

INCOMING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Michelle Bayuk: Michelle Bayuk is joining the Board and has been a member of Beth EI since 2014. She is a Shabbat and Morning Minyan regular and has served on several committees and been actively involved with Sisterhood. Professionally, she brings her life-long love of books and reading to a long career of helping put books into the hands of children. She has led the marketing efforts for numerous US publishers and organizations, including for the Quarto Group, Egmont USA, Albert Whitman & Company, and the Children's Book Council. Currently with Gibbs Smith Publishing, she is working with adult trade titles for the first time. She also has two side gigs with Welbeck Publishing and Bushel & Peck Books.

Lisa Boyars Gehrke: Lisa Boyars Gehrke is thrilled to be joining the Board. Lisa became a Beth EI member with her family in 2018 and served on the pre-school committee when her children were enrolled. Lisa is a long time media marketing executive having led teams for publishers Condé Nast, Hearst, and The Atlantic. She is currently SVP, Marketing at Motorsport Network delivering F1 fandom to the U.S. and more. Lisa lives in South Orange with her husband Dave and two children - Aaron (10) and Hannah (8) who attend Golda Och Academy, alongside goldendoodle, Leo.

Yuval Brokman: Yuval Brokman is rejoining the board as Executive VP. Yuval and his family joined Beth EI in 2017. He first served on the tefillah and spiritual committee co-chairing the membership committee. Yuval joined the Executive Board as VP Community in 2021 transitioning to Executive VP in 2022. During the day, Yuval works for J.P. Morgan in the Private Bank advising entrepreneurs, families and foundations on all matters pertaining to investments. Yuval lives in South Orange with his wife Sarah and three children, Idan, Noam and Orly. Yuval is involved in fundraising at Golda Och Academy, where his three children attend school and AIPAC, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. He loves playing sports, gardening, board games and writing Jewish-themed parodies.

Judith David: Judith David has been a Beth EI member since 2021. During that time, she has served on the JLC committee, including the search and onboarding committee for the JLC Director, and is a regular volunteer of shabbat clubs. Judith has worked in Sales and Marketing for 20+ years and currently serves as the Global Director of Sales Enablement at Pinterest. Judith and her husband, Ken David, have three daughters, Layla (11), Maya (9) and Nina (5), all of whom are JLC students. Judith is thrilled to serve on the Beth EI Board of Trustees and continue to bring her passion for Jewish learning, community development and the shabbat experience.

Emily Fox: Emily Fox is joining the Board of Trustees. Emily and her husband, Ari, joined Beth El in 2017 when they were still living in Hoboken! She has led children's services at Beth El's High Holy Days, and together with her family is a regular Shabbat and holiday goer. Emily is the Director of Jewish Educational Initiatives at the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ, where she supports early childhood and congregational education across our region. She and Ari live in South Orange with their two young daughters, Mabel and Sadie, who love exploring the Beth El rock garden! Exploring is what Emily loves too - walking, hiking, and traveling.

Rachel Goldberg: Rachel joined Beth El in 2010 and has been serving as VP, Education for the Jewish Learning Center since 2022. She has been on the board since 2019, served as co-chair of the Chaverim Connections committee, and has served on hiring committees for both the pre-school and JLC director(s). Professionally, Rachel is an administrator in the Springfield Public Schools, and will begin her 22nd year working in education. She holds a Master's Degree in Education Policy and a Doctorate in Education. Rachel and her husband Scott live in South Orange with their three kids, all of whom are active in JLC, and are proud graduates of Thelma K. Reisman Preschool. She loves camping with family and friends, and her main stress relievers are gardening and reading.

Emily Kameros: Emily Kameros is looking forward to serving on the Board of Trustees. She and her family have been members of Beth El since 2013 and have lived in South Orange since '07! Emily's proudest CBE "moment" is serving as co-chair of the Rabbinical Search Committee that ended in the hiring of Rabbi Marder! Her husband Dean previously served on the Exec and she served on the Nominating Committee. After a 20+ year career in Human Resources at EY where she specialized in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and Organizational Development (OD), she formed her own boutique DEI & OD consulting practice in 2022. Emily has served on various PTA roles at both South Mountain and South Orange Middle School. When not Ubering her teenage sons (Gabe and Josh), Emily might be found exercising, walking the family dog, planning a trip, cooking or playing pickleball. (Don't knock it till you've tried it!)

Matthew Kane: Matthew Kane has been a member of the Beth El Board of Trustees since 2021 and has served as Vice President, Finance for the past two years. Matt and his wife Sara have been members of the Beth El since 2017. Both of their children attended the Thelma B. Reisman Preschool and are now enrolled in the Jewish Learning Center (JLC). The Kane family has lived in Maplewood since moving from Park Slope, Brooklyn in 2016. Matt is a bowling alley lawyer, who when not setting up pins and polishing bowling balls, specializes in corporate and securities law. Matt is currently training to be a Pokemon master along with his boys. He also plays tennis and pickleball and enjoys attempting to solve NYT crossword puzzles.

Andrew Keshner: Andrew Keshner is joining the board. Andrew and his family have been Beth El members since 2017. He has been serving as treasurer for the Beth El Men's Club since 2022 and is a member of the nominating committee. Andrew is also a member of the Beth El softball team (and thinks the team looks great this year). Beyond Beth El, Andrew is a reporter for MarketWatch.com, writing about a range of topics, from taxes and banking to investing and financial literacy. His previous publications include the New York Daily News and the New York Law Journal. Andrew's children, Harrison (13) and Dahlia (11) have been JLC students since joining Beth El. Harrison became a bar mitzvah in April and Dahlia is already eyeing her 2026 bat mitzvah. Andrew's wife, Britt, is a K-7 drama teacher in Orange Public Schools and co-choreographed Columbia High School's spring production of Mamma Mia! featuring some of Beth El's talented youth. With his family, Andrew – and it's fine to call him Andy – live in West Orange's Gregory neighborhood.

