

# Workshop on Faith and International Development

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## The Harold Hartog School of Government and Policy, Tel Aviv University

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Established in 2000, the Hartog School is dedicated to improving governance in Israel by preparing students for leadership in public service, serving as a leading public policy think tank, encouraging multidisciplinary research into governance and related issues, and bridging between the academic and policy communities.

In addition to collaborating with and supporting degree programs in the Faculty of Social Sciences, the School offers scholarships and fellowships, provides funding for programs and courses, initiates and pursues research projects and new teaching agendas, and publishes research reports, monographs and conference proceedings. It endeavors to involve the local and international communities in issues of pressing concern to governance in Israel and elsewhere – such as public integrity, international development and diplomacy – through conferences, workshops and lecture series.



## To the participants of the Workshop

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I wish to welcome all of you to the “Faith and International Development” workshop.

This two day workshop, organized by the Harold Hartog School of Government and Policy is aimed at promoting both academic and public debate on issues regarding international development and humanitarian assistance.

I am delighted that the Hartog School has taken the lead on the crucial and cutting edge issue of the Jewish contribution to international development, and see this as an example of the potential to integrate academia with issues which are on the global agenda.

I hope that this important initiative will benefit all participants, and encourage further collaboration among Jewish and Israeli organizations in the field of international development and humanitarian assistance. We are grateful to those whose support has made this event possible.

Prof. Zvi Galil

President  
Tel Aviv University



## To the participants of the Workshop

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This event is the continuation of an important process that began in New York more than 18 months ago. At that gathering over 50 representatives from 35 Jewish and Israeli NGOs engaged in international development and humanitarian aid gathered. The event, hosted by the Chairman of the Board of the Hartog School, Stanley Bergman, and Trevor Pears, Executive Chair of the Pears Foundation UK, fostered a sense of community and common purpose.

This second event is a fitting follow-up to the gathering at the Harmony Club. NGOs can learn from the accumulated knowledge and experience of other organizations operating in the field of international development. The workshop will provide a platform for the examination of issues pertaining to the roles of identity and religion in development and assistance, and will facilitate communication and knowledge-sharing among Jewish and Israeli development and humanitarian assistance organizations. The workshop also includes sessions dedicated to the development of a policy rationale for cooperation amongst Jewish and Israeli organizations, and between world Jewry and the State of Israel, on issues of international development and humanitarian assistance.

It is our hope that this event will encourage cooperation between all participating organizations and institutions, to improve the living conditions in the developing world.

Prof. Neil Gandal

Head

Hartog School of Government and Policy

Mr. Stanley Bergman

Chairman, International Advisory Board,  
Hartog School of Government and Policy

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### To the participants of the Workshop

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I am writing to commend you for the admirable program you are planning for “Workshop on Faith and International Development”, which will be held on Sunday 30 – Monday 31 March 2008.

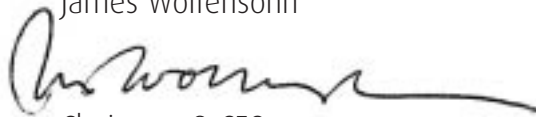
In my years at The World Bank I became convinced that there was a need to develop further linkages between official institutions and religious organizations. The express purpose of such an association would be to combine their humanitarian and development objectives in a way that would be mutually supportive rather than competitive.

Your program addresses the issues that have been a concern to me in a remarkable way and I commend you for the range of the discussion and for the quality of the speakers. I wish your conference every possible success.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours.

James Wolfensohn



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## Program

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### Sunday 30th March

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<b>09:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Greetings</b> Prof. Neil Gandal, Head of the Harold Hartog School of Government and Policy, Tel Aviv University Dr. Gary Sussman, Vice President for Public Affairs, Tel Aviv University Ambassador Haim Divon, Deputy Director General, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Head of MASHAV-The Center for International Cooperation
Introduction:	Avrum Burg, Workshop facilitator
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Session 1: Keynote address – Inspired by faith: challenge to linking religious and secular perspectives for international development</b>
Chair:	Paul Anticoni, Chief Executive, World Jewish Relief
Speaker:	Prof. Katherine Marshall, Senior Fellow and Visiting Professor, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs at Georgetown University
Q&A session	
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:45</b>	<b>Session 2: Learning from faith-inspired development organizations</b>
Chair:	Rabbi David Rosen, International Director of Interreligious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee
Presentations:	Bill O'Keefe, Senior Director for Advocacy, Catholic Relief Services Nigel Varndell, Interfaith Manager, Christian Aid Allyn Dhynes, Manager of Advocacy, Peacebuilding and Communications, World Vision Jerusalem
Q&A session	
<b>13:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:30</b>	<b>Session 3: Towards a Jewish vocabulary of assistance</b> Interactive study session: Facilitated by Professor Menachem Lorberbaum, Chair, Department of Hebrew Culture Studies, Tel Aviv University
<b>15:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>

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**16:00**      **Session 3 continued:**

Panel Discussion:  
Rabbi Michael Melchior MK  
Stuart Schoffman, Board Member, Tevel B'Tzedek  
**Akiva Tor**, Director, Department of Jewish Communities, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Responses from Jewish and Israeli practitioners

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**18:00**      **Cocktail reception**

Hosted by **Robert Goldberg**, Chairman of the Tel Aviv University Board of Governors, and Stanley Bergman, Chair of the International Advisory Board of the Harold Hartog School of Government and Policy

Address: **Isaac Herzog MK**, Minister of Welfare and Social Services; Minister of the Diaspora, Society, and Fight Against Antisemitism

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**20:00**      **Session 4: Talking about 'us'**

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## Monday 31st March

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**09:00**      **Session 5: Revamping Israel's development cooperation agenda**

Chair: **Dr. Reuven Gal**, Head, Administration for National Civic Service, Prime Minister's Office

Presentation: Survey on Israeli societal attitudes to international development:  
**Prof. Ytzhak Katz**, CEO, Maagar Mohot and **Eli Fried**, Hartog School of Government and Policy

Discussants: **Ambassador Haim Divon**, Deputy Director General, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Head of MASHAV-The Center for International Cooperation  
**Oded Brook**, Senior Deputy Director General and Head of International Affairs, Ministry of Finance  
**Larry Garber**, Chief Executive Officer, New Israel Fund  
**Bambi Sheleg**, Editor, Eretz Acheret  
**Dr. Inon Schenker**, Director, International Department, Jerusalem AIDS Project, Israel

Q&A session

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<b>10:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>10:45</b>	<b>Session 6: Keynote address – Achieving the Millennium Development Goals – The call for civic engagement</b>
Chair:	Stanley Bergman, Chair of the International Advisory Board of the Harold Hartog School of Government and Policy, Tel Aviv University
Speaker:	Ad Melkert, UN Under-Secretary General and Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Program
	Q&A session
<b>11:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>Session 7: Galvanizing the Jewish world</b>
Chair:	Avraham Infeld, Executive Director, Chais Family Foundation
Presentations:	Anne Heyman, President, Heyman-Merrin Family Foundation Ruth Messinger, President, American Jewish World Service
Responses:	Dr. Jeffrey Solomon, President, Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies Sandy Cardin, President, Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation Charles Keidan, Director, The Pears Foundation Robert Goldberg, Chairman of the Tel Aviv University Board of Governors Alan Gill, Executive Director, International Relations, JDC-Israel
	Q&A session
<b>13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
	End of workshop

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## Participating Organizations

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Noa Dolev Israeli, Department of Hebrew Culture Studies, TAU

Yonatan Glaser, Director, B'Tzedek

Beth Kite, Head of the Department for Training, MASHAV - the Center for International Cooperation, Israel Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Eran Klein, National Budgets Project Director, Shatil

Rabbi David Lazar, Co-founder, Kehilat Tiferet Shalom - RIKMA

Nicole Levitan, Volunteer, B'nai Darfur

Rabbi Seth Mandell, President, Koby Mandell Foundation

Shlomit Naor, Melitz

Nina Rosenthal, The Division for External Studies, Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Quality Sciences, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Terry M. Rubenstein, Executive Vice President, Joseph and Harvey Meyerhoff Family Charitable Fund

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Jan Weil, Board Member, Refugees International

Rachel Zahavi

Shachar Zahavi, Founder, IsraAid – Israel Forum for International Humanitarian Aid

## **Meira Aboulafia**

### **Chairperson, Israeli Friends of the Tibetan People**

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Meira Aboulafia is the Chairperson of Israeli Friends of the Tibetan People and an IsraAid Board Member. For the last 20 years, she has been continuously engaged in human aid programs of various NGO's.

For 15 years Meira served as the Coordinator for special projects and events at JDC-Brookdale Institute, including Coordinator for the Middle East Program to enhance the quality of health care systems in the region.

She was also a Board Member and Coordinator of the Israeli NGO, Aid Without Borders, and participates regularly in Israeli women's activities for human rights.

## **Peter Adler**

### **Chair, Israel Forum of Foundations**

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Peter Adler is Israel Projects Advisor of the Pears Foundation and Israel Director of the Pratt Foundation.

Peter is also the current chair of the Forum of Foundations in Israel, and acts in an advisory capacity to a number of other charitable foundations in Israel.

He represents a variety of initiatives on behalf of the Australian Jewish Community, including the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council, the National Australia Bank Yachad Scholarship Fund, the JNF Environmental Fellowship Program, and the Rambam Israel Fellowship Program.

Adler lives in Gush Etzion with his wife Julie and five sons. His two eldest are currently serving in the IDF.

## **Daniel Almagor**

### **Board of Directors, Jewish Aid Australia**

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Daniel Almagor is the founder and CEO of Engineers Without Borders, Australia (EWB), and the Managing Director of Medivax Pty Ltd. He sits on the Board of Directors of Jewish Aid Australia and on the Management Committee of Parents and Friends of Habonim Dror. He holds two degrees: a Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering and a Bachelor of Business Administration, both from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT).

In 2003, Daniel won the Churchill Fellowship to further the growth of EWB in Australia. EWB's rapid growth and success throughout Australia and South Asia prompted Daniel's recognition as one of the 100 most influential engineers in Australia in 2005. He was recognized in a list of the most inspiring young engineers as well as in the RMIT Alumni Hall of Fame.

He has been a keynote speaker at many events including the graduation ceremonies of various engineering schools around Australia, the 12th International Thinking Conference, and the Engineering Leadership Conference. He was also one of the participants in the Australian Future Directions Forum, and the indigenous focused One Future Forum.

Currently, he is very involved in both sustainability and Aboriginal issues in Australia. He lives in Melbourne with his wife, Berry, and son, Amos.



## **Paul Anticoni**

### **Chief Executive, World Jewish Relief**

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Paul Anticoni joined World Jewish Relief as their Chief Executive in June 2006.

Paul initially studied agriculture and forestry at Newcastle and Oxford, and then spent three years as a forester in north and south Sudan. Caught up in major humanitarian emergencies, Paul's focus switched from trees to people, and so, he spent some time in Sudan, managing camps for persons fleeing the conflict in the south. Paul spent a further two years in Ethiopia and Somalia, six months in Cambodia, and a final year in Bosnia during the war, prior to returning to the UK in the early 1990's.

He joined the British Red Cross in 1994, and spent twelve years leading their disaster response operations worldwide, including: responses to the Rwandan genocide, Hurricane Mitch, the Kosovo disaster, Pakistan earthquakes, and the Tsunami. He spent extended periods of time in the midst of some of the worlds most challenging contexts.

He is married to Jan and has two beautiful daughters Lily (7) and Evie (5).



## **Dr. Amos Avgar**

### **Executive Director, International Development Program JDC-Israel**

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Amos is the Executive Director of the International Development Program of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. JDC's non-sectarian IDP programs conduct disaster relief and long-term development projects that help address the needs of vulnerable populations. Through these activities, JDC embodies the Jewish principle of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), and alleviates suffering by helping individuals, families, and whole communities address some of their most pressing needs. IDP provides a vehicle through which Jewry can contribute to vital humanitarian relief efforts that aid distressed people irrespective of their race, creed or religion.

JDC has conducted activities to help non-Jewish populations in need almost since its inception, nearly 90 years ago. To date, JDC has implemented projects in over 40 countries, many of which have suffered from extreme poverty and/or severe dislocation due to war, natural disaster, or political instability.

Disaster relief programs have been carried out over the last decade in the Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, India, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Turkey, Central America, Rwanda, and Bosnia. Examples of current projects include the Working Children's Project in Turkey, the Back to School Project in Rwanda, Home Care Assistance in Bosnia, and the Women's Health Empowerment Project in Ukraine.

In addition, JDC's innovative Middle East Program is being conducted jointly by Israelis and Palestinians, and facilitates the development of health care infrastructures, new service delivery models and research. JDC also serves as the coordinating member of the Jewish Coalition for Disaster Relief, comprised of 44 primarily North American organizations, that come together during times of crisis, such as the Tsunami in South East Asia, to carry out a coordinated Jewish response.

