responses to Modernity* (2004) a collection of essays which received the Dorot Foundation Modern Jewish Thought and Experience Award from the National Jewish Book Council.



**RABBI JACQUELINE KOCH ELLENSON**

Jacqueline Koch Ellenson is a Reform rabbi, ordained at the Hebrew Union College in 1983. Since 2003, she has served as the Director of the Women's Rabbinic Network (WRN), the support and advocacy organization for women reform rabbis. She also serves as Chair of the Hadassah Foundation Board. Prior to the WRN, Jackie was a chaplain at the Harvard-Westlake school in Los Angeles. She has been leading a "Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing!" group at Congregation Rodeph Sholom for nearly four years. She recently completed the rabbinic program of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, and is a Spiritual Director. Jackie also serves on the Boards of New York's Rodeph Sholom School, the Yedidya Center for Jewish Spiritual Direction and the Central Conference of American Rabbis.



**MAXYNE FINKELSTEIN**

Maxyne Finkelstein has served as CEO of the Jewish Agency for Israel, North America, (JAFINA) since 2006. Based in New York, Maxyne is responsible for the services, programs, financial resource development and representation of the organization in the United States and Canada. Prior to this position, Maxyne served as the Executive Vice President of UIA Federations Canada (2000-2006). UIA Federations Canada is the organization representing the national and Israel-based interest of the Federations and Regional Jewish Communities in Canada. She came to this position from Montreal where she served as a Senior Executive of Federation CJA.



**WAYNE L. FIRESTONE**

Wayne L. Firestone is the President and CEO for Hillel, the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life. He joined Hillel in 2002 as the Founding Executive Director of the Israel on Campus Coalition and later served as the Executive Vice President for Hillel in the United States. Wayne graduated from the University of Miami where he gained national prominence as a Hillel student, Soviet Jewry activist, playwright and intercollegiate debater. Wayne received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law School and worked for the prestigious DC law firm Patton Boggs following a summer internship with a law firm in Monrovia, Liberia.



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**SHIRLEY R. GINDLER-PRICE**

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**DR. BETHAMIE HOROWITZ**

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**PROFESSOR PAULA E. HYMAN**

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**LOOLWA KHAZZOOM**

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**DR. GAIL TWERSKY REIMER**

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**MONICA RODRIGUEZ**

Monica Rodriguez is a volunteer leader in the Jewish community, particularly devoted to issues of Jewish diversity and Jews by Choice. She has been an active member of the Ayecha Resource Organization, where she supports its mission to support Jews of Color and to increase awareness of Jewish diversity. Through Ayecha, she is proud to have produced the first-ever Jewish Soul Celebration, a concert celebrating the musical contributions of Jews of Color across the Diaspora, and has served as a group facilitator on issues of Jewish diversity and inclusiveness. Outside of Ayecha, Ms. Rodriguez is involved in the Institute for Conversion and Outreach Education, a program of the New Jersey USCJ, and the Women's Advisory Board of the Jewish Outreach Institute.



**MARCELLA KANFER ROLNICK**

Marcella Kanfer Rolnick is President and Chair of the Lippman Kanfer Family Foundation and Co-Founder of the Lippman Kanfer Institute for Innovation in Jewish Learning & Engagement at JESNA. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of the Jewish Funders Network. She is also a member of the Advisory Council for the Program in Judaic Studies at Princeton University. Marcella served on the Board of Joshua Venture and is working to re-launch the organization. She was a member of the 2004-2006 Wexner Heritage Program Palo Alto group, and Vice President of Business Development at Jewish Family & Life. Marcella is the New Ventures Director at GOJO Industries. She earned her MBA at the Stanford GSB and her BA at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public Affairs at Princeton. Marcella resides in Akron with her husband Josh and sons Meyer and Hesh.



**RABBI JENNIE ROSENN**

Rabbi Jennie Rosenn has been the Director of Jewish Life and Values at the Nathan Cummings Foundation since 2004. Prior to this position, Jennie was the Associate Jewish Chaplain at Hillel of Columbia University and Barnard College for nearly seven years. Ordained by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and an alumna of the Wexner Graduate Fellowship Program, Jennie has worked in several congregations and campus communities, as a chaplain at NYU Medical Center and the Momentum AIDS Project, and at the Reform Movement's Commission on Social Action. A founding Board member of AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps, Jennie recently served on the Board of New York Jobs with Justice and on the Advisory Board of *Sh'ma*. She lives in New York City with her husband David and two sons.



