

Below are our esteemed board members, each of whom play a crucial role in our sisterhood's success:



My husband, Yoni and I moved to Fair Lawn in 2013 with our 2 kids to be part of a community that values personal growth, a commitment to Jewish values, and friendliness. Three kids and 10 years later, we are proud to call Fair Lawn our home and Shomrei Torah our shul. We are drawn to the warmth of the community. With your participation, I look forward to continuing the rich legacy of the Shomrei Torah Sisterhood.

Debbie Karp

I moved to Fair Lawn in August of 1993 with my husband Adam and children Jerry, Elisa and Jonathan. Ilana was born a few years later. My first memory of the Sisterhood was at a new membership tea, where Shevi Yudin regaled us with amusing stories and I was made to feel very welcome. I joined the Sisterhood board as Recording Secretary and soon transitioned to Financial Vice President/Treasurer, a position I have held for many years. For about six of those years, I also served as treasurer for the Leah Sokoloff Nursery School. Participating in the Sisterhood has been a wonderful experience. It has given me the opportunity to make new friends, to get my children involved, and to take an active part in our community.



Naomi Yarimi

Our family moved to Fair Lawn in 2016, after the birth of our 3rd child. We followed Naomi's sister and Avishay's cousin, after years of visiting them and getting to know the Fair Lawn community over shabbos, holidays, and long weekends. We were welcomed by Rabbi and Shevi Yudin and Rabbi and Dr. Sara Markowitz and the Shomrei hospitality committee right away. Since then, we've been enjoying this warm, diverse and Chesed filled community and appreciate the spiritual guidance we gained from being members of the Shomrei family. We are involved in various community and Shul initiatives, from Mikvah to Tahara, weekly food deliveries, holiday packages, community events, senior home visits and Kiruv initiatives with the Israeli and Sephardi neighbors. We consider it our privilege to be able to support our community leaders and partake in the kind projects of our community partners.



Chana Leah Kleinman

Our family moved to Fair Lawn in 2021, and bought our house on a wing and a prayer, sight unseen and community unmet. But between knowing two lovely families here, and feeling the warmth from Rabbi Markowitz my husband received on the phone, we knew it was the right choice for our family. We're proud to be part of such a loving, growth oriented community, and love the opportunity to contribute in small ways.

Rachel Lipschitz

Our family moved to Fairlawn in August 2017. But before we even moved, Rabbi Markowitz had reached out to wish us Mazel tov on our baby and to see how he could help with the move. We knew right then that there was no greater place than Fair Lawn . Since then, my husband Josh and myself have been involved in the Shomrei Torah community in various different ways. We consider it a privilege and joy to be able to help and are excited for the bright future of our shul.

Talya Mandelstam

Our family moved to Fair Lawn in the summer of 2019. Shomrei Torah is the exact type of community that we were looking for. Specifically, our shul embraces diversity but manages to remain anchored by Torah values. We love the fact that Shomrei Torah is NOT a place where one size fits all. Our family of six truly view Fair Lawn as our home, and love the programs that connect us to shul. My husband, Yoni, is one of the Rabbis in the shul, and we are excited to help the shul grow to the best of our ability. I am looking forward to working with the sisterhood, and I hope that my presence can serve as a valuable contribution.

Lillie Mentrel

My husband, Stu, and I moved to Fair Lawn in September 1972. Each of our 5 children were born in Fair Lawn and attended Yeshivat Yavneh and the Frisch High School. I have been involved in Sisterhood since we moved in and have held almost every position on the Sisterhood board. Stu and I served on the Shul board and founded the Shomrei Torah Leah Sokoloff Nursery School in 1990. We continued to oversee its development and growth for almost 30 years.

We have always loved living in Fair Lawn and being active members of Shomrei Torah. Shomrei Torah has given us the zehus of making many wonderful friends and the unique privilege of having Rabbi Yudin and Shevi as our spiritual leaders as well as close friends. Now that we live closer to the shul we look forward to continuing being involved in Shomrei Torah; as well as making good friends with and gaining additional spiritual guidance from Rabbi Andrew and Sarah Markowitz.

Brittany Ricklis

My husband Josh and I moved to Fair Lawn in June 2013. Our children are students at Yavneh Academy, where I teach 6th and 8th grade Social Studies. My first memory of the Shomrei Torah Sisterhood was when I volunteered to set tables at the Spring Dinner. It was inspiring to see a strong presence of passionate volunteers. That evening, I met many of the women who became my greatest Sisterhood mentors throughout my years as a volunteer and as Sisterhood President. I enjoy how our Sisterhood programming unites women of all ages, and I am eager to support its continued growth.



Leora Vinagray

My husband, Moishie, and I moved to Fair lawn in 2014 when we get married. Even before we moved in, Rabbi Markowitz joined us for one of our sheva brachot making us feel so welcomed to the community. We now have 3 active boys and over our years here we have felt supported by the Markowitzes and our Shomrei Torah family. Moishie and I try to volunteer and participate where we can. I especially enjoy being involved in the sisterhood because it gives us an opportunity to connect, learn, get together, and get to know one another on many different levels. I look forward to another great year!



Shoshana Batya Greenwald

My husband, Shlomo, and I moved with our four kids to Fair Lawn at the height of the COVID pandemic in 2020. We wanted to live in a warm modern orthodox community with serious Torah values and that is exactly what we found. Although it was about six months until we saw what the bottom of anyone's face looked like without a mask covering it, we quickly felt like a part of this exceptional community, our children made friends and we continue to benefit from the legendary leadership of Rabbi and Shevi Yudin and Rabbi and Sara Markowitz.



Shira Schnall

I moved to Fair Lawn with my husband, Eliezer, and kids, Tani, Gavi, and Lielle 10 years ago. Like most people, we wanted to first visit the community before moving in. Little did we know the shabbos we had scheduled to come to Fair Lawn turned out to be just after Superstorm Sandy! Assuming we would need to reschedule, we were shocked when the welcoming committee wanted to host us anyway. Although we ended up rescheduling, we were blown away by the community's exceptionally warm and welcoming approach, and knew we wanted to call Fair Lawn our home. I am privileged to have taught dozens of Fair Lawn kids in my role as a teacher at RYNJ, and look forward to contributing to the community as part of the sisterhood!

Matti Lederman

My husband, Jason, and I moved here with our three children in 2018 by way of Brooklyn, Miami Beach and Passaic. We were looking for a diverse, close-knit community to settle in, and when we visited Fair Lawn for a Shabbos, we knew our search was finally over. Imagine our surprise when Rabbi Markowitz, whom we had only just met, called us with a lead for a house in the neighborhood! The rest is history, and five years later, we still feel so fortunate to be part of this extraordinary community.