Avgar holds a Ph.D. from Cornell University.



## **Caroline Beck**

### **Hartog School of Government and Policy, TAU**

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Caroline Beck moved to Israel in January 2005, having completed her BA Honours in French and Philosophy. She is due to receive her Masters Degree in Political Science from Tel Aviv University, in 2008.

Caroline worked for the Hartog School of Government and Policy from September 2006 until November 2007, where she conducted the mapping project, commissioned by the Pears Foundation, UK.

Caroline currently works as Project Director for the Economic Cooperation Foundation, a non-profit NGO policy think-tank, focusing on the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Caroline lives in Tel Aviv.

## **Aliza Belman Inbal**

### **World Bank**

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Aliza Belman Inbal is a Senior Evaluation Officer at the World Bank and a former career diplomat. Most recently, she headed up a team of evaluators at the World Bank in an extensive two-year global study of the use of training for capacity building in the developing world ([www.worldbank.org/ieg/training](http://www.worldbank.org/ieg/training)).

She has also published on post-war constitutions and governance, and on demand-driven techniques for post-war job creation. Aliza has an MPhil in International Relations from Cambridge University, and is presently completing her PhD in International Development Administration at George Washington University.

Her past positions in the Israeli Foreign Ministry include Deputy Chief of Mission at the Israeli embassy in Kinshasa, where she managed Israel's cooperation program (MASHAV) in central Africa; manager of Israel's cooperation program (MASHAV) with Jordan, Egypt and the Palestinian Authority; member of Israel's mission to the European Union, and desk officer for relations with the US Administration.

Since leaving the Foreign Service, she has worked as a consultant at the International Labor Organization, the World Bank's Social Development Network and the Israeli Permanent Representation to the UN.



## Miri Ben-Haim

**Director of the Division for External Studies, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Quality Sciences**

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Ms. Miri Ben-Haim is the Director of the Division for External Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Faculty of Agricultural, Food & Environmental Quality Sciences. Born in Israel in 1955, she spent her army service in Raphael (Israeli Authority for Development of Defense Technology), followed by a brief stint as Coordinator of the Export-Import Department for El-Op (Electro-Optic Industries Ltd.).

Since 1978, she has been at the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agricultural, Food & Environmental Quality Sciences, first as head administrator for the Office of the Dean, and since 1986, as Director of the Division for External Studies.

Starting the Division with only a notebook and a pen, Miri has initiated and expanded its activities both locally, for the Israeli general public, and internationally, with over 1600 alumni from more than 120 countries. Her excellence in administration of the Division has won her several awards.

During this period, Miri has been consistently involved in public affairs, with memberships ranging from the City Council of Rehovot to an Israeli Foreign Ministry team on a mission to the World Bank, from an Israeli-Palestinian women's leadership group to "Keshet", an organization to assist parents of children with special needs.

She has been a representative of the Israeli Foreign Ministry at "Engendering the Peace Process", an international consultative meeting at the Notre Dame Church in Jerusalem, and has taken part in the Forum for Strategic Planning of "Mashav", the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' unit for International Cooperation.

Through her work experience and her "extra-curricular" activities, Miri has developed a network of contacts, enabling her to make innovative connections which advance the projects she envisions.



## **Moriya Ben-Sasson**

### **Tzedek Programs Coordinator, Hillel at Tel Aviv University – Beth Hatefutsoth**

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Moriya Ben-Sasson was born and raised in Jerusalem to a modern- orthodox family. Her commitment to contribute to the State of Israel led her to join the Israeli Army instead of the "National Service" option.

Serving as a non-commissioned officer in charge of soldier's welfare in a base for underprivileged soldiers, Moriya experienced the problems of the disadvantaged sector of the Israeli population; and as a result, she decided to dedicate herself to the improvement of the Israeli society.

Prior to her academic study of Social Work at the Hebrew University, she worked for a year with young immigrants from Ethiopia and the FSU at the 'Yemin - Ord' Youth Village.

While studying for her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Moriya, through 'Beit Hillel', initiated a social project in one of Jerusalem's poorest neighborhoods. The project recruited students, willing to live and work in the neglected community, to initiate changes from within.

In the summer of 2006, while many cities in northern Israel were under daily missile attack, she gathered a few friends willing to be in the besieged communities; and they created a voluntary system that organized different activities in the shelters of 'Kiryat Shmona'.

Her experiences during the war led her to volunteer as a mental health officer in the IDF emergency system.

Today Moriya, 27 years old, is the youngest fellow in the 'Tehuda' Program - a 'Beit Midrash' for Jewish leadership. Through 'Tehuda', she reconnected to Hillel; and now, at Hillel, Israel, she serves as "Tzedek's" National Coordinator.



## **Dr. Sarit Bensimhon-Peleg**

### **Director of Research**

### **Hartog School of Government and Policy, TAU**

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Dr. Sarit Bensimhon-Peleg is the Director of Research at the Harold Hartog School of Government and Policy, Tel Aviv University. Dr. Bensimhon-Peleg holds a Ph.D in Politics from St. Antony's College, Oxford.

Her thesis, entitled A View from Somewhere: Justifications of Human Rights in Liberalism and Modern Jewish Thought, presents a culturally-based argument for universal human rights.

Upon her return to Israel she joined the Department of Political Science at the Hebrew University as a Lady Davis Post-Doctoral fellow and lecturer.

Dr. Bensimhon-Peleg was previously Head of Research at "Education Watch", an Israeli NGO, and at PORI (Public Opinion Research in Israel), a market research firm. During this period she continued to be an active participant in various research activities in the Van Leer institute, and wrote for the Adva Center- Information on equality and social justice in Israel.

She is on the steering committee of the ISEF (International Education Fund) Alumni Association, and is widely published in the academic field of Jewish values and human rights.





## **Dan Berelowitz**

### **Director, Tzedek**

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Dan Berelowitz grew up as a member of Habonim Dror UK, living in Israel for a year and then becoming a movement worker. He went on to receive a B. Sc. in Operations Management.

Since then Dan has worked for a number of NGOs. These include: the One to One Children's Fund, running their Kick Aids Out of Africa Programme, which uses sport to assist with HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment; and The New Israel Fund, running their Kick Racism Out of Israeli Football Campaign, from the UK.

He is now the first Director of Tzedek, the Jewish International Development Agency. Tzedek aims to eradicate poverty regardless of race, religion or creed; through education, an overseas volunteer programme, and direct grant giving.



## **Dr. Marion Bergman**

### **International Advisory Board Member, Hartog School of Government and Policy**

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Marion J. Bergman, MD, is a board-certified pulmonologist practicing in Patchogue for the past 25 years. She is a graduate of the University of Witwatersrand Medical School in South Africa, completed her post graduate medical studies in Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Diseases at SUNY Downstate (Brooklyn) and Stony Brook.

Marion is an attending physician at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center where she served a term as President of the medical staff and was the Medical Director of Respiratory Care Services for many years. Marion has mentored numerous Stony Brook medical students. The Bergman's regularly host international students in their Northport, Long Island home.

Marion has recently served as the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of MESAB (Medical Education for South African Blacks) which provided scholarships and other resources to increase the number of black healthcare professionals in South Africa for 22 years.

Marion serves on the Executive Committee of the Long Island chapter of the American Jewish Committee where she is currently serving a term as President. She serves as an Advisory Board Member of the Harold Hartog School of Government and Public Policy at Tel Aviv University.

Since recently returning to graduate school, Marion obtained her MPA from New York University's Wagner School of Public Service, and now, devotes considerable time and energy to rural health and development projects in the developing world.

Marion will serve as a Trustee for the Global Child Dental Fund, a new UK base charity and has recently been elected as a Board Member of Physicians for Human Rights.



## **Stanley M. Bergman**

### **Chair of International Advisory Board**

### **Hartog School of Government and Policy**

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Stanley M. Bergman is Chairman and CEO of Henry Schein, Inc., a Fortune 500<sup>®</sup> company. They are the largest distributor of dental, medical, and animal health products and services to office-based healthcare practitioners in North America and Europe, with nearly 12,000 employees and operations or affiliations in 22 countries.

Henry Schein has been included in the Fortune list of America's Most Admired Companies for three consecutive years, and in each of those years, the Company has led its industry in social responsibility.

Stan, his wife Marion, and their two sons, Paul and Eddie, are active supporters of organizations fostering the arts, higher education, cultural diversity, grassroots healthcare, and sustainable entrepreneurial economic development initiatives in the United States, Africa, and other developing regions of the world.

Stan serves on a number of boards in related areas including the University of Pennsylvania, New York University, the University of Witwatersrand, the Metropolitan Opera, Business Council for International Understanding and The Forsyth Institute, the premiere oral health research institution in the United States.

Stan serves on the National Executive Committee of the American Jewish Committee, where he is the Chair of the National Council and Chair of The Africa Institute. Stan has received honorary membership in the Alpha Omega Jewish Dental fraternity, and was awarded honorary membership in the American Dental Association (ADA).

Stan is a graduate of the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa, and is a New York State Certified Public Accountant and a South African Chartered Accountant.



## **Dr. Brad K. Blitz**

### **DEVRA**

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Brad K. Blitz received his Ph.D. in International Development and Education from Stanford University, and is currently Jean Monnet Chair and Reader in Political Geography at Oxford Brookes University. He is also director of the International Observatory on Statelessness and a former director of the International Service Programme at Roehampton University. He has taught development studies, international politics, and project management and service delivery.

Brad worked as a policy expert on the Balkans at the US Institute of Peace in Washington DC, and has published studies on forced migration, post-conflict stabilization, including the return of refugees and democratic transition, citizenship and statelessness in Political Studies, Citizenship Studies, the Journal of Refugee Studies, the Journal of European Social Policy, Politics, Human Rights Review and the Journal of Human Rights, among others. He recently published War and Change in the Balkans: Nationalism, Conflict and Cooperation with Cambridge University Press.

In 2001, he served as a Social Development advisor to DFID and the Cabinet Office's Conflict Prevention Fund on a £12 million regional project entitled 'Access to Justice, Stability and Security in the Balkans'.

From 2002-05 he directed a World Bank Programme on Legal and Judicial Reform in Albania and later acted as a consultant to the World Bank and Albanian Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs on a Social Service reform programme. He is also an external assessor to the Big Lottery Fund (formerly the Community Fund), and is currently acting as an advisor to the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).



## **Avrum Burg**

### **Former Speaker of the Knesset and Chairman of the Jewish Agency**

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Avrum Burg, Speaker of the Fifteenth Knesset, was born in Jerusalem in 1955. Following his military service as an officer in the Paratroop Division, Avrum became one of the leaders of the protest movement against the war in Lebanon.

In 1985, he was appointed by then-Prime Minister Shimon Peres as his adviser on Diaspora Affairs, a position he continued to hold until 1988. That year, Avrum was elected to the Knesset as a member of the Alignment Party, and served on the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Finance Committee and State Comptroller's Committee.

Burg was again elected to the Knesset in 1992 as third in line on the Labour Party's list. Until 1995, he served as Chairman of the Knesset Education and Culture Committee.

In February 1995, Avrum was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the World Zionist Organization; on assuming this post, he resigned from the Knesset. Under Avrum's leadership, these organizations began to operate in several new areas, such as the restitution of Jewish property stolen during the Holocaust and the battle for religious pluralism and tolerance among the Jewish people.

He stepped down from this position in 1999 to run for the Knesset on the One Israel list, and in July 1999, was elected Speaker of the Knesset.



## Rubén Campos

### Director of the program on Religion, Democratic Leadership and Intercultural Dialogue, The Club of Madrid

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Rubén Campos works as Assistant to the Program Director in the Club of Madrid, an independent organization dedicated to strengthening democratic leadership and values around the world. It draws on the unique experience and resources of its members, 70 democratic former Heads of State and Government who contribute their time, experience and knowledge.

He has worked in programs on Bangladesh, Bolivia, Burma, Canada, East Timor, Ecuador, Iran, Kosovo and Serbia, as well as thematic programs on Ethnicity and Democratic Governance, Indigenous Leadership in Latin America, Youth Leadership, and Political and Interreligious Dialogue.

Before joining the Club of Madrid in 2004, Mr. Campos was academic coordinator of International Relations postgraduate courses at Madrid's Complutense University. He is an expert on South and South East Asia, and a professor of international relations in the postgraduate programs of many different Spanish universities.

He is currently preparing his doctoral thesis on the non-violent politics of Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., and is editing a collection of Mahatma Gandhi's political writing. He has been consulted in an advisory role in different international and national NGOs regarding non-violence politics and strategies as a means to conflict resolution and peace building.

## Sandy Cardin

### President, Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation

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Sandy Cardin is President of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, the Center for Leadership Initiatives, and the Schusterman Foundation - Israel. Sandy serves on the boards of the Jewish Funders Network and the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame.

He is also the current Chair of the Westbury Group, an informal association of more than 20 Jewish-oriented foundations, that fund internationally. He is the past president of the Grant Makers of Oklahoma and Heritage Academy, the Jewish Community Day School in Tulsa.

