

June 19, 2019 Annual Meeting: Incoming Directors



Ben Berkowitz, Co-President

Benjamin and his wife Jessica have been part of the TOS community for the past 5 years. Their daughter attended TCEE and now attends ARS and HomeBase. Benjamin has served on the TOS Board as a member at large and more recently as co-Treasurer, where he focused on the Temple's long-term, financial future providing guidance and advice to the President, Executive Committee, and the Board.

Benjamin has had a decade of experience at Partners HealthCare leveraging systems and technology to improve the administrative functions of healthcare. He is now Partners' first Director of Intelligent Automation. Benjamin

was born in Medellin, Colombia, raised in New Jersey, and lives with his family in Brookline.



Lori Abrams Berry

Lori Berry is joining the Board as a new director. She and her husband Jeff have been members of TOS for just over 4 years. Lori has become active in the past year, serving as a liaison between TOS and the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization. She sees TOS's membership in GBIO as a great opportunity to help make the Temple an even closer-knit community and as an additional way to do meaningful social justice work, an important part of the Temple's mission.

Lori is now retired, having served as the CEO of the Lynn Community Health Center for over 20 years. The health center provides comprehensive health services to over 40,000 low income Lynn residents. She currently serves as the Vice President of the Board of Health Care for All. Lori and her husband have two adult daughters and two beautiful grandchildren, Eli 6 and Willa 9.



Sarah Bookbinder

Sarah Bookbinder has been a member of TOS for four years, and a Board member since 2018-2019. Her son Seth graduated from TCEE last year and he and her second grade daughter, Eve, now attend ARS and the Coolidge Corner School. Thus far, Sara has focused her TOS Board attention on supporting the work and the families of TCEE and ARS.

Sarah is a public interest attorney and she has worked for the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and the Suffolk County DA's Office, and most recently as a public integrity prosecutor for the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. Sarah now works at Suffolk University Law School as the Associate Director of Public Interest Advising and Pro Bono. She also serves in leadership roles at the Boston Bar Association and national organizations that support new public interest attorneys. She grew up in Newton, attended Barnard College and the University of Michigan Law School, and has lived in Brookline for the past ten years.

Shoma Dhar

Shoma has been a member at TOS since 2013 when her younger child started going to preschool at TCEE. Through the preschool program and the Ansin Religious School, she has gotten to know and appreciate the TOS community and looks forward to giving back. She is a primary care physician, currently working at a community health center in Boston. Shoma grew up in the Boston metrowest area and has lived in Brookline for 12 years with her husband, Aaron Hoffman, and their children Lila and Akash.



Mark Gale

Mark is joining the Board as a new director. He and his wife Wendy have been a member of Ohabei Shalom since 2014 along with his son Zach (a Bar Mitzvah in 2018) and Rebecca, an ARS student. He and his family are devoted attendees of Shabbat B'Yachad.

Mark hails from Ann Arbor, where he graduated from University of Michigan with a degree in Philosophy and

minor studies in Film and Political Science. His professional career in Information Technology began in Chicago, where he worked variously as an engineer, manager and consultant. Post dot-com collapse, he moved East and landed at Akamai Technologies. Looking for a change of pace from the world of tech start-ups, he became a stay-at-home dad. After several years of cooking for his family, he decided to try the real thing at Le Cordon Bleu (Boston), and after graduation, worked at Barbara Lynch's Menton. Currently, Mark divides time between being a chauffeur for the kids and a personal chef for family and friends.

Penny Garver, Co-Treasurer

Penny Garver (not pictured), TOS member since 1989, returned to the board in 2018 having previously served on both board and school committee when her children were enrolled. Recently retired after 30+ years as a corporate banker in New England, Penny is married to Richard, also retired, and they have two grown children. Current activities include board membership with Immigrant Learning Center and Chelsea Boys and Girls Club along with Advisory Committee service at Jewish Vocational Service where she was treasurer as well as board chair.



Rachel Greene

Rachel Greene grew up in Pawtucket, RI where her family belonged to Temple Emanu-El, and has been involved in Jewish community organizations for much of her life, including volunteering with BBYO, Hillel, and previous synagogues. Rachel works as a marketing director for a real estate investment firm in Newton. She lives in Brookline with her husband Ben and two children Jackson and Sarah. Rachel has been a member of TOS for several years and has previously served on the TOS Board and helped plan Rosh Chodesh programming.



Ed Jacobs

Familiar to most of the congregation as an usher and the shofar blower on the bimah during the High Holidays, Ed Jacobs was consecrated at Ohabei Shalom in 1958. TOS is where he became a bar mitzvah, was confirmed, served as OSTY president, saw his girlfriend convert to Judaism, got

married, kvelled as his son and daughter became b'nai mitzvah, was honored by the Brotherhood, and served on the board of directors. In the latter capacity, over the years Ed has served on the Executive Committee as a Vice President, on the Building Committee as Chair, and on the Security Committee as Co-Chair. Ed is President of Interstate Rental Service, Boston, and Technical Producer for the Boston Marathon. A lifelong resident of Brookline, he and his wife Betsy are empty nesters; son Sam is in Chicago and daughter Laura nearby in Back Bay.