**LANE ROSNER**

Lane Rosner attended Binghamton University, where he majored in Judaic Studies and Studio Art, participated in social justice initiatives and served as a Hillel Executive Board Member. Prior to college, Lane spent a year in Israel on the Nativ Leadership Program. After graduation, he joined AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps and was placed at Metro TeenAIDS, a nonprofit organization in Washington, DC where he educated inner-city youth on HIV prevention and designed a peer education program. Currently, Lane is the Development Associate for the national office of AVODAH.

**JUDD ROTHSTEIN**

Judd Rothstein is originally from Monsey, New York and recently graduated from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor *magna cum laude* with a degree in Middle Eastern and North African Studies. Judd is a Fellow at the BBI Center for Human Rights and Public Policy, where he is pursuing his interest in international relations and the role of the United Nations in world affairs.



**RABBI JOANNA SAMUELS**

Rabbi Joanna Samuels is the spiritual Leader of Congregation Habonim in New York City, a position she has held since her ordination in 2002. She is a graduate of Barnard College and was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary where she was a Wexner Graduate Fellow. Joanna has also studied at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem and at the Drisha Institute. She has taught at Drisha, Ma'yan, The Jewish Women's Foundation of New York, AVODAH, the JCC of Manhattan, and the B'nai Jeshurun Limud program. She serves on the Steering Committee of Face to Face, Faith to Faith, a summer program that brings together teenagers from the Middle East, South Africa, Northern Ireland, and the United States for dialogue and experiential learning that encourages interfaith understanding.



**SUSAN WEIDMAN SCHNEIDER**

Susan Weidman Schneider is a Founding Mother of *Lilith Magazine*, the award-winning Jewish women's quarterly, where she has been Editor-in-Chief since its debut in 1976. Susan's articles in *Lilith* and elsewhere have been widely reprinted and anthologized, and she has been the recipient of many journalism and community awards in the United States and Israel. She has spoken widely on women's issues in the national media, including *Oprah*, *Good Morning America*, *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Glamour*, *USA Today*, and CNN. A frequent lecturer on campuses and at conferences, she is the author of three books: *Jewish and Female*; *Intermarriage: The Challenge of Living with Differences between Christians and Jews*, and *Head and Heart*, about money in the lives of women. Susan, an expat Winniepegger, divides her time between Washington, D.C., and New York City.



**LYNN SCHUSTERMAN**

Lynn Schusterman is Chair of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation (CLSFF), an organization she and her late husband, Charles, z”l, established in 1987. Today, the CLSFF works to spread the joy of Jewish living, giving and learning throughout the world. Lynn and the Foundation also provide assistance to non-sectarian charitable organizations that enhance the quality of life in her hometown of Tulsa, Oklahoma, especially in the areas of education, child development, and community service. Among her positions as a senior leader for international and national civic organizations, Lynn is president of STAR (Synagogues: Transformation and Renewal), an organization dedicated to expanding the boundaries of synagogue life, and is the Board Chair of the BBYO Youth Organization. She is Co-Chair for the International Board of Governors of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life. Through the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, she is a partner in the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education and Birthright Israel.



**STACY SCHUSTERMAN**

Stacy Schusterman serves as Chairman and CEO of Samson Investment Company, a private oil and gas company in the United States, Canada and the North Sea. She is Founder and CEO of Granite Properties, a commercial real estate company in Texas, the Denver area and Atlanta. Stacy is Vice President and Treasurer of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation. She also serves as a member of the Executive Committees of BBYO, AIPAC, Hillel’s International Board of Governors, and on the board of Natan, the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, and the Tulsa Community Foundation. Stacy is a past President of B’nai Emunah Synagogue in Tulsa. She is a graduate of Yale University and has an M.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin. She and her husband, Steven Dow, have three daughters.



**STEVEN SCHWAGER**

Steve Schwager assumed the position of Executive Vice-President of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) in May 2002. He brings to his work the knowledge and skills honed over thirteen years as a top professional with JDC which works in 63 countries around the globe. Serving initially as JDC’s Deputy Director, Steve was responsible for monitoring all operations and traveled extensively in such diverse locations as Ethiopia, Morocco, Hungary, and Russia. During 1999-2000, he relocated to Israel to directly supervise JDC activities there and throughout the former Soviet Union. Under Steve’s guidance, JDC has focused its attention on Jews in distress in Argentina, crisis-generated needs in Israel, and evolving needs in Europe and the former Soviet Union, and to new situations wherever they may develop in today’s uncertain world.