Sandy graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University in 1978. He was elected to the Order of the Coif upon the receipt of his Juris Doctor Degree, from the University of Maryland School of Law, in 1981.

He is licensed to practice law in Florida, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Sandy has two daughters and enjoys travel, art and music, especially Inuit art and jazz.



## Jennifer Chiodo

### Advocacy, Peacebuilding and Communications Assistant, World Vision Jerusalem

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In her current capacity as the Advocacy, Peacebuilding, and Communications Assistant in WV Jerusalem, Jennifer develops and maintains local advocacy and peacebuilding projects. She also coordinates on keeping the WV partnership up to date on the local aid context.

Ms. Chiodo is a qualified World Vision trainer of “Do No Harm/ Local Capacities for Peace,” a methodology that helps humanitarian assistance organizations analyze the context of a conflict and the way aid interacts with the conflict.

The framework provides a method of analysis that assists NGOs toward achieving the goal of doing no harm while providing aid, and helping NGOs to recognize and support the people’s local capacities for peace.

Prior to joining World Vision, Jennifer worked in the field of adult education, teaching immigrants and refugees English as a Second Language. She also holds a Masters Degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution from American University in Washington, DC.



## Geoffrey Clarfield

### Director, Ve'ahavta

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Geoffrey Clarfield is currently the Co-Director of Ve'ahavta, the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee based in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Until his return to Canada three years ago, he was a full time international development consultant based in East Africa, where he lived and worked for just under twenty years.

He has used his Post Graduate training as an anthropologist to implement numerous community based research and development projects, as well as policy pieces, for a variety of donors and development organizations. From 1985-1987 he was adopted by the tribe of camel nomads, Rendille, of Northern Kenya, among whom, he carried out research.

His clients have included the United Nations, the governments of Canada, Norway, Switzerland, Kenya and Tanzania, international and US based NGOs, as well as the Rockefeller Foundation.

Currently, he is part of a team involved in the strategic development of Ve'ahavta in a NGO environment which is largely unfriendly to the needs of the Jewish people and the State of Israel. At Ve'ahavta he supervises a number of projects particularly relating to poverty alleviation.

There are projects where volunteers from the Jewish community of Toronto work among the homeless; projects which assist new immigrants from Somalia, Ethiopia, Amerindians, and Afro Guyanese in Guyana; projects to help AIDS patients in Zimbabwe; assist the Jewish community of Argentina, and villagers on the slopes of Kilimanjaro.

As a student activist in the 1970s, Geoffrey worked closely with the late Emil Fackenheim editing a student Jewish magazine, worked tirelessly for Soviet Jewry, and organized the first conferences on Zionism at the University of Toronto. This led to a period of four years where he lived and worked in Israel, eventually acquiring Israeli citizenship in addition to his Canadian.

In his spare time he plays the oud in a group of Jewish and Arab musicians in the Galilee, and publishes articles on culture, politics and development for Minerva Magazine, Books in Canada, and the National Post.



## **Jonathan Cohen**

### **Member of Board of Trustees American Jewish World Service**

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Jonathan Cohen was born and educated in South Africa where he lived until emigrating to the US in 1975. During this time he was involved in a variety of business and political activities, including Chairman of the Nutrition Corporation of South Africa.

In 1978 in San Francisco with his wife Eleanor Friedman, he co-founded the New Israel Fund. In 1981 he founded Shatil and served as Chair & President until 1982. He was a founding board member of the Tides Foundation.

1986 in Boston, he co-founded the Jewish Funders Network and served as the first Chair; and in 2001, he co-founded the Israel Venture Network.

He continues to serve on the boards of the American Jewish World Service, the New Israel Fund, the Israel Venture Network, and the Foundation for Art & Healing, and is an Overseer of the DeCordova Museum.



## **Ambassador Haim Divon**

### **Deputy Director General, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Head of MASHAV- The Center for International Cooperation**

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Ambassador Haim Divon is currently the Deputy Director General, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Head of MASHAV, the Center for International Cooperation, the national agency responsible for the design and implementation of Israel's International Development Program. MASHAV was established 50 years ago and is now marking its golden jubilee.

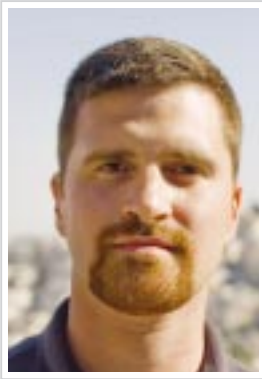
Ambassador Divon joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1975 and served in the Israeli consulates in Bombay (1977-80) and Toronto (1981-83), headed the Israeli Mission in Sri Lanka (1985-89), and was Ambassador to Ethiopia (1991-93), and to Canada (2000-04).

In 1990-91, as the Director of the Ethiopian Affairs Desk, he coordinated the inter-ministerial team responsible for the planning and implementation of Operation Solomon, the airlift of Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

Ambassador Divon also served as Director of the Jewish Affairs Division; Policy Advisor and Head of Bureau, Office of the Deputy Foreign Minister; Chairman of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Desertification; and Chairman of the Inter-Ministerial Forum on Water Issues.

Ambassador Divon is committed to mobilize Israel's expertise and know-how to assist in meeting the development challenges faced by so many countries today, thereby cooperating with other international organizations in this matter.

Ambassador Divon pursues his belief in the importance of the State of Israel and of the Jewish World joining hands, and working side by side, to improve the quality of life in other countries around the world in the spirit of the Jewish imperative of "Tikkun Olam."



## **Allyn Dhyes**

### **Manager of Advocacy, Peacebuilding and Communications, World Vision Jerusalem**

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World Vision Jerusalem Working with World Vision in Jerusalem since 2002, Mr. Dhyes is responsible for communicating and coordinating media and World Vision requests for making sense of, and advocating for ,sustainable solutions to the development context in the country.

Prior to joining World Vision, Dhyes taught Christian Education and Ethics at a Quaker school in the West Bank.

Dhyes' passion for peace and reconciled relationships finds its roots in having witnessed the destructive and futile results of war. He is personally committed to seeking ways to build peace and pursue redemptive initiatives that will humanize all sides to the conflict. Dhyes holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies, with focus on the Middle East, from George Fox University in Oregon.

He is married and has one daughter.



## **Hana Dorsman**

### **Director of the Unit for Social Involvement at Tel-Aviv University**

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Being raised with the values of Judaism, mutual help has always been a part of my value system, and so, the field of social involvement and responsibility was only a natural choice for me. Throughout my life, I dedicated myself to this field out of a deep sense of obligation to social change.

When I completed my national service, I studied Judaism at "Midreshet HaRova", a seminary for girls in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. During that year I volunteered for an intensive program engaged in activity with underprivileged families.

After I finished my bachelor's degree in social work, where I specialized in community work, I managed the training department at the "Yedidim" organization. Six years ago I became a staff member at the Unit for Social Involvement at Tel-Aviv University.

I established and ran the leadership field program for a period of four years where I initiated programs to train students for social leadership. While working at the unit, I studied for a Master's degree in social work, with group work specialization, at the Tel-Aviv University, and counseled groups of teenage girls at risk.

As the director of the Unit for Social Involvement, I work with my staff, and with various partners in the university and in the community to substantially extend our activities, and to raise consciousness to the importance of social activity. I work with nine academic professionals from the social science field who are very much obligated to the mission of social change. We all work together to encourage and to promote this issue, on and off of the Tel-Aviv University campus.

In addition to training our students for social leadership, we run over 50 projects a year for the benefit of approximately 10,000 people of all ages: children, youth, adults, and elderly. About nine hundred students from the University work with the various populations we serve.

I'm happy to be involved in the development of social responsibility among the students, who will some day hold key positions in Israeli society. Also, I'm proud to be a part of a process which contributes to the welfare of the community.



## **Henry Elkeslassy**

### **Chair, Humanitarian Fund, Kibbutz Movement**

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Mr. Elkeslassy has served as the Chairman of the The Humanitarian Fund of the Kibbutz Movement since 2003. The Fund provides emergency relief to people affected by disaster and war. It operates with a very strong network of support, enabling a fast response to complex emergencies

They fly and distribute emergency and relief supplies directly to the people at the disaster sites overseas, and also operate reconstruction projects after the disaster such as building schools and more.

The Humanitarian Aid Movement, with hundreds of kibbutzim participating, supports a local non-emergency project for the needy, as well. in Israel. The Kibbutz Movement Fund was one of the first humanitarian organizations in Israel.

In 2001 Mr, Elkeslassy was recognized for his outstanding service to his country when he was chosen to light a torch at the opening of the Independence Day Ceremonies on Mt Herzl, He did so representing the many Israeli volunteers active both at home and abroad.

He was a member of Kibbutz Beit Zera from 1975-2005, and a member of Kibbutz Ein Hashofet from 2005-present.



## **Simon Fisher**

### **Executive Director, Save a Child's Heart**

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Simon was born in 1971 in Liverpool, England and moved to Haifa, Israel early in his life. He holds an honors degree in law from Liverpool University. Simon is a member of the Israeli Bar, the Committee for Non-profit Organizations of the Israel Bar and the Forum for Lawyers at the Voluntary & Nonprofit Sector Umbrella Organization.

Simon served as a paratrooper in the IDF and an officer in a unit working in the West Bank. In 1993, Simon was presented with Outstanding Officer Award by the Chief of Staff, and later, headed a military delegation to Canada on behalf of The Soldier Welfare Association.

In 2001 after working for Save a Child's Heart (SACH) for 18 months, Simon assumed his position as the Executive Director of the organization. SACH is a non-governmental, non-profit organization founded in Israel, with the goal of improving the quality of pediatric cardiac care for children from around the world suffering from heart disease regardless of nationality, gender, color, religion or financial considerations.

Simon has operated joint projects with the Israeli Foreign Ministry, the Ministry for Regional Cooperation, the Ministry of Health, and various NGOs such as: the Gift of Life, Children's Heart Link, Variety Children's Lifeline, and Variety International in the U.S., Kinderhilfe Sansibar in Germany, Kids Rights in Holland, Ve'Ahavta in Canada, and Chain of Hope in the UK. Simon has working relations with hospitals and NGOs in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Burundi, Congo, Tanzania, Mauritania, Moldova, Nigeria, Russia, Rwanda, Vietnam, China, Sri Lanka, Iraq, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority.

Simon directs SACH fundraising efforts in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, France, Germany, and Holland. Simon maintains close contacts with the various foundations that support the SACH program, and in 2005 and 2006, succeeded in recruiting the EU Commission's Partnership for Peace Program to support SACH with 1,000,000 Euro.

Simon regularly hosts groups of students from North American, who visit the SACH program through Hillel, AISH Hasbara Fellowship tours.



## **Dr. Dena Freeman**

### **Hartog School of Government and Policy, TAU**

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Dr Dena Freeman is a Social Anthropologist and an International Development consultant. She has a BA in Anthropology from Cambridge University and a PhD from the London School of Economics.

Her anthropological research has focussed on cultural change in southern Ethiopia and on issues of marginalisation and exclusion. Her book, *Initiating Change in Highland Ethiopia: Causes and Consequences of Cultural Transformation* was published by Cambridge University Press in 2002. She has also edited, with Alula Pankhurst, *Peripheral People: The Excluded Minorities of Ethiopia*, published by Hurst in 2003.

Dena has also worked extensively in International Development in Ethiopia, Kenya and other African countries. She has worked with many British, Dutch and Ethiopian NGOs and with companies engaging in development as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs. She has particular experience in trade and development, having worked on numerous projects involving Ethical Trade, Fairtrade and various forms of development through value chains. Originally born in London, she now lives in Tel Aviv.



## **Eli Fried**

### **Policy Analyst, Hartog School of Government and Policy, TAU**

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Eli leads the Hartog School's Tikkun Olam Project, which aims to raise the agenda of Jewish and Israeli involvement in international development and humanitarian assistance. The project encourages cooperation between Israel and the Jewish world out of a belief that such endeavors inherently tap in to the value systems of young Jews, in and out of Israel; and thereby form the basis of a potentially new and positive interaction between world Jewry in the years to come. Recently, Eli has investigated the issues pertaining to the creation of a world Jewish service corps.

His research has involved developing a policy rationale for the establishment of such a corps; conducting a due diligence of the various international corps in existence today; and designing a specifically Jewish endeavor for the developing world. Eli's work has emphasized that in order to achieve its potential, a Jewish service corps must aim to equally achieve both a positive impact on human development, and a transformative Jewish experience.

Eli's work has also involved researching Israel's development cooperation policy spanning the years: and he is currently completing research focusing on the history of this policy, the reasons for its relative decline, and arguments for a reinvigoration of Israel's activities in the field.

Eli's interests also include the field of soft power, particularly as it pertains to the involvement of Israel and the Jewish people in international assistance work. In particular, Eli has argued that a powerful addition to Israel's hasbarah would be to better facilitate projects which fulfill peoples' ambitions to contribute to human development on a global scale.

