BIOGRAPHIES

Jordan Baker was raised in Wantagh, New York and moved to the DC region in 1998 to attend the University of Maryland, and then the George Mason University School of Law. He settled in Burke, Virginia, in 2006, and joined Olam Tikvah in 2009. He is married to Barbara and they have two sons, Andy and Matthew, ages 14 and 10. Jordan is a trademark attorney with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. He is a past president of the Olam Tikvah Men's Club and a former leader of its ABBA young fathers group.



Steve Dienstfrey has been a member of Olam Tikvah since 1986, and has been active almost since that time when he answered an open call to join the Education Committee. He has served on several committees and was President from 1994-1996. Anita and Steve's children are alumni of the OT Religious School through Confirmation. Steve is a retired survey statistician and has worked in both the public and private sector.



Josh Fertel is a long-time member of Congregation Olam Tikvah. He and his wife Iren, son Danny, and daughter Susanna have been highly active members for the past 13 years, and greatly enjoy the "Ruach" of Olam Tikvah. He is President and Founder of River City Marketing, LLC, a 26-year-old company that provides digital and online marketing services to small businesses and is based in Old Town Fairfax.



Marnie Fienberg is a proud member of OT for ten years. She's usually known as Sophie's Mom or Howard's wife. Marnie has worked as a strategic communicator as a consultant to the government for more than 20 years, and in the Spring she runs the nonprofit "2 for Seder."



Ellyn Fine, and her husband Todd, have been members of OT since 2004 and remain close with the families they met through their first OT Chavurah. Ellyn served two terms as Sisterhood Recording Secretary and is currently finishing a term on OT's Board of Directors. Ellyn's sons, Ezra (14) and Noam (10), are both OTRS students. When she isn't driving her sons to baseball practice, Ellyn is the State Coordinator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund cleanup program and an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant for Capital Area Pediatrics.



Stacie Kaplan has been a member of Olam Tikvah for more than twenty years. During that time, she has held a number of leadership positions, serving as President of the Preschool, President of the Sisterhood, and Chair of the Youth Committee. While Chair, OT reestablished its USY chapter and won Chapter of the Year in the Seaboard Region! She is the mother of Shauna, Sierra and Elana and wife of Jim. When not at the synagogue, Stacie is an FCPS elementary school teacher.



Passionate about Olam Tikvah and our broader Jewish community, Michelle Pearlstein grew up at OT. Michelle works as the Development Director for the Pozez JCC. She served on OT's Board for 9 years before joining the Executive Committee, chairing the Education and Membership committees, and serving as President of the preschool board. Michelle has been married to Dave for 23 years, her son Jacob goes to George Mason University, her daughter Sara goes to University of Delaware, and her mother-daughter rescue dogs are named Lily and Stella.



Happy to be on her bike or walking with friends and family, you may find Maurine Simon on your favorite trail. She joined Olam Tikvah in 1989, sent her children to the preschool and served as membership cochair on it's board. She's been volunteering and learning with the OT community ever since and has chaired the Fine Arts Committee for over 15 years.



Jerry Vitner grew up in Atlanta GA and moved to Fort Worth, TX after graduation where he was employed as a programmer. He moved to Fairfax in 1999 although he was still working in Dallas. Jerry joined OT in 2001 and joined Rabbi Kalender on his Israel trip in 2003 with Ken and Sue Cohn and Mark and Debbie Weber. His daughters had their Bat Mitzvahs at OT in 2001 (Heather) and 2005 (Brittany). He and his daughters joined Rabbi Kalender on the Israel trip in 2005 after Brittany's Bat Mitzvah. Jerry met his current wife, Sharon, in Fairfax and they were married in 2010 at Beth El in

Alexandria. We both joined Rabbi Kalender for the Israel trip in 2011. Jerry's hobbies are hiking and photography. Lately he has become fairly active with astrophotography



Becky Weiss joined OT in 2020, during which you may have heard there was a global pandemic. At OT, Becky reads Torah and leads services at OT and serves as Ritual Vice-Chair (aka "fake George"). In personal and professional life: Becky lives in Vienna with her husband Eric and daughters Daphne and Charlotte and works as a software engineer.



Dan has been a member at OT for over 50 years where he has celebrated all the major lifecycle events including his Bar Mitzvah, his marriage to Brittanie, and the B'nai Mitzvah of his children Jonah and Brandon. Dan currently serves on the board as Treasurer and is looking forward to continuing to contribute to the vibrant OT community. Dan is a proud UVA Wahoo, a proud DC Area Sports Fan, and also occasionally works as a Vice President within Comcast's Customer Experience Technologies team.