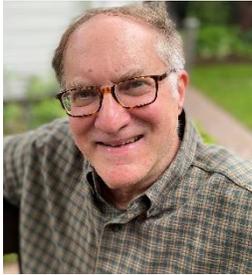


### **John Kupper**



John is Chair of the Transition Committee. He and his wife, Janet Koestring, joined Sukkat Shalom shortly after moving to Wilmette from Chicago nearly 25 years ago. John served for six years on the synagogue's board and has edited the temple *Bulletin* for the past 20 years. His two children, Sara and Ted, attended Family School and became Bat and Bar Mitzvah when the congregation shared space at First Congregational Church of Wilmette. John is a political consultant and served as an adviser to past Chicago Mayors Richard M. Daley and Rahm Emanuel.

### **Andrea Pauls Backman**



Andrea and her sons Brian and Daniel joined Congregation Sukkat Shalom in 1998. As a Jew by choice (and single mother at the time), she knew this was the perfect spiritual home for them. Rabbi Gordon has been there to celebrate all of her family's life-cycle events: her and her sons' b'nai mitzvot, weddings, and loss of family members. She and her husband, Mick Siegel, live in Wilmette. She is a former board member and Treasurer, former member of the Building Committee and a former co-chair of the Long Range Planning Committee. Professionally, she is the CEO of the Les Turner ALS Foundation. She is honored to give back to the congregation as we search for our next rabbi. If she looks familiar, you've probably seen her in the soprano section of the choir! She is Co-Chair of the Rabbinic Search Committee.

### **Cathy Baker**



Cathy and her husband, Matt, are among the founding families of Sukkat Shalom. Their three children, Rachel, Melissa and Bennett, have grown up in the temple and are still connected as adults. Cathy is currently a temple board member. In the past she was elected as a trustee on the Northfield Township board and has served in many volunteer capacities through the schools, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and other organizations in the community. She is a freelance court reporter who also loves to quilt, run, and cook. She is Co-Chair of the Rabbinic Search Committee.

### **Craig Caffarelli**



The Caffarelli family have been members of Sukkat Shalom for over 15 years. Craig is currently a member of the Social Justice Committee and in the past has been honored to serve CSS as a board member, Treasurer, Chair of the Building Committee, Co-chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee, and liaison to Family Promise. He is currently on the board of Bernie's Book Bank and the Morgante-Wilson Foundation and previously served on the board of Family Promise. Craig is the Chief Operating Officer of a commercial real estate investment firm located in Chicago.

## **Lisa Fingerhut Carlton**



Originally from Cleveland and New York, Lisa has lived in Chicago and Wilmette for 35 years with husband Jim Carlton, a Jew by choice, where they raised their three children. They have been members of Sukkat Shalom for 5 years and are delighted to have found a wonderful community to call their spiritual home. A lifetime active member of the Jewish community with a commitment to synagogue life, Lisa jumped right in by serving on the Board and committees and as Vice President and will soon step in as Board president. In this capacity, Lisa serves on the

Transition and Search committees with the belief that this is an opportunity for Sukkat Shalom to assure the needs of our current community are met while defining our future. She is incredibly grateful to serve at this very important time in the lifecycle of the congregation. Lisa is in a management role at McDonald's Corp internal agency where she's been 'lovin it for 20 years. She supports strategic communication initiatives for the global business and senior leadership team. In her spare time, Lisa enjoys being active, taking advantage of the beautiful lakefront (especially with her new puppy Rosie) and hanging out with her family!

## **Betsy Katten**



Betsy and her family have been members of the congregation for the past 17 years. Her two children went through Family School, Hebrew school, were madrichim for four years, and had bar and bat mitzvahs at Sukkat Shalom. Betsy served for five years on the Board of the Directors, including as Board President. Philanthropic endeavors include: the Executive Board of Trustees of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; Vice President of the Pamela B. Katten Memorial Leukemia Research

Foundation; Board Director of Make Noise Now, voter engagement nonprofit; and as Chair of the Evanston Human Relations Commission. She worked as a legal-aid provider as the recipient of a national public interest fellowship; and spent more than two decades at a large international law firm, practicing labor and employment law, and serving as the department's senior operations counsel. Betsy is the Executive Director of the Amy Krouse Rosenthal Foundation, a charitable organization focused on funding research for the early detection of ovarian cancer as well as child literacy efforts.

## **Debra Shore**



One of Debra Shore parents' closest friends in Dallas, Texas, was Patty Gerstenblith's aunt. When Debra mentioned to her that she was searching for a new spiritual home in the Chicago suburbs, she said, "My niece is married to a rabbi in Wilmette!" This was at least 18 years ago. Since then, Debra has served on the Board of the congregation for six years (president for two), participated in the search for a cantorial assistant that led to Kenny Lyonswright joining the staff, and the search for an executive director that led to Andy Schultz joining the staff. Rabbi Gordon co-officiated at her wedding to Kath Gillespie five years ago. While you will not have heard her voice in the choir, you might have voted for her as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago where she is now serving her third term. She also serves on the Board of the Great Lakes Protection Fund, the University of Chicago Women's Board, and the Illinois Women's Institute for Leadership Training Academy. Her favorite volunteer activity is habitat restoration in the Cook County Forest Preserves.

## **Jesse Peterson Hall**



Jesse and his wife, Elizabeth, have been members of Sukkat Shalom for 19 years since their relocation to Wilmette in 2002. Their daughter Rebecca is a successful graduate of Sukkat Shalom Family School. Jesse is a past President of Congregation Sukkat Shalom and professionally serves as President of NorthShore Glenbrook Hospital.

## **Adam Siegel**



Adam joined Sukkat Shalom in 2018 with his wife, Cristin, daughter Margot, 8, and son, Henry, 5, and was quickly inspired to become active in our community, attending Family School, Shabbat, and Adult Learning events. Recently, he assumed leadership of the Sukkat Shalom Social Justice Committee. Adam is Founder and CEO of Chicago-based technology firm Cultivate Labs. Before starting Cultivate, Adam was a senior executive at Accenture, a global consulting firm. He has a B.A. in political science from Indiana University. Outside of work, Adam enjoys reading short story fiction and political long-form journalism, listening to his favorite podcasts, cooking, and trying to find time to exercise.

## **Fred Wilson**



Fred Wilson is a past president of the congregation and was a leader in the fundraising, planning and execution of the temple building acquisition, its renovation, and the most recent phases of capital improvements to the Sukkat Shalom sacred space. He studied architecture at Ohio State as an undergraduate and earned his master's degree in architecture at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Just two years after graduation, Wilson launched his own firm, based in Evanston, which, along with his partner in business and life, Elissa Morgante, has become one of the leading architecture and design firms in Chicago. Additionally, Fred is an architectural consultant for the building review commission for the Village of Kenilworth and serves as a board member of the Community Partners Affordable Housing Land Trust. Fred and Elissa have created the Morgante-Wilson Foundation, a nonprofit working to develop affordable housing in Wilmette. He and Elissa have three children, Alex, Hannah, and Isabelle.