Eli made aliya to Israel five years ago from Melbourne, Australia, where he previously worked as a commercial lawyer. Today he lives in Tel Aviv, is married to Ronit, and has two children, Alma and Leo.



## **Pnina Gaday**

### **Director, Hillel at Tel Aviv University – Beth Hatefutsoth**

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Pnina Gaday made aliyah to Israel with her family from Tikel Dengy (Ethiopia) in 1984, when she was only three years old. In 2003, shortly after completing mandatory service in the Israeli Army where she worked with Ethiopian youth, Pnina enrolled at Hebrew University, where she accomplished her BA in Sociology, Anthropology, and Jewish History.

Pnina quickly became involved with Hillel activities on campus, taking on a leadership role by planning events for the entire campus community. With her strong leadership experience, Pnina graduated from the university and became a member of the Hillel staff, as the Program Director at Beit Hillel.

In addition to her studies, Pnina participated in the JDC Amitim program, which empowers young adult immigrants from Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union (FSU) to become leaders in Israeli society.

Pnina also traveled to Australia, England, Belgium, the U.S. and the FSU, where she led Passover seders in several different cities and towns. In each new place, she made it her mission to educate and inspire Hillel students and the local community of various backgrounds. Now 26 years old, Pnina literally brings a world of experience to her new position at Hillel, where in 2007, she was named Director of Hillel at Tel Aviv University.



## **Dr. Reuven Gal**

### **Head, Administration for National Civic Service, Prime Minister's Office**

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Reuven Gal is a sixth-generation descendant of Israel-born ancestors. He served in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) as a combat infantry officer from 1960-1963, and commanded a reserve reconnaissance unit during the battles in Jerusalem in the Six-Days War.

He completed his academic studies in psychology and sociology with a B.A. and M.A. from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. Reuven served as IDF's Chief Psychologist from 1976-1982 and retired from the IDF with the rank of Colonel.

In 1985 Gal founded, and subsequently headed, the Carmel Institute for Social Studies, a non-profit research and policy-making center which studies and promotes social and psychological projects, both in Israel and internationally.

Among these projects is the Helping-the-Helpers program, designed to help mental-health professionals in the former-Yugoslav countries throughout their civil wars from 1992-2001.

Similarly, he engaged in conflict-resolution and reconciliation issues in Northern Ireland, as well as in Jewish-Arab co-existence programs. In August 2002 he became the Deputy National Security Advisor for Domestic Policy at the Israeli National Security Council, and since 2007, he heads the Administration for National Civic Service in Israel.

Gal has numerous publications. Among his books are: A Portrait of the Israeli Soldier, 1986; Legitimacy and Commitment in the Military, 1990; The Seventh War, 1990; Handbook of Military Psychology, 1991; and Service Without Guns, 2006.



## **Prof. Neil Gandal**

### **Head, Hartog School of Government and Policy, TAU**

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Neil Gandal is Head of the School of Government and Policy, and a Professor of Economics in the Department of Public Policy at Tel Aviv University.

He received his B.A. and B.S. degrees from Miami University, Ohio, in 1979, his M.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1981, and his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1989.

Professor Gandal is the managing editor of the International Journal of Industrial Organization and a Research Fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research.

He has been a visiting Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of Texas, Austin.

His current research interests include the Economics of Internet Industries, Open Source Software, and Internet Security.

## **David Gappell**

### **Israel Director, Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation**

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David Gappell is the Director of the Schusterman Foundation – Israel. He is responsible for managing, enhancing, and expanding the scope of programs the Schusterman family supports in Israel.

Prior to joining the Foundation, David was employed for nearly 13 years with the Sacta-Rashi Foundation in Israel, serving as its Deputy Director.

He currently serves on the boards of the Society for Excellence in Education and the Pradler Fellowship Program.

A native of Los Angeles, David made aliyah to Israel in 1987 after receiving his B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science from the University of California, San Diego, where he was co-chair of the Israel Action Committee.

He received his Master of Science in Management from Ben-Gurion University/Boston University.

David lives in Tel Aviv with his wife and two sons and is an avid sailor.



## **Gila Garaway** Director, Moriah Africa

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Gila grew up in Rye, New York, and made aliyah with her husband and four children in 1983. She worked as a nurse and later in community health. She received a master's in bilingual education, followed by a doctorate in education with a focus on international development and change. Her doctoral research was conducted in slums and several remote rural regions in India. She lectured briefly at Tel Aviv University on "Participatory Evaluation".

She then traveled to central Africa where she evaluated refugee camp services in 12 refugee camps following the genocide in Rwanda. She continued working in the Great Lakes region of Africa in a variety of roles: international NGO director, program development, evaluation, and training.

In late 1997 her husband was killed in the DR Congo, a huge turning point in her life. She has since put much of her focus there, primarily working with national organizations, with women's groups (majority are also widows), and with establishing training programs. Moriah Africa/Israel was formed in early 2002 in response to the needs. She currently spends her time divided between Israel, DRC and India.

In India, she continues as a research co-investigator and consultant on Indian-initiative educational programs; and in DRC, she endeavors to run with the myriad of very real opportunities to be a blessing from Israel.

In Israel, she conducts periodic projects as an evaluation consultant for MASHAV (the Foreign Ministry's branch of international cooperation), spends time with family and friends, and is incredibly thankful to be living in this time and in this place.



## **Larry Garber** CEO, The New Israel Fund

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Since 2004, Larry Garber has served as Executive Director of the New Israel Fund. The Fund works to strength democracy in Israel by creating and supporting programs that safeguard civil and human rights, bridge social and economic gaps, foster tolerance for all its inhabitants, and create an environment in which different forms of religious practice can thrive.

Garber is a former senior official with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and served as Director of USAID's West Bank and Gaza missions from 1999-2004.

Before joining USAID, Garber worked with the National Democratic Institute, the International Human Rights Law Group, and Steptoe and Johnson law firm.

He has served as a consultant on election-related matters for the Organization of American States, United Nations, and Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe, and has taught at the Washington College of Law at American University.

Garber was born and raised in New York City. He graduated from Queens College with a bachelor's degree, and received both a master's degree in international affairs and a law degree from Columbia University.

# Liat Gilead

## Program Officer, Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation

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Liat Gilead is the Program Officer for the Schusterman Foundation – Israel. She works on grant making and initiatives with Israeli organizations, most of which focus on the fields of child abuse, Jewish pluralism, and the Israeli arts and culture. She also assists with the management and coordination of special events.

Liat graduated with a B.A. in Communication and Business Management from the College of Management in Tel Aviv, in 2000. She holds a M.A. in Media Ecology from NYU.

During her time in New York, Liat interned at the Federal Trade Commission and the United Nations, and she worked in NYU's Program Office for Student Life.

After receiving her degree, Liat served as the Marketing Coordinator at the law firm of Frankfurt, Kurnit, Klein and Selz; which specializes in media, entertainment, and advertising law.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA to a South American mother and an Israeli father, and having grown up both in the US and Israel, Liat is thrilled at being back home and working in Jerusalem for the Schusterman Foundation.



# Alan H. Gill

## Executive Director, International Relations, JDC-Israel

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Alan Gill is the Executive Director of International Relations of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the major overseas arm of the American Jewish community operating today on behalf of Israelis and Diaspora Jews in need, in over 66 countries around the world. JDC has worked for 94 years in Israel and in 70 countries around the world, bringing urgent assistance to Jews in times of crisis, and to help those in need to reclaim the capacity to help themselves.

Alan plays a senior global leadership role within JDC. His principal responsibility since he came to JDC in 1993, has been to establish and lead JDC 's global Financial Resource Development operation which has grown ten-fold since the early 1990's, and in 2007, totaled \$120 million.

Alan was one of the architects and founders of Ashalim – a unique public and private/non-profit partnership involving JDC, the UJA-Federation of New York, and the government of Israel, in national program development for children at risk in Israel. Alan also co-founded PACT – Parents and Children Together – an innovation in outreach and program development for Ethiopian-Israeli pre-school aged children and their parents. This unique initiative teams major funders worldwide with JDC and Israel's Ministries of Education and Welfare in the 14 cities with the largest Ethiopian-Israeli populations. Today, there are 12,000 children in PACT.

Before making Aliyah, Alan served from 1984-1993 as the executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of Columbus. He was also an adjunct professor at Ohio State University, where he taught "Social Policy and the American Jewish Community".

Alan and his wife, Rhona, live in Jerusalem, and are the parents of three grown children, Mati, Jordan and Hadara.



## **Robert Goldberg**

### **Chairman of the Board of Governors, Tel Aviv University**

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Robert Goldberg is the Chairman of the Board of Governors at the Tel Aviv University . He is Past Board Chair of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland and is the Past Chairman of the United Jewish Communities. This national organization of 155 Federations throughout the United States and Canada has the largest grassroots reach and is committed to Israel and improving the quality of Jewish life around the world. The United Jewish Communities promotes the strategies and political assets provided by the American Jewish Community, and underscores the value and the unique bond of Jewish peoplehood throughout the world.

In Israel Bobby is a Board Member of Daroma Idan Hanegev, Sheatufim, The Israel Center for Civil Society, and Beth Hatefutsoth. He has been instrumental in the development of programs between Cleveland and the IDF base Havat Ha'shomer in the Galil. Bobby has had a home in Israel since 1969 and was given Honorary Citizenship of Beit Shean.

In Bobby Goldberg's other world, he is the CEO of AmTrust Bank, a \$17 billion financial institution formerly known as Ohio Savings Bank. He is active in many Cleveland initiatives and organizations.

He is the founder of The Agnon School, a Jewish day school in Cleveland, and a Past Trustee of the Mount Sinai Health Care Foundation, a Board member of various organizations: Siegal College of Jewish Studies, Hillel International, Jewish Life Television Network, Nefesh B'Nefesh, AIPAC, Siegal College of Jewish Studies and of Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

He is also Chairman of The Friends of Zionism 2000 in the United States. He has been a guest lecturer at the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University for the past three years. He received his Juris Doctor from Cleveland-Marshall Law School at Baldwin Wallace University.

He has received a number of awards during his career. Among them are the Tree of Life Award from the Jewish National Fund, Ort Man of the Year, the Jewish Community Federation Leadership Award and many years ago, the Young Leadership award from the Society of Jewish Education. This year he received the Eisenmann award from The Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.



## **Rabbi Yossie Goldman**

### **Associate Vice President and President of Hillel Israel, Hillel at Tel Aviv University – Beth Hatefutsoth**

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Yossie Goldman was born in Tel Aviv. He spent many years in the United States, including his college years at Los Angeles State University. He received a Masters in Jewish History and rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Rabbi Goldman served as Rabbi of the Mosaic Law Congregation in Sacramento, CA from 1972-1985, as well as Adjunct Professor of Jewish History at Sacramento State University. He made aliyah with his wife and four children in 1985. He began working for Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life at Hebrew University in 1986. He brought Hillel to the Former Soviet Union during the 90s, gradually building a network of 27 Hillel centers throughout the FSU.

Rabbi Goldman is now the president of Hillel Israel, which consists of nine Hillel centers across Israel, at Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Haifa University, the Technion, the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, Sapir College in Sderot, Tel Hai College in Kiryat Shmonah, and Emek Yezreel College in Afula.



## **Galit Greenberg, Adv.** **Deputy Director, Europe and the Middle East,** **HIAS, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society**

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Galit Greenberg is Deputy Director at the Israel office of HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. Among her areas of concentration are developments in refugee law and refugee status determination procedures in Israel and abroad. She interviews immigrants and refugees and conducts analyses of applications for refugee status and immigration. Ms. Greenberg also manages HIAS' Israeli Scholarship program, which awards scholarships to tens of new immigrants (olim) annually.

Prior to joining HIAS, Ms. Greenberg completed her legal Articled Clerkship at the Department of International Affairs of the State Attorney's office, in the Israeli Ministry of Justice. There, she handled cases involving extradition, transnational legal assistance and civil aspects of child abduction under the Hague Convention.

Previously, Ms. Greenberg was a refugee caseworker at HIAS' Overseas Processing Entity ("OPE") operated in Vienna, Austria under the U.S. Department of State. In that capacity, she interviewed and wrote up the refugee claims of hundreds of Iranians who had left Iran as a result of religious persecution.

While still a student at Tel Aviv University, Ms. Greenberg participated in the Buchman Law Faculty's Refugee Rights Clinic, providing legal aid and consultation to refugees and asylum seekers.

An Israeli-American, Ms. Greenberg holds an LL.B. from the Buchmann Faculty of Law at Tel Aviv University, and is a member of the Israel Bar Association. She also studied at Binghamton University of the State University of New York.



## **Randy H. Grodman** **Director, International Cooperation, World ORT**

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Randy became Director of the Geneva Office for World ORT International Cooperation in 2006. He has 30 years of professional experience in the field of international relations, including the planning and management of international development projects in emerging countries.

