Brian Haak has been an active member of the Gates community since embracing Judaism and joining in 2016. In addition to serving on the Board of Trustees, Brian is an active participant in weekly Torah study and often steps in to lead study sessions. Brian has led adult education programs on Abraham, Noah, and Jonah and is teaching 7th grade in Gates Quest. In the world outside Gates, Brian is a graduate of Albany Law School and has been a lawyer for over 20 years working in private practice as a litigation associate and then as a legislative counsel. Early this year he was nominated by Governor Kathy Hochul to a seat on the New York State Court of Claims and was confirmed by the New York State Senate.