Daniel Kestin: Daniel Kestin is honored to serve as the next Beth El VP of Administration. Daniel has been a part of Beth El's Board of Trustees for 3 years. An active member of our Security & Technology committee, Daniel was also part of the team that created the bethelnj.org website. Daniel has dual degrees, in both Computer Science & Modern Jewish Studies, so he has long been at home working in the space where the Jewish community uses technology. Before joining Beth El, Daniel was also on the board of Hazon, and he founded a technology start-up that provided software to synagogues. Daniel works as a Technology Program Manager at Google NYC. He lives in South Orange with his wife Elissa. and their amazing daughters Hazel (13) & Hayley (11).

Nicole Kleinbaum: Nicole Kleinbaum is thrilled to join the board of our vibrant and inclusive community at Congregation Beth El. She and her family have been members since 2012. Her two oldest children attended Thelma K. Reisman preschool for three years, and her youngest attended for one year, with all three children attending JLC since Gan. Despite varying levels of participation over the years due to commuting with young kids and the pandemic, Nicole's family has consistently found the Friday night Shabbat dinners to be meaningful community events. With a background in entrepreneurship and corporate sales leadership, Nicole brings a wealth of experience and strategic insight to her endeavors. She and her family have lived in Maplewood since 2011.

Jillian Mandell: Jillian Mandell is excited to be joining the executive committee as Secretary. She and her husband Josh joined Beth El in 2019. She has been on the membership committee ever since and served as co-chair in 2022 and 2023. She is also on the Nominating committee and spent the past year as a board of trustee. While not at Beth El, Jillian works for The Zorel Group, a local General Contracting company owned by a fellow Beth El member. She lives in South Orange with Josh, their 4-year-old son, Cameron, who can often be seen on Shabbat on

the bima for Adon Olam and the newest Mandell, Willow, who joined the family in February 2024 and already loves Shabbat at Beth El.

Stephanie Marks: Stephanie Marks is honored to serve as Beth El's next co-President. She has served on the Board of Trustees since 2021, including as Executive Vice President this past year, and previously served on the board from 2016-2019. Stephanie has been deeply engaged with the Beth El community since becoming a member in 2014, starting with volunteering on the Chaverim Connections Committee and the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee. She was part of the committee to launch Makom and served on the Executive Director Search and Communications Committees. Stephanie also served on the Nominating Committee for several years and just completed her term as Chair. Professionally, Stephanie is an Investor Relations and Corporate Communications consultant. She lives in South Orange with her husband, Jonathan Zellan, and her twin daughters Isabelle and Gabrielle, and their dog Trixie who is everyone's favorite family member!

Isaac Rothbart: Isaac Rothbart currently serves as the chair for the Security Committee at Beth El. He has overseen security at three different non-profit organizations. He is currently the CFO for the New York City Police Foundation, where he works closely with security experts at the NYPD and oversees security for the foundation itself. Isaac was also involved with various security programs at the JCRC of NY and was responsible for the safety and security of 6,000 Jewish college students and multiple locations across the state while working at Hillels of Georgia. Isaac has held various CERT/FEMA, NIMS/ICS, and First Responder certifications.

Bob Sherman: Bob Sherman will be starting his second year as Co-President of the board after previously serving as VP of Administration. Bob became a member of Beth El in 2017 and joined the board four years ago. Bob is retired after a professional career in Jewish education, most recently holding the position of CEO of The Jewish Education Project, a national organization, located in NYC. He currently works as a coach with non-profit executives and aspiring executives. Bob lives with his wife, Lorraine, and dog Josie, in Maplewood. He loves to walk, hike, visit with his grandchildren--and children, of course, read, study, and write poetry.

Avi Siegel: Avi Siegel is joining the Board of Trustees. He and his family joined Beth El in 2021. He is an active member in the *Chevra Kadisha* (burial society) and Men's Club, serves on the security committee, and was a part of the Education Director search committee. When not at Beth El, Avi is the Director of Teen Initiatives at the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest, working to uplift meaningful opportunities for teens, parents, and educators. He lives in Maplewood with his wife Keren and their 3 daughters Arianna, Zohar, and Adira. He is a fan of all Jewish rituals, especially if they include candles.

Larry Weintraub: Larry has been a member of Beth EI since 2017, and in that time has served on the Adult Education, Investment, and Finance committees and has chaired the JLC committee for the last two years. Most importantly, he plays on the Beth EI softball team. He is a physicist, currently working for Qualcomm on AI research for mobile communications, but is happy to discuss his previous work on radar imaging or observing the early universe. He lives in West Orange with his wife, Dayna, and his two children Jonah, 14, and Noam, 10.

Miri Wexler: Miri Wexler is completing her one-year term as VP, Strategy after a two-year term as VP, Preschool Education. Prior to that, Miri served on the preschool committee and co-chaired the second Beth EI retreat that unfortunately never happened due to Covid. After spending two decades in the education reform sector, she founded Miri Wexler Coaching and Consulting to advance organizations grounded in belonging - these are places where people feel affirmed, connected and poised to contribute. Miri lives in Maplewood with her husband Camilo and two kids, Avi and Mateo. She loves the blooming flowers and the pottery studio in South Orange.