Randy has held positions of responsibility within the United Nations system, private companies and non-governmental organizations.

He has been an invited speaker and moderator at international conferences hosted by The World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, various European and North American governments, and non-governmental organizations.

Randy has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Economy from the University of Massachusetts in the United States, and a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom.



## **Neil Grungras, J.D.**

### **Director, Europe and the Middle East, HIAS, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society**

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Neil Grungras is Director for Europe & the Middle East at HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society. Managing several regional HIAS programs, he focuses on international refugee law and procedures as well as regional political, legal, military, economic and social developments affecting refugees and migrants. Before taking his current post, Mr. Grungras directed HIAS' Overseas Processing Entity ("OPE") operated in Vienna, Austria for the U.S. Department of State. Under his management, the OPE assisted thousands of Iranian refugees from case inception to arrival in the United States. Mr. Grungras had previously served as Country Director for HIAS in Israel.

An immigration law advocate with over twenty years' law practice in the public and private sectors, Mr. Grungras is a recognized regional expert in refugee law, policy and procedure. He has served as a refugee law adviser to several NGOs, and has lectured extensively on the topic. In this context, Mr. Grungras established and taught the first course on International Refugee Law in Israel, offered by HIAS in 2002, at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He later co-founded the first Refugee Rights Clinic in Israel at the Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law.

Mr. Grungras holds a BA in German & Psychology, awarded magna cum laude by the State University of New York at Albany, and a Juris Doctor earned at the University of California, Hastings College of Law.



## **Mark Hetfield**

### **Senior Vice President for Policy and Programs, HIAS, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society**

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Mark Hetfield is the Senior Vice President for Policy and Programs at the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS). Since 1989, he has held a wide range of positions in the field of immigration and refugee law in the private, non-profit, and government sectors, including four non-consecutive positions at HIAS.

Mr. Hetfield began his career serving as a Russian-speaking HIAS caseworker in Rome, Italy for Soviet Jewish applicants. He later rejoined the agency as its Washington Representative, and again, as its Director of International Operations at HIAS Headquarters in New York.

For three years prior to rejoining HIAS in April of 2006, Mr. Hetfield was on the staff of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, where he was the Commission's senior advisor on refugee issues. He directed a Congressionally authorized study on the treatment of asylum seekers in Expedited Removal, which was released in February 2005.

Later that year, Mr. Hetfield and his study team were awarded the Arthur C. Helton Award for the Advancement of Human Rights for the Study by the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

In addition, Mr. Hetfield served for five years in the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington and at the U.S. Embassy in Haiti. He also practiced immigration law while associated with the Washington, D.C. office of the law firm of Fulbright and Jaworski. Mr. Hetfield holds a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service (BSFS) from Georgetown University, from which he also graduated cum laude with a juris doctor degree.





## **Anne E. Heyman** **President, Heyman-Merrin Family Foundation**

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A native of South Africa, Anne Heyman graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1982 and from the George Washington School of Law in 1986. After two years in private practice Anne went to work for the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, where she worked until the advent of her third child.

Since leaving the District Attorney's office Anne has been actively engaged in philanthropic work both in and outside of the United States. Her role as former President of the Board of Directors of Dorot reflects her ongoing commitment to the many needs of the homebound and homeless elderly.

Her dedication to and work with the Abraham Joshua Heschel School in New York, Young Judea, Tufts University Hillel and the Jewish Community Centers of America show how important Jewish youth and continuity are to her and her family's foundation, of which she is the Director. Perhaps, however, it is with respect to the notion of Tikkun Olam, the Jewish obligation to repair the world, that Anne is most passionate.

From active engagement in the battle to raise awareness and to stop the genocide in Darfur, to programs in Israel, the Former Soviet Union, Uganda and most recently Rwanda, where she has spear-headed the creation of a Youth Village based on an Israeli model, Anne's commitment to improving the lives of others is unwavering.

Anne is an avid equestrian and competes in the Amateur-Owner Jumper Division on the A Circuit when her schedule allows. She currently lives in Manhattan, New York, with her husband and their three children.



## **Anat Hoffman** **Executive Director, Israel Religious Action Center**

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Anat Hoffman became Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center in April 2002. Previously, Ms. Hoffman served as a Jerusalem City Councilwoman for 14 years, as an untiring warrior for justice and equality.

Ms. Hoffman led the battles for the right of women to pray at the Western Wall and for women's equal pay for equal work. Ms. Hoffman pushed relentlessly for the provision of adequate municipal services for the more than 200,000 Palestinian residents of Jerusalem. She has fought long and hard to see that the powerful Orthodox bloc in the City Council does not dictate lifestyle choices for the secular population of Jerusalem. Significantly, too, she has fought tirelessly for religious pluralism.

Ms. Hoffman represented the Civil Rights and Peace Movement on the Jerusalem City Council. She specialized in attending to the details of municipal administration, where big decisions are often hidden away in the fine print, becoming a familiar figure in the Supreme Court.

Anat was born in Jerusalem, and in her teens was an Israeli swimming champion. After army service, she received her BSc in Psychology at the University of California in Los Angeles, and then pursued graduate studies at Bar Ilan University.

Anat was a founding member of Women of the Wall, and she served on the Boards of the Israel Women's Network, the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, and many other Israeli organizations for social change.



## **Avraham Infeld**

### **Executive Director, Chais Family Foundation**

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Avraham Infeld has invested a lifetime building Jewish identity and strengthening the State of Israel. The founder and director of a succession of innovative educational institutions, Avraham was appointed the President of the Chais Family Foundation at the commencement of 2007, following his retirement from the Presidency of Hillel International in September, 2006. Avraham continues to serve Hillel as President Emeritus.

In the 1970s, Avraham founded Melitz, a non-profit educational service institution that fosters Jewish identity rooted in a pluralistic understanding of Jewish life and the centrality of Israel. He also served as chairman of Arevim; director of the birthright israel planning

process; founding chairman of San Francisco Federation's Amutot in Israel; and chairman of the Board of Israel Experience, Ltd., an independent company created by the Jewish Agency.

Avraham has sought to promote Jewish values among Israelis as president and chairman of Israel Forum, a nationwide volunteer movement he helped found in 1990. He has conducted breakthrough work in bringing together secular and religious Israelis as director general of the Shalom Hartman Institute and director general of Gesher Education Affiliates. A native of South Africa, Avraham immigrated to Israel in 1959.

He is married to Ellen Infeld, originally from Woodbridge, N.J., and they share four children and 12 grandchildren. He is a graduate of the Hebrew University in Bible and Jewish History, and of Tel Aviv University's Law School.

In 2005, he was awarded the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's prestigious Samuel Rothberg Prize for Jewish Education, the first specialist in informal Jewish education to be so honored. He was given an honorary doctorate by Muhlenberg College in May 2006 for his contribution to the field of education.

Avraham has assumed the position of President of the Chais Family Foundation and continues to serve Hillel as Hillel's President Emeritus. The Chais Foundation is committed to enabling the significant renaissance of the Jewish people through education, the deepening of Jewish Identity, leadership development and the advancement of educational excellence in Israel.



## **Dr. Yuval Jobani**

### **Department of Hebrew Culture Studies, TAU**

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Yuval Jobani wrote his PhD on Spinoza's concept of religion at the Tel Aviv University. He teaches in the Hebrew Culture Studies Department and the Department of Education at Tel Aviv University.

He also takes part in special programs for Jewish Pluralistic Education, such as the "M'lamdim" program, which trains Jewish-Studies teachers from both the States and Israel.

In addition, he is involved in informal Jewish education such as teaching at the Beit Midrash "Eitim", at Tel Aviv University.



## **Romi Kaplan**

### **Program and Administrative Assistance, International, Development Program, JDC-Israel**

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Romi Kaplan works for the International Development Program of the Joint Distribution Committee. Kaplan graduated from Oxford University with a MSt. in Forced Migration, and from the University of Cape Town with an Honors in African Studies.

Based in Israel, she deals with the planning and development of IDP activities, and assists JDC's field staff on new and ongoing IDP programs. She is particularly responsible for the non-sectarian program in South Africa. She works on developing more comprehensive intervention responses, and expanding the reach of JDC's humanitarian assistance programs.

Some of the areas of involvement are poverty alleviation; healthcare provisioning through networking of healthcare systems; disease prevention and awareness, specifically for HIV/AIDS; the elderly, and education initiatives.



## **Solly Kaplinski**

### **Executive Director, Overseas Joint Ventures, JDC-Israel**

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Solly Kaplinski's mandate is to develop partnerships with federations, foundations and families outside of the USA, to support JDC projects in Israel, and all over the world.

Prior to his appointment at JDC, he was the Director of the English Desk at Yad Vashem, primarily involved with the development of the new museum.

Before making Aliyah, he was involved in Jewish Education, serving as Headmaster of Day Schools in South Africa and Canada.

Solly is a graduate of the Jerusalem Fellows program. He was educated at Herzlia School in Cape Town, and the Universities of Cape Town and South Africa.

He and his wife live in Jerusalem.

JDC's programs are supported primarily by contributions to the annual campaigns of the Jewish community Federations throughout North America in partnership with United Jewish Communities (UJC).



## Martin Karp

### Executive Director, Senior Vice President, Israel and Overseas, Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles

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Marty karp is the senior vice president of israel and overseas, and director of the israel office of the jewish federation of greater los angeles.

Originally from chevy chase maryland, mr. Karp holds a b.A. In history from franklin and marshall college, and an m.A. In middle eastern history from the university of michigan.

While in the u.S., Mr. Karp was community liaison for aipac, associate director of the baltimore jewish council, and community relations director of the jewish federation of greater houston.

Upon his arrival in israel in 1983, he became the director for north america's information department of the wzo, and later, in 1984, opened the israel office for the jewish federation of los angeles.



## Charles Keidan

### Director, The Pears Foundation

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Charles Keidan, 29, is director of The Pears Foundation, a British-based strategic grant-making trust, which has invested over US \$35 million in the non-profit sector in the past five years.

He is responsible for running the Foundation, as well as for its strategic direction and grant management.

Charles graduated with a degree in history from Cambridge University in 2000, and worked as a political adviser in Parliament before arriving at The Pears Foundation in January 2004.

Charles has a particular interest in development issues, and has worked in Rwanda, DRC and Colombia. He also volunteers at a community center, where he runs sports projects for young people. He speaks French and Spanish



## **Carole Kirschner**

### **Executive Director, Jewish Healthcare International**

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Carole moved to Atlanta in 1979 to work in marketing. She worked two years in Lexington Kentucky as a Branch Manager and then returned to Atlanta as Director of Inventory Management in 1984. In 1987, after retiring from a business career that spanned 30 plus years Carole got involved in community service activities at a grass roots level.

Her volunteering included treasurer and membership maintenance for the Sisterhood of the Temple. Other volunteer activities included accepting the responsibilities of treasurer for the Auxiliary of the Jewish Home with major fundraising responsibilities. She was recognized by the Auxiliary with both the Woman of Achievement and Volunteer of the Year awards, and currently serves as immediate Past President and Nominating Chair.

She was involved with the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta (JFGA) Partnership committee for the overseas planning and allocations, working with the Partnership 2000 relationship between Atlanta, Yokneam/Meggido and St. Louis. With JFGA's Israel and Overseas Twinning Task Force, she led the way in developing a partnership between JFGA and the city of Minsk, Belarus.

She has visited Minsk on many occasions, representing the Partnership Committee and working with Stuart Saffer, the JDC representative in Minsk, to determine ways the communities can be mutually enhanced by the relationship.

Carole was involved in the startup of Jewish Healthcare International (JHI), proposing a working relationship to representatives of The American Jewish Joint Distribution and Jewish Agency for Israel in Israel; and has participated as a board member for the JHI Board and sitting on several committees, including governance, finance and by-law development.

Carole currently sits as the Executive Directory of JHI and holds positions on the boards of: The Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, The William Breman Jewish Home, and The Auxiliary of the Jewish Home, the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Greater Atlanta Affiliate, and The Atlanta Women's Foundation. Carole and her husband Sid are the proud grandparents of five (5), ranging in age from 6 to 17 and are well known Philanthropic leaders in the Atlanta Community



## **Dr. Steve Kutner**

### **Medical Director, Jewish Healthcare International**

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Dr. Kutner grew up in Queens, NY and in 1955 received a BSME degree in Engineering from New York University. Dr. Kutner was Chief of Ophthalmology at GA Baptist Medical Center, and held staff positions at Scottish Rite Children’s Medical Center as well as Vencor Hospital.

Dr. Kutner is a member of several medical societies, including the American Academy of Ophthalmology (Fellow 1973), American College of Surgeons (Fellow 1976), American Medical Association, Medical Association of Georgia, Atlanta Ophthalmological Society, Georgia Ophthalmological Society and the American Physicians Fellowship.

He has been an active volunteer in the Jewish Community for over thirty years, and has held several leadership positions, including the Medical Advisory Board of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Trustee (1992-1996) of Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, President of Atlanta Bureau of Jewish Education and a Trustee at the Louis Kahn Group Home.