**LACEY SCHWARTZ**

Lacey Schwartz is a director/producer who has worked with a variety of production companies and networks, including MTV, BETJ, and @radical.media. She has a BA from Georgetown University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. She is a member of the New York State Bar. During law school, Lacey wrote, directed, edited and produced her first two films: *Schwartz*, a short autobiographical film, and *Legally Black, Brown, Yellow and Red*, a feature-length documentary about the minority experience at Harvard Law School. She is currently at work on *Outside the Box*, a documentary which traces Lacey’s upbringing in a white Jewish family, her discovery at eighteen that her biological father is black and personal exploration of her mixed-race identity; all the while exploring her connection to other Black Jews in America.



**JEFFREY E. SCHWARZ**

Jeffrey Schwarz is the Co-Founder and, for the last fifteen years, Co-Managing Partner of Metropolitan Capital Advisors, Inc., a New York based money-management company. He serves as a Founding Co-Chair and current Vice President of Limmud NY, member of the Executive Committee and Board of the JCC in Manhattan, founding Board member Alma NY, and Board Treasurer of Moving Traditions. Jeffrey is the past Chair of the Nesiya Institute, a past Board member and Vice President of the Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan, a past Board member of CLAL-The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, a past Board member of UJA/Federation of New York and a past member of the Board of Overseers of the Davidson School of Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Jeffrey is an alumnus of the Wexner Heritage Program.



**NAOMI L. SHANK**

Naomi Shank is Program Director of The Russell Berrie Foundation, where she manages grantmaking in Jewish Renaissance, Diabetes and Medical Innovation, Professional Sales and Community Giving. Prior to the Berrie Foundation, Naomi worked for ten years at The Philanthropic Initiative, a nonprofit consulting firm that offers a results-oriented approach to philanthropy. As Senior Program Officer, Naomi developed grant initiatives for philanthropic clients, including the Berrie Foundation and the Melville Charitable Trust. Naomi also was a Charitable Contributions Consultant for Shawmut Bank. Her nonprofit experience includes the NY Association for the Help of Retarded Children. Naomi served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Senegal, West Africa (1989-1991), where she facilitated micro-enterprise and health projects with village groups. Naomi received her B.A. from SUNY, Binghamton and her M.B.A. in Non-Profit and Public Management at Boston University. Naomi is married with two children and lives in New Jersey.



**SIVANIE SHIRAN**

Sivanie Shiran currently serves as the Director of Leadership Programs at Advancing Women Professionals and the Jewish Community (AWP). Sivanie is an organizational consultant who specializes in change management, team development and executive coaching. Her work emphasizes an understanding of the unconscious processes that drive decision-making, and the dynamics of authority and leadership as they play out “under the table” within organizations. Sivanie has worked with a broad range of national nonprofit organizations and multi-national companies, among them The Karev Foundation, The Israel Women’s Network, Hewlett Packard, ABB and Schindler. She has also held positions in several business schools, including the Harvard Business School and the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) in Switzerland. Sivanie completed her training as an Analyst at the C.G. Jung Institute, Zurich and is currently receiving her PhD in Psychology from Haifa University.



**YOLANDA SHOSHANA (SHOSHI)**

Yolanda Shoshana (Shoshi) is a performance culinary artist known as “The Kosher Soul Gourmet.” She uses multidisciplinary arts to create community and to generate civic dialogue. Shoshi is currently writing a cookbook about kosher soul food and working on a one woman show about her life as a black Jewish woman entitled *Triple Minority*. When not onstage she is “mixin’ it up” in the kitchen as a personal chef specializing in kosher/kosher style food. Shoshi is the gourmet that presents an intercultural experience “with flava.” To learn about her work, check out [koshersoulfood.blogspot.com](http://koshersoulfood.blogspot.com) or [www.yolandashoshana.com](http://www.yolandashoshana.com)



**SUSAN KAHN STERN**

Susan Stern is the Board Chairman of UJA Federation of NY, having previously served as General Campaign Chair and Women's Campaign Chair. She is UJC's President of National Women's Philanthropy and Secretary of UJC's Executive Committee. Susan has served on the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel and on the Executive Committee of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. She has been Vice President of the Israel Policy Forum and a Director of Project Interchange of the American Jewish Committee. Her many awards include the Rosenwald Young Leadership Award (UJA), the Institute of Human Relations Award (American Jewish Committee) and the Scroll of Honor Award (Israel Policy Forum); she is an alumna of the Wexner Heritage Program. Susan is a member of the Democratic Party's Women's Leadership Forum and is about to begin working on the Presidential Campaign for Hillary Clinton as the Chairman of the National Council of Civic Leaders. Susan also serves on the University of Michigan Dean's Advisory Council. Susan and her husband Jeffrey have two sons, Michael and Peter.

