



# ADAS ISRAEL Congregation

celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month



## SooJi Min-Maranda

“My Hebrew name is Seeprah, which means  
she who tells her own story.”

“I have always believed in the power of stories. Storytelling, at its best, can be transformational. And Judaism for me has always been, and will continue to be, an unfolding. For now, as I share the story of my Hebrew name, I am fully being myself.”

*SooJi Min-Maranda is the executive director of ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal. Min-Maranda wants to both increase the number of Jews of color that lead Jewish organizations and raise awareness in the wider community about Jews of different backgrounds. Min-Maranda is a steadfast social justice advocate who believes in the transformative power of stories.*

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