In 1991, Dr. Kutner founded Project Vision, a non-profit organization whose mission is to facilitate vision care for populations who have limited access to eye care in developing countries. The organization also assesses problems and equipment needs, and provides advanced training to medical personnel. Dr. Kutner currently serves as CEO of the organization.

In July 1999, Dr. Kutner, an original founder of Jewish Healthcare International (JHI) in Atlanta, accepted his current position as Medical Director. JHI is an international non-profit coalition of volunteer healthcare professionals dedicated to improving the quality of and access to healthcare services for at-risk Jewish communities, primarily in the FSU and throughout the world. It utilizes teams from Israel and the United States to teach and train local practitioners in updated methods for the provision of services.



## **Jeanney Kutner**

### **Legal consultant, Jewish Healthcare International**

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Jeanney Kutner is a Judicial Officer with the Family Division of Fulton County Superior Court. In this capacity, she works with families undergoing divorce, custody, paternity, child support, and contempt issues.

She also practices family law part time with concentrates in the fields of mediation and appellate work. She has argued cases before the Georgia Supreme Court and Georgia Court of Appeals, affecting the rights and best interest of children. She is a frequent seminar speaker for legal groups.

She is a member of a group called “Faithful Lawyers”, which meets occasionally to discuss issues of faith as they relate to the practice of law. She has participated in seminars with this group. She attended a recent symposium on Law and Religion at Emory University College of Law.

Jeanney is an alumna of Leadership Atlanta and is an active board member of her synagogue, Congregation Or Hadash, where she participates in projects of tikkun olam, chesed, and Torah study, including chanting Torah.

She is a graduate of Emory University College of Law and Bryn Mawr College.

She and her husband Steve have two married sons, two daughters-in-law, two grandchildren, and a dog.



## **Dr. Efraim Laor**

### **Chairman, FIRST**

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Dr. Laor is Chairman of F.I.R.S.T., the Fast Israeli Rescue and Search Team. F.I.R.S.T. organizes rescue teams which respond around the world to cases of national disaster. As Chairman of F.I.R.S.T., he has assembled 12 units that have responded to more than 5,700 SAR (search and rescue) call-outs in Israel and abroad.

He has organized and led rescue missions to Turkey after the earthquakes of August and November, 1999; and he was the Senior Consultant with the Israeli Defense Forces' Mission to Bhug, in response to the earthquake that hit the State of Gujarat, India in January/February 2001. In December, 2004, he headed the Government of Israel Mission that responded to the Tsunami that hit the Southeast Asia region.

Dr. Laor lectures extensively on the subject of disaster areas and emergency situations at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Haifa University. In addition, he headed the Israeli Ministry of Defense Instruction Mission to Latin America in 1979-1980.

He is active in operational and administrative planning regarding emergencies and disasters at the highest National levels. His work encompassed short and long term strategic, operative and tactical planning, as a member of think-tank teams, which formulated conceptions for the "Battlefield of the Future".

Dr. Laor received his Ph.D. in "Policy, Strategy and Administration of Large Scale Emergency Situations" from the Department of War Studies, King's College, University of London.



## **Rabbi Levi D. Lauer**

### **Founding Executive Director, Atzum**

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Rabbi Levi D. Lauer is the Founding Executive Director of ATZUM-Justice Works, established in 2002. One of ATZUM's projects is the Task Force against Human Trafficking, which campaigns aggressively against Israel's flourishing trafficking in women sex slaves.

TFHT has secured crucial change in Israel's law facilitating prosecution of traffickers, is battling against major newspapers' advertisements for sex services often provided by trafficked women, has brought the trafficking evil to daily attention in Israel's mass media, has secured changes in police and army policies prioritizing pursuit of traffickers and closing Israel's borders to trafficking, and initiated formation of an inter-ministerial government committee charged with eliminating trafficking.

ATZUM also assists 450 Survivors of Terror families in Israel, many of whose major wage earners were severely injured or killed in a terrorist attack. Meeting educational and medical needs of the children in those families is a particular focus of ATZUM's efforts.

In addition, ATZUM's Righteous Among the Nations project maintains contact with and assists every rescuer of Jewish life during the Shoah who came to Israel to live after the founding of the State.

A native of the U.S. who has lived in Jerusalem since 1976, Levi was previously Executive Director of the Pardes Institute, the first adult co-educational yeshiva/beit midrash from 1977-1994. He is a pioneer educator seeking to bring contemporary social activist concerns to synthesis with traditional Jewish practice and study.

## **Rabbi Natan Levy**

### **Consultant, London School for Jewish Studies**

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Rabbi Natan Levy is the Jewish University Chaplain for the West of England and Wales. He serves as the consultant for Social Action at the London School of Jewish Studies, and is involved in the shaping of LSJS's emerging Centre for Faith, Citizenship and Community. Natan also acts as the Chief Rabbi's liaison on environmental issues.

Natan received his rabbinical ordination from Rabbis Brovender and Riskin in Israel. He holds a BA in comparative religion from Pomona College in Los Angeles. Natan's dual passion for social justice and environmental responsibility was informed by his service with AmeriCorps—basically an offshoot of the Peace Corps working with the urban poor in the US. Natan worked at a Horse Ranch in Oakland, CA.

This program taught children who had been involved in the juvenile criminal system how to ride and care for horses. More recently, Natan has been involved with a number of environmental education projects in Israel, working with organizations such as the Society for the Protection of Nature, and the Jerusalem Forest Group, leading outdoor excursions and creating the Jerusalem Compost Centre.

Natan's current position as a University Chaplain is a wonderfully multifaceted position; for a student Rabbi must serve as counsellor, teacher, religious rights advocate, and chef, amongst other roles. One area of particular interest is involvement in interfaith dialogue.

Working alongside mainly Muslim and Christian faith leaders at the Multifaith Chaplaincies which are now beginning to replace the older ecumenical models on campus, has allowed for an ongoing integration of cross-religious projects, discussions and interfaith football events.

Much of the work in this area is aimed toward providing a forum for interaction between communities that have few other contexts in which to hear the voice of the religious other. Natan is one of the co-founders of Radio SalaamShalom, the UK's only Jewish-Muslim radio station, which utilizes the media as a tool to create and publicize such dialogue. The show runs daily via the internet on



## **Professor Menachem Lorberbaum**

### **Chair, Department of Hebrew Culture Studies, TAU**

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Professor Menachem Lorberbaum is Chair of the Department of Hebrew Culture Studies, Tel Aviv University, and Research Associate at the Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem.

He completed his studies at the Department of Philosophy, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

His master's thesis ("Kavanah in Mitzvot: Theory of Action in Halakhah") was written under Prof. David Heyd, and his PhD thesis ("Politics and the limits of Law: Maimonides and Nissim Gerondi") under Professors Michael Walzer and Aviezer Ravitzky. Prof. Lorberbaum spent three years as a Research Associate and then member of the School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.

He has also served as Academic Secretary for the Committee on Religious-Secular Relations in Israel, headed by Former Chief Justice Meir Shamgar, and the Israel Democracy Institute, Jerusalem (1996-1999). He has just completed editing and annotating the new Hebrew translation of Thomas Hobbes' Leviathan.





## **Gal Lusky**

### **CEO, Israeli Flying Aid**

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Gal Lusky is the founder, and CEO of Israeli Flying Aid. Israeli Flying Aid (IFA) is a non-for-profit, non governmental aid organization which provides life saving aid to people affected by natural and man made disasters in developing countries worldwide.

IFA provides assistance to all who are in need by distribution of relief items, medical assistance and any other life saving methods.

IFA provides aid to countries whether they have or do not have diplomatic relations with Israel; and without regard for race, sex, and religion. Some areas where the organization has provided aid are: Darfur, Chechnya, Louisiana, Indian Kashmir,

Pakistan and Indonesia.

Ms. Lusky has a degree in Alternative Medicine from Israel College of Alternative Medicine, and completed, with honors, a course in Management, Marketing and Tourism offered by the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor.



## **Marc Ian Lubner**

### **CEO, MaAfrica Tikkun**

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Marc Lubner is CEO of MaAfrika Tikkun, South Africa, a legally authorized charity organization based in Johannesburg, South Africa. MaAfrika Tikkun's mission is to strive for the upliftment of all disadvantaged people in South Africa.

By making a meaningful, sustainable contribution in these areas of South African society, MaAfrika Tikkun enriches the lives of thousands of South Africans - young and old by helping empower them to contribute constructively to the socio-economic development of South Africa.

In 2003, Mr. Lubner launched the Smile Fund under the patronage of Nelson Mandela. The charity provides care for over 100 children suffering from facial deformities.

He is Chairman of the South Africa Israel Chamber of Commerce and of the South Africa Friends of Beit Issie Shapiro Home for handicapped children.

Mr. Lubner received his MBA from Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, USA.

He resides in Johannesburg with his wife and their two children.



## **Prof. Katherine Marshall**

### **Senior Fellow and Visiting Professor, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs at Georgetown University**

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Katherine Marshall has worked since the early 1970s for international development, focusing on issues facing the world's poorest countries. Now a Senior Fellow at Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, and Visiting Professor; she teaches about the challenges of fighting poverty, including practical and ethical dimensions, and is involved in a range of writing and research endeavors.

She advises the World Bank on issues around development ethics and partnerships with faith institution, and heads the World Faiths Development Dialogue, a not-for-profit organization that bridges the often divided worlds of development and faith.

And she serves on several boards: she is a Trustee of Princeton University, a member of the Executive Council of the World Economic Forum's West Islamic Dialogue community, serves on the International Selection Committee for the Niwano Peace Prize, and is a director of the International Development Ethics Association.

She also works with CARE and the University of Cambodia. She was a founding trustee of the Spirit of Fes Foundation and co-moderator of the Fes Forum, an integral part of the Fes Festival of World Sacred Music.

Ms. Marshall spent most of her career (1971-2006) with the World Bank. She held many leadership assignments, primarily focused on Africa.

From 2000-2006 her mandate covered ethics, values, and faith in development work, working as counselor to the World Bank's President, James D. Wolfensohn. She earlier led country operations first for the Sahel region, then Southern Africa, and was responsible for social policy and governance during the East Asia crisis years.

She also worked for extended periods on Eastern and Southern Africa and Latin America. As a long time manager she was involved in many task forces and issues, focused, inter alia, on leadership issues, the role of women, corruption problems and solutions, conflict management, and values and ethics.

Ms. Marshall graduated from Wellesley College and Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, and studied in the history department. She speaks and publishes widely on issues for international development.

Her publications include: *The World Bank, from Reconstruction to Development to Equity* (Routledge, January 2008); *Development and Faith, Where Mind, Heart and Soul Work Together* (World Bank, 2007); and *Mind, Heart and Soul in the Fight Against Poverty* (World Bank, 2004).

Her daughter Laura recently served in the Peace Corps in Guinea and is preparing for medical school; her son Patrick is a high school student in Washington DC.



## **Natalie Marx**

### **Tzedek, UK**

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Natalie is an Executive Board Member of the Overseas Humanitarian Aid Organisation, TZEDEK UK.

She has travelled extensively throughout Kenya, Ghana and India, working on behalf of Tzedek as program coordinator and volunteer, practicing natural medicine within local communities.

A graduate of Complimentary Medicine BSc, her medical work overseas with humanitarian aid charities led her to gain a deeper insight into the physical and emotional factors that can contribute to illness and disease.

In her part time Natalie is a Board member for the International Youth Council for Christians, Jews and Muslims and takes a major role in organising the yearly conferences.



## **Rabbi Michael Melchior, MK**

### **Knesset**

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Rabbi Michael Melchior comes from Denmark where for seven generations his family members have served as Chief Rabbis. He studied at Yeshivat HaKotel in Jerusalem, and in 1980, received rabbinic ordination, after which he returned to Scandinavia to serve as Chief Rabbi of the Norwegian Jewish Community.

In 1986, Rabbi Melchior moved to Israel, where amongst other activities, he served as International Relations Director for the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity. Nine years later, when Israel's Prime-minister Yitzhak Rabin was murdered by a religious extremist, Rabbi Melchior decided to extend his drive for high ethical standards, from the synagogue to national politics. In 1999, he was elected to the Knesset as Meimad's representative on Ehud Barak's "One Israel" list.

In the second Sharon government, Rabbi Melchior served as a Deputy Minister for Education, and later, as Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's office, in charge of Jewish Diaspora and Israeli society affairs. In the 17th Knesset, May 2006, he was elected as Chairman of the Knesset Committee for Education, Culture and Sports.

Rabbi Melchior takes particular interest in the social fabric of Israeli Society which he believes must be built on the basis of tolerance, equal rights and equal opportunities. To this end, Rabbi Melchior actively guides the Committee for Education, Culture and Sports; he previously chaired the Knesset Committee for the Rights of the Child during the 16th session of the Knesset.