Denise Karlin

Denise and her husband Bill Jarosz have been members of Temple Ohabei Shalom since 2010. Denise has served on the Temple's Board of Trustees since 2012 where she is currently a Vice President of the Temple. Denise is President of the Temple's Sisterhood, chaired the Temple's 175th Anniversary Gala in 2017, and currently serves on several Temple committees including Ritual Worship and Inclusion. Denise was integral in the recent revision of the Temple's By-Laws. In January 2019, Denise taught an Adult Education class at the Temple entitled "Jewish Justices of the United States Supreme Court." She is an attorney who is Legal Counsel for the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care and a graduate of Harvard/Radcliffe College and Harvard Law School. Denise and her husband live in Brookline with their daughter Amanda, who has recently graduated from college, their miniature poodle Luna, and their cat Tony.



Susan Krasker Elsbree

Susan and her family have belonged to TOS for over eight years and her children attended ARS and made their B'not Mitzvah in May 2015. Susan has served on the Board for the last two years and is interested in ensuring that the Board is diverse, representing the entire spectrum of our community and the Temple's long-term, financial future.

Susan is a communications and public affairs professional with more than 20 years of experience in the public affairs and nonprofit sectors. She has experience in strategic communications and message development, expertise in media relations, public relations, crisis management, event planning and production. Susan is currently Senior Vice President at InkHouse Media, having forged a significant career at the Boston Redevelopment Authority. When she isn't working, Susan enjoys

spending time gardening, exploring Boston's neighborhoods, and riding her bike to community meetings in JP, where she and her family live. She is a graduate of University of Massachusetts Amherst.



Robin LeWinter

Robin LeWinter, a Board member since 2018-2019, is a neuroscientist, currently working at a company focused on providing gene therapy to children with rare diseases. She and her husband, Alan, are parents to two children - Meredith (12) and Liam (10). They have been members of TOS since 2014, and are grateful for the community of shared values and traditions provided by TOS. In particular, as an interfaith family, they appreciate how welcoming and accepting the TOS community is to

different approaches to faith.



Michael Mittelman

Michael Mittelman, his wife, daughter, and son have been members of TOS since 2017, and Mike joined the Board in 2018. Mike's children attend ARS, and his daughter will be preparing for a bat mitzvah soon. Mike has been active in the Membership and Development Committees and has a keen interest in developing off-site events for members to get to know each other. He appreciates the welcoming environment TOS has provided to his interfaith family.

Professionally, Mike is an artist and technologist, with degrees from Wesleyan University and MA College of Art and Design. From 2003 to 2014 he was the founder and editor of ASPECT, a biannual DVD publication of contemporary art. For the last ten years he has been an independent software consultant, working with startups, non-profits and large companies. His previous board experience is with the Transportation Children's Center, first as a board member and then as its president.



Joshua Paradise

Joshua lives with his wife Masha and their 9-year-old son Toby in Brookline, and they have been members of Ohabei Shalom since moving to Brookline in 2012. Toby attended TCEE and is now at ARS. In his work on the Ohabei Shalom Board, Joshua is particularly focused on the ARS religious school and on ensuring the financial stability of TOS as a community and an institution. He attended Wesleyan University, is a Chartered Financial

Analyst, and works at the intersection of investment analysis, marketing, and socially responsible investing.

Annie Rotner, Co-President

Annie and her husband, Brad, have been members of the TOS community for the past 4 years. They have 3 kids, ages 9, 6 and 4, and over the years, have had children enrolled in TCEE, HomeBase, and Ansin Religious School. Annie and her family have long been regulars at Shabbat B'yachad but recently expanded their involvement in the TOS community. They can now often be found at "adult" Shabbat services and Annie has participated in several adult education programs. Annie joined the TOS Board in 2018. Annie previously worked as a lawyer, primarily on the development and preservation of affordable housing. She recently transitioned to social work and is now a Social Worker in the Longwood Medical Area. While in social work school, Annie spent a year at Jewish Family and Children's Service, working in their Center for Early Relationship Support. She and her family have lived in Brookline for the past 15 years.



Matthew Simonson, Recording Secretary

Matthew Simonson is a Ph.D. student at Northeastern where he studies the effects of friendship networks on ethnic violence. A former high school math teacher at Milton Academy, Matthew served for 8 summers as a camp counselor at Seeds of Peace where he worked with Israeli and Palestinian teens. Outside of work, he coaches cross country, mentors teens, and trains for the Boston Marathon. He is active in a wide array of Jewish 20's and 30's groups and has been a member of Ohabei Shalom since 2011. This will be Matthew's third term as Recording Secretary. A graduate of Williams College and native of

Washington DC, he currently lives in Cambridge.



Richard Stern, Co-Treasurer

Richard Stern and his partner, Dr. Lance Goodman, joined TOS in 2013, followed by Richard joining the Board in 2017 where he most recently has served as co-Treasurer.

Richard grew up in Charleston SC, attending Sunday School at the US's oldest Reform Temple, followed by attending middle school at Addlestone Hebrew Academy. He remains involved with his Southern Jewish roots

through participation in The Jewish Historical Society of SC and the College of Charleston's Jewish Studies program.

After graduating from the University of Florida, Richard moved to Atlanta to begin his accounting career with the largest regional CPA firm in Atlanta. Nearly a decade later, he founded Richard H Stern CPA PC, a tax and consulting firm, which recently celebrated 20 years of service. Richard and Lance live in Boston's South End where Richard quickly became involved in several non-profit organizations, including United South End Settlements (USES) and South End Business Alliance (SEBA).



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