**NANCY SCHWARTZ STERNOFF**

Nancy Schwartz Sternoff has served as Director of the Dobkin Family Foundation since 1998. The Foundation is primarily dedicated to funding and advocacy through a feminist prism, concentrating on issues relating to gender and leadership, social justice, human and civil rights. Nancy serves on the boards of the Jewish Funders Network, the Jewish Women's Archive and American Jewish World Service. In addition to providing technical assistance to organizations and programs supported by the Dobkin Family Foundation, Nancy speaks nationally on the importance of women assuming leadership roles through their philanthropy, and of the critical need to provide leadership opportunities to women and girls.



**HAROLD TANNER**

Harold Tanner is an investment banker and President of Tanner & Co., Inc. He serves as Chair of the Conference of Presidents, Trustee of the Charles Revson Foundation, Chair Emeritus of Cornell University and President Emeritus of the American Jewish Committee.



**NICKI NEWMAN TANNER**

Nicki Newman Tanner is an oral historian for institutional and personal histories and has directed the Oral History Project at UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York for more than twenty years. She serves on a number of boards, including HUC-JIR and the New York Community Trust. She is Chair of the Jewish Women's Archive Board and the Board of WNYC, New York City's public radio station. Nicki is a graduate of Wellesley College, where she is Trustee Emerita. She is married to Harold Tanner, and together they have three children, three children by marriage and eight grandsons. The Tanners have been active members of Westchester Reform Temple since 1969.



**DIANE TRODERMAN**

Diane Troderman, Chair of JESNA (Jewish Education Service of North America) has held numerous leadership roles in the Jewish community, on the local, national and international levels. In addition to her passionate interest in Jewish education, she works actively on women's issues and on the renaissance and renewal of Jewish life throughout the world, especially in the Former Soviet Union. Diane served as the first Chair of The Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, whose mission is to develop fresh ways of thinking about Jews and gender worldwide. Diane serves on the Boards of the American Jewish World Service, BBYO, and The Jewish Funders Network. Together with her husband Harold Grinspoon, she is a partner in the PEJE Collaborative and the Board of Governors for National Hillel. From 1993 to 1998 she helped establish and direct the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. Diane and Harold have six children and ten grandchildren.



**CARLTON A. WATSON**

Carlton Watson has served as President and CEO of the Henry Lee Willis Community Centers, Inc. since 1995. Carlton is a leader in providing training and consultation around issues of cultural diversity and organizational development. He is the Board President of the Seven Hills Charter Public School and the Learning First Foundation, and serves on many Boards, including: the Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts; the United Way; the Greater Worcester Community Foundation; the Worcester Art Museum, and the Central Massachusetts Partnership. He is President of Congregation Temple Emanuel in Worcester, MA and is a Board member of the Northeast Council of Leaders of URJ.



**DR. AUDREY S. WEINER**

Audrey Weiner is President and CEO of the Jewish Home & Hospital Lifecare System which serves 10,000 New York elders annually through rehabilitation, long-term skilled nursing, housing, home care, adult day care and transportation services. She is a past President of the Jewish Communal Services Association, Vice President of the World Council of Jewish Communal Services, a Board member of Advancing Women Professionals and the Jewish Community (AWP) and recently completed her term as Co-Chair of the Women's Executive Circle of UJA-Federation of NY. Currently Audrey chairs the Ethics Commission of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging and the Continuing Care Leadership Coalition. Audrey received her doctorate from the CUNY Graduate Center and her Masters from Yale University. She is the Founding Editor of the *Journal of Social Work in Long-Term Care* and in 2006, edited an issue of the *Journal of Jewish Communal Service* devoted to "Aging in the Jewish Community."



**JUDY YUDOF**

Judy Yudof has served as International President of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (2002-2005). The *Forward*, marking her second appearance on the Forward 50 in 2003, wrote, "Judy Yudof [first] made our list for breaking the glass ceiling of American synagogue life. This year she makes the grade for on-the-job performance. Yudof has emerged as an important voice within Conservative Judaism, not a common role for a congregational leader in a rabbi-driven movement." In 2006, President Bush appointed Judy to a five year term on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Council. Judy has served on numerous boards and commissions, many related to the delivery of health and human services. For sixteen years, she served as the Founding President of the New Milestones Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides housing for the chronically mentally ill in Austin, Texas.

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