Recognizing that religious extremism and the tensions between religious and secular Jews are deeply damaging to Israeli Society, Rabbi Melchior launched Moe'tzet Yachad,, a forum which promotes dialogue and understanding between different strands in Israeli society.

Rabbi Melchior does not restrict his activities to the Jewish population of Israel. He passionately believes that building bridges with the local Israeli-Arab and Palestinian populations is central to the preservation of our Jewish values and essential to our shared future in the Middle East.

Rabbi Melchior, therefore, serves as Co-Chair of the Knesset Caucus for Jewish-Arab relations, and he established between Jews and Arabs in Israel, which campaigns for coexistence between the two peoples and the correction of injustices against Israel's Arab minority.

Recognizing that much of the tension between Jews and Muslims has its roots in religious prejudice and ignorance, Rabbi Melchior with the support of world religious leaders, initiated the Alexandria Declaration in which the religious leaders of all the major communities in the Holy Land agreed to work towards peaceful resolution of conflicts.

Rabbi Melchior is heavily involved in the realization of this vision, and has forged partnerships with leading religious and political figures in the Muslim community to establish the Mosaica Center for interfaith dialogue in Israel.

Through his career in the rabbinate, his leading role in the campaign for Soviet Jewry and his ongoing connection to the global Jewish people, Rabbi Melchior has gained enormous insight into the concerns and workings of Diaspora Jewish communities. It was therefore natural for him to be invited to take up the portfolio of Diaspora Affairs in three successive governments.

His love of Israel and his deep connection to the world Jewish community led him to be amongst the pioneers of the concept of the Birthright Trips to Israel; and from their inception, he has chaired the Birthright steering committee. This organization has, over the last five years, brought tens of thousands of young unaffiliated Jews to explore their heritage in Israel, causing many of them to reevaluate their Jewish identity and take up leading positions within the Jewish community.

Rabbi Melchior brings his religious leadership and political influence to bear on many other issues: his work as chair of the Knesset caucus on the environment, activity on behalf of Agunot and efforts to resolve the problems of conversion which effect Jewish communities around the world.

Rabbi Melchior recently coalesced all of his interests by establishing Tenufa; a mass movement for social change in Israel whose launch was attended by 5,000 people.

Rabbi Melchior is a recipient of Norway's Prize for Tolerance and Bridge-Building; the Church of England's Coventry Peace Prize, for his contribution to world peace; and for the year 2007.

Alongside his ministerial responsibilities, he also serves as the Rabbi of a young and active Orthodox synagogue in Jerusalem and is actively involved in the Norwegian Jewish Community where he still holds the honorary position of Chief Rabbi.

Rabbi Melchior is married to Hanna, an occupational therapist and is the father to five children.



## **Ad Melkert**

### **UN Under-Secretary General and Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Program**

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Ad Melkert was appointed by Secretary-General Kofi Annan to the position of UN Under-Secretary-General and Associate Administrator of UNDP, effective 1 March, 2006.

Previously, Mr. Melkert served as a member of the Board of Directors at the World Bank for over three years where, as Executive Director, Mr. Melkert represented Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Georgia, Israel, FYR Macedonia, Moldova, The Netherlands, Romania, and Ukraine. The Board of Directors of the World Bank, chaired by the President, oversees the bank's business, including approval of loans and guarantees, new policies, the administrative budget, country assistance strategies, and borrowing and financial decisions.

Mr. Melkert joined the World Bank after a long and prominent political career in the Dutch Labour Party. He was a member of Parliament and Minister of Social Affairs and Employment, becoming the party's parliamentary leader in 1998. In 2001 he was elected party leader, succeeding then Prime Minister, Wim Kok.

Mr. Melkert has had a longstanding involvement in issues of international and development cooperation. He was active in the international and European youth movement and worked for the Dutch development, NGO Novib.

In Parliament, he was a member of the Standing Committees for Foreign Affairs and Development Co-operation. As a Minister, he led the Dutch delegations to the UN World Conference on Women in Beijing (1995) and to the International Labour Organization's annual meetings.

Mr. Melkert holds a Master's degree in Political Sciences from the University of Amsterdam. He is married to Chilean painter Mónica León Borquez and has two daughters. In addition to his native Dutch, he speaks English, German, French, and Spanish.



## **Ruth W. Messinger**

### **President, American Jewish World Service**

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Ruth W. Messinger is the president of American Jewish World Service, an international development organization providing support to 350 grassroots social change projects throughout the world.

Prior to assuming this role in 1998, Ms. Messinger was in public service in New York City for 20 years. She is an active member of your synagogue and serves on the board of several non-for-profit organizations.

In honor of her tireless work to end the genocide in Darfur and Sudan, Ruth Messinger received an award from the Jewish Council for Foreign Affairs in 2006. She was recently awarded honorary degrees by both Hebrew Union College, 2005, and Hebrew College, 2007.

For the past seven years, she has been named one of the fifty most influential Jews of the year by the Forward. Ms. Messinger has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.



## **Barbara Miller**

### **Executive Director, MaAfrika Tikkun**

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Barbara Miller has been the Executive Director of MaAfrika Tikkun Cape since 1999, and in May, she will become the National Executive Director of Youth Development Programs.

In addition, Barbara is active and serves on several committees, some of which are: Jews for Justice, St. Ann's Home, and Lifeline and Youth for Understanding.

She is also active as a facilitator and a counselor in "Nechama" and Healing of the Memories, started by Father Michael Lapsley, an Anglican priest, as a religious response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. She is the Director of the Faith Based Alliance for Social Development, which focuses on poverty alleviation in the Western Cape.

Barbara has a Teaching Degree in Business and Degrees in Counseling, and in Jewish Studies. She lives with her family in South Africa.



## **Yiftach Millo**

### **CEO, Aid Organization for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Israel**

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Yiftach is currently the Director of ASSAF - Aid Organization for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Israel. He is a development and relief professional with 10 years of experience working for UNICEF during the civil war in Angola.

He is a Social Affairs Officer with the UN Transitional Administration in East Timor; a Civil Society Strengthening Advisor with Concern Worldwide in East Timor; and Former Country Director and Founder of HIAS, Chad.

Yiftach has extensive experience working on development, and relief and forced migration, including assistance to IDPs, reintegration of returnees and protection of refugees in camps.

He is also a member of the Department of Sociology and Political Studies at the Open University where he teaches Genocide Studies.

Yiftach received his BA in History and African Studies from the Tel Aviv University, and his MA in Development Studies from the University of Melbourne.



## **Dr. Yehudah Mirsky**

### **Fellow, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and JPPPI**

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Dr. Yehudah Mirsky studied at Yeshivat Har Etzion and Yeshiva College and received Orthodox ordination in Jerusalem. He graduated from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the law review, and completed his PhD in Religion at Harvard.

He worked in Washington as an aide to then-Senators Bob Kerrey and Al Gore, and at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, and served in the Clinton Administration as special advisor in the US State Department's human rights bureau.

He is a Fellow at the Jewish People Policy Planning Institute and the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, and is an adjunct member of the faculty of Yeshivat Chovevei Torah in New York. He has written widely on politics, theology and culture for a number of publications including *The New Republic* and *The Economist*.

He is a Contributing Editor of the *Jerusalem Report* and is on the editorial board of *Eretz Acheret*. After the attacks of September 11 he served as a volunteer chaplain for the Red Cross, and is currently a member of the spiritual care group at Shaarei Zedek Hospital.

His research interests are in political thought, comparative religion, Jewish intellectual history and international relations.



## **Michael Morse**

### **Volunteer, Project Muso Ladamunen**

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Michael Morse grew up in Maryland and attended college in Philadelphia before spending a year learning at Machon Pardes in Jerusalem. After this time in Israel, Michael began his studies at Harvard Medical School and will complete his M.D. degree in 2010.

He also will begin a Zuckerman Fellowship at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School, and will complete a Masters in Public Policy over the next two years. Michael became involved with Project Muso Ladamunen in the fall of 2006, guiding and supporting Project Muso's health training programs. Project Muso is a cooperative project founded in 2005 by young Jews in collaboration with Malian Christians and Muslims.

Project Muso works to solve crises of disease and poverty in Mali, West Africa, by training local women in health and enterprise skills, enabling them to access health care and essential medicines, and helping them start their own businesses. Project Muso equips participants to solve the root causes of disease through four principle initiatives: the Women's Education Program, the Springboard Microfinance Program, the Community-Based Malaria Program, and the Community Action Committee.

Project Muso is currently working with advisors at Partners in Health to roll out its Community-Based Malaria Program, which aims to save lives from malaria, and in the process, create an equitable health care system, where even the poorest community members can access quality and comprehensive medical care. Through initiatives like the Sukkathon to Fight Malaria, young Jews throughout the United States and Israel are mobilizing the resources to make Project Muso's efforts possible.



## **Aya Navon**

### **Deputy Director, Tevel b`Tzedek**

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I was born in Tel – Aviv, 1981. Following my father's Ph.D studies, my family moved to California where I grew up until the age of seven. I was raised in a multi-cultural environment: At home we spoke Hebrew and celebrated Jewish holidays, at the same time I attended American elementary school and had friends from Iceland, Mexico and Japan.

During my high-school years I was very active in a youth movement. My activity there included social guidance of youth groups, outdoor and nature activity and participation in an international peace program. After graduating high school, I dedicated a year to educational work with "Olim Hadashim" (immigrants) children from Ethiopia, Iran and Russia.

After two years of army service and a year traveling in South America, I started studying Cognitive Studies and Psychology at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. During my studies I worked in a children's psychiatric department as a counselor.

Following the Tsunami disaster at end of 2005, I joined an Israeli Aid group in Sri-Lanka. I took part in post-trauma relief activities with teachers, social workers and children.

Although the work in the hospital was focused on individuals, and the work in Sri-Lanka on large groups, both experiences showed me the importance of empowerment. I learned that allowing people to grow and take control over their lives has a longer-lasting and deeper affect. My work in Sri - Lanka taught me many things, among them, the complexity of cross cultural work and the importance of being humble and sensitive to peoples true voices and needs.

Since 2006, I had the privilege of joining Rabbi Micha Odenheimer in Tevel b'Tzedek's first steps. Tevel b'Tzedek is a N.G.O dedicated to creating a new generation of Israeli and international Jews engaged in social and environmental justice by offering them a direct experience of the developing world through study and service internships in Nepal.



## **Eliseo Neuman**

### **Director, American Jewish Committee, The Africa Institute**

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Eliseo Neuman is Director of the American Jewish Committee's Africa Institute, the agency's most recent international initiative.

The Institute is dedicated to conducting advocacy on issues related to Africa that most resonate with the political consciousness and social activism of the American Jewish community.

Prior to joining the American Jewish Committee, Eliseo was an investment banker with Goldman Sachs & Co. and a lawyer with Davis Polk & Wardwell.

Most recently, he served as an adviser to the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague.





## Bill O'Keefe

### Senior Director for Advocacy, Catholic Relief Services

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Bill O'Keefe is Catholic Relief Services' Senior Director for Advocacy, based at headquarters in Baltimore. He oversees CRS' efforts to change U.S. foreign policy in ways that promote justice and reduce poverty overseas. This involves lobbying Congress and the Administration on a range of foreign policy issues and educating U.S. Catholics about international issues and involving them in public campaigns for policy change.

Mr. O'Keefe grew up in Highland Park, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. He attended high school at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, IL, graduating in 1980. He received his Bachelor of Science cum laude from Yale in 1984 and a Master in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard in 1987. During his years at Harvard, he worked at a 32-bed emergency homeless shelter in Cambridge, Massachusetts run by the University Lutheran Church, supervising volunteers, organizing meals and directing security.

Mr. O'Keefe joined CRS in 1987 as a Project Manager in Tanzania, designing and monitoring community development projects. During this time he trained staff members of CRS and local organizations and chaired the Sub-Regional Task Force on AIDS.

In 1990, Mr. O'Keefe became Assistant Desk Office for CRS in East Africa, based in Baltimore, where he evaluated and monitored the agency's emergency relief and rehabilitation projects in Ethiopia and Sudan; briefed staff, journalists, government, and NGO officials and helped to develop CRS policy and procedural guidelines for field operations.

He became Desk Officer for West and Southern Africa in 1991, managing headquarters support for 13 country program offices. In this position he wrote proposals to secure multi-million dollar emergency response funds from USAID; provided management oversight to Country Representatives and briefed CRS executives, other staff, journalists, and government officials about CRS activities in Africa.

In 1994, Mr. O'Keefe was appointed Director of CRS' flagship program Operation Rice Bowl. This \$5.5 million national fundraising and education campaign helps U.S. Catholics to express solidarity during Lent with our brothers and sisters overseas. During his two years in this position, he increased participation in the program, and receipts, by 15 percent. He planned marketing and promotion to 11,500 groups and designed the Operation Rice Bowl message and campaign materials.

In 1996, Mr. O'Keefe became Director of Church Outreach for CRS, the forerunner of today's U.S. Operations Division. He developed and implemented a strategy to educate American Catholics about global poverty and to involve them in advocating for policy change.

He communicated CRS' response to Hurricane Mitch and explored new ways to respond to emergencies through partnerships. He represented CRS to partners and officials in workshops and public speaking opportunities and served on the Steering Committee that planned the 1999 National Catholic Gathering for Jubilee Justice which brought together 3,000 social activists.

In 2001, Mr. O'Keefe became CRS' Director for Government Relations. In this capacity he led the agency's new advocacy program targeted at U.S. government officials and members of international organizations. He supervised two lobbyists and two policy advisors; managed the development of CRS policies on U.S. foreign assistance and agricultural trade policy; and oversaw a two-year education and advocacy campaign to involve Americans in policy change for Africa. He also served on CRS' strategic planning team that developed the agency's overall strategic framework. He was appointed Senior Director for Advocacy in 2003.

Mr. O'Keefe's wife, Gina O'Keefe, works for the Annie E. Casey Foundation. They have two children, daughter Molly and son Sam.



## **Cheli Olstein**

### **Student, Hebrew University**

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Rachel Olstein, affectionately known as Cheli, grew up in a quaint New England town in the US. In 1999 she postponed her university career to work for AmeriCorps, a service organization that places young people in underprivileged communities for a year of national service. Her service there inspired her to work in the third sector, and she went on to pursue a degree at Vassar College in Urban Education and French.

An avid hiker and camper, Cheli left the school system to work for the Teva Learning Center, a Jewish environmental institute in the beautiful Berkshire Mountains. In 2006-2007 she participated in an Outward Bound course, where she honed her skills as a wilderness maven and received certification as a Wilderness First Responder.

These skills enabled her to lead groups of American and French over the summer of 2007 on a community service program. After spending one month building a school in the Ladakh region of India, Cheli took a second group of students to the Azore Islands to build solar heaters at an ecocenter, and to monitor the whale and dolphin populations of the mid-Atlantic.

Currently she lives in Jerusalem, where she is pursuing a Masters in Community Leadership and Non Profit Management at Hebrew University.



## **Dr. Yehuda Paz**

### **Chairperson , Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development (NISPED)**

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Yehudah Paz was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1930 and came to Israel in 1950. He holds a B. Sc. Degree in Economics, a M.Sc. in Sociology and a Ph.D in Social Philosophy, and studied at Columbia University, the University of London and the Jewish Teachers Seminary.

Paz was a founder (1951) and is to date a member of Kibbutz Kissufim in the Negev, where he has been a field crops worker, the general secretary and treasurer, and the principal of the regional high school, Maale Habesor. He has also held several leadership positions in the kibbutz movement.

He was the director-general of the Jewish Agency's Youth and Hechalutz Department, and served as a member of the JA executive, of the Zionist General Council, and of the executive committee of the World Labor Zionist Movement, and as secretary-general of the Dror Zionist Youth Movement.

Paz has served as co-chairman of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East, as senior consultant to the Peres Peace Center; as an executive committee member of the Israel Labor Party; as a member of the executive of the Histadrut, the General Federation of Labor, and of the presidium of the Israel Cooperative Council. He was the president of the Association of American and Canadians in Israel.

He has lectured at the Ben Gurion University, the Negev College, and the Efal Center, and has been a visiting lecturer at universities in ten countries.

He was (acting) director of the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and of the Tabenkin Research Institute. He served as a consultant to the International Labor Organization (a UN agency) and to the Van Leer Foundation (Netherlands).

Yehudah Paz has been a central figure in Israel's international development cooperation activities for several decades, serving as director and principal of the Afro-Asian Institute and of the International Institute.

He has been a vice-president of the International Cooperative Alliance and chairman of its Global HRD Committee, and an executive committee member of the Society for International Development and of various other international bodies.

Paz was the founder of the Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development (NISPED), and has served as its chairperson from its inception in 1998 up to the present.

He has published studies, papers and monographs in Hebrew, English and seven other languages.

He received the Rochdale Award of the International Cooperative Alliance (2005), was awarded the Golden Dove of Peace Prize by the President of Italy (2006) and holds other international prizes and awards.

Paz is married to Ruth (1950); they have four children and seven grandchildren. His hobbies include reading, music (oboe player) and lecturing on the American Civil War.



## **Dr. Shlomi Ravid**

### **Director, The International School for Jewish Peoplehood Studies**

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Shlomi Ravid, a native and life long Kibbutznik, has been involved in Israel Diaspora relations for the last 20 years. Shlomi was a Kibbutz Secretary, a national Shaliach for the Kibbutz Movement in New York, a consultant to a number of Jewish Agency departments, founding director of the San Francisco Israel Center and founder of the Center for Israel-Diaspora Cultural Relations.

Shlomi earned a doctorate in Philosophy from Tel Aviv University, and his dissertation on the changing of the Kibbutz in Israel was published in 1999.

His academic and public work in the last twenty years has focused around the challenges of community building in Israel and the Jewish world.

In 2002 Shlomi resumed his position as Executive Director of the Israel Center, at the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco and the Bay Area. Upon his return to Israel in 2006 he became the director of the International School for Jewish Peoplehood Studies at Beth Hatefutsoth.

Shlomi lives in kibbutz Glil-Yam and is married to Linda, an I.C.U nurse who made Aliah from San Francisco. They have four children.

Shlomi was involved, in a volunteer capacity, with Jewish -Arab coexistence (member of Jewish Palestinian Dialogue group in the Bay Area) and as of late, in assisting the Sudan refugees who arrived in Israel.



## **Rabbi David Rosen KCSG**

### **International Director of Interreligious Affairs**

### **American Jewish Committee**

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Rabbi David Rosen, former Chief Rabbi of Ireland, is the Chairman of IJIC, the International Jewish Committee (for Interreligious Consultations), a broad based coalition of organizations that represents World Jewry in its relations with other world Religions.

He is the Director of the American Jewish Committee's Department for Interreligious Affairs, and Director of the AJC's Heilbrunn Institute for International Interreligious Understanding. Rabbi Rosen is a member of the Chief Rabbinate's delegation for Interreligious Dialogue.

He is an International President of Religions for Peace (WCRP), Honorary President of the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ), on the Executive Committee of the World Congress of Imams and Rabbis, a member of the Executive Committee of the World Economic Forum's C-100 ( a council of 100 leaders formed for the purpose of improving relations and cooperation between the Muslim and Western worlds), and a member of the World Council of Religious Leaders (WCORL).

From 1975 to 1979, Rabbi Rosen was the Senior Rabbi of the largest Jewish congregation in South Africa, and rabbinic judge on the Ecclesiastical Court (Beth Din). He was founder/chairman of the Cape Inter-Faith Forum, the Council of Jews, Christians and Muslims. From 1979 to 1985, Rabbi Rosen was Chief Rabbi of Ireland where he founded, together with the Christian Primates of Ireland, the Irish Council of Christians and Jews. He was a member of the Academic Council as well as lecturer at the Irish School of Ecumenics.

He returned to Israel in 1985 to take up the appointment of Dean at the Sapir Center for Jewish Education and Culture in the Old City of Jerusalem; subsequently he became Professor of Jewish Studies at the Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies.

He is a Founder of Rabbis for Human Rights, and of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel (ICCI), which embraces some seventy organizations in Israel involved in interfaith relations.

Rabbi Rosen was a member of the Permanent Bilateral Commission of the State of Israel and the Holy See, that negotiated the normalization of relations between the two; and in November 2005, he was made a Knight Commander of the Order of Gregory the Great for his contribution to promoting Catholic-Jewish reconciliation.

## **Yudith Rosenthal**

### **Deputy Director, Aharon Ofri International Training Center**

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In her position at Ofri, Yudith Rosenthal developed and led programs in Israel and abroad geared towards improving education in developing countries, based on educational theories and the Israeli special-educational models.

She is responsible for development and expansion of contacts with populations worldwide, and has met with decision-makers from target developing countries.

She lectures on a number of related topics including: The Education System in Israel, The Formation of Community Schools Education for Social Values, Holistic Project Entrepreneurship Education, Israeli Society, and The History of the Jewish People.

Ms. Rosenthal received her B.A. in Oriental Studies and Social Political History of Africa from the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.



## **Rabbi Prof. Naftali Rothenberg**

### **Chair of Jewish Culture and Identity and of the Center for Tolerance Education, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute**

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Rabbi Professor Naftali Rothenberg is a senior research fellow and Jewish Culture and Identity Chair at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. He also serves as the Rabbi and spiritual leader of Har Adar, a Jerusalem suburb town, where he resides with his family.

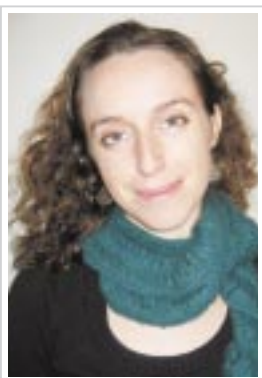
Rabbi Rothenberg is a graduate of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rutgers University in NJ, the IDF College for Staff and Command, the Kamenitz Yeshiva of Jerusalem and the Negev Yeshiva of Netivot. He holds BA, MA and PhD degrees in philosophy, and several Rabbinical Ordination degrees, including Israeli Chief Rabbinate Ordination.

He served as the Chief Rabbi of Peru (1974-1977), Rabbi of the IDF Training Officer School and other IDF special divisions (1977-1985), Dean of IDF Educational Institute for Commanders (1985-1989), and National Director of WZO-Torah Education for North America (NY office, 1989-1993).

He serves as a member of the Academic Committee of the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Research. Among his various academic affiliations are: Associate Professor for Judaic Studies in Touro College, Jerusalem (1996-2005); a member of the International Committee of Religion, Science & the Environment (London, 1995-1997); and in 2005, Martin Marty Center Visiting Scholar at the Divinity School, University of Chicago.

His main fields of research are: Environmental Philosophy, Religions and the Environment, Political Philosophy, Religion and Politics, Civic Education, Philosophy of Halakha, The Wisdom of Love (between man and woman, human beings, man and God), and Culture of Peace.

He has published numerous articles on Philosophy, Jewish Thought, and Halakha, and has authored and edited seven books.



## **Meital Rusdia**

### **Development Manager, Israel Committee for UNICEF – Development Unit**

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Meital Rusdia has been working for UNICEF for the last five years in numerous capacities. She conducted the emergency communication on the ground in Indonesia during the early months of the Tsunami, and served as spokesperson for UNICEF in India, UNICEF's largest country program.

Ms. Rusdia has also worked for UNICEF in NY, Geneva, the Maldives, and is now heading UNICEF's Tel Aviv Office. Prior to her work for the UN, Ms. Rusdia was a multi-media journalist and fine-art photographer, covering human rights issues around the world.

She holds two Masters Degree's from Columbia University, one from the School of International & Public Affairs, and one from the Graduate School of Journalism.



## **Dr. Inon I. Schenker**

### **Director, International Department, Jerusalem AIDS Project, Israel**

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Dr Inon Schenker is an Israeli senior public health specialist with three main areas of interest: HIV/AIDS prevention, with special expertise as a developer of innovative intervention programs; Global health, with expertise in international health leadership; and Tikkun Olam (healing the world), managing major Israeli NGO lead projects in developing countries.

Inon Schenker holds a Ph.D. degree (Public Health and Science Education), a Masters of Public Health (MPH) degree, and a B.A. degree (Political Science and Sociology) all from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Dr Schenker is an adjunct lecturer at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago. He teaches at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, at the Hadassah Jerusalem College and is an invited speaker internationally. He is also the academic director of The Geneva Seminar on Global Health".

Dr Schenker was for four years the coordinator of International Programs at the Braun School of Public Health and Community Medicine of the Hebrew University and Hadassah.

He was the founding chair of the Jerusalem AIDS Project and currently is the managing founder of "Operation AB". He is also former head of international programs of the Israeli Medical Association.

For two years he worked as a scientist with the World Health Organization at its headquarters in Geneva and for one year he worked for UNESCO's Geneva Institute on Education (IBE) in establishing a crosscutting HIV/AIDS Project.

For 18 years he is a senior consultant and team leader of public health projects in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and Asia, working closely with MASHAV, UN agencies, USAID and other donors. He is hailed internationally for being a front liner in promoting and engaging Israeli experts in medical and health projects carried out in less developed nations.

During 1995-1999 he initiated, with a team from the Middle East (Egyptians, Palestinians, Israelis, and Jordanians), a regional approach to HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support. As a result, six regional workshops on School HIV/AIDS Education in the Middle East were held yearly in Jerusalem Since 1995.

He was awarded the Israeli Minister for Social Services Award, International Society for HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention award, Carmela Roisman best research award and the Hadassah International Recognition Award.



## Alan M. Schneider

### Director of the B'nai B'rith World Center

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Alan M. Schneider is Director of the B'nai B'rith World Center in Jerusalem, a position he has held since 1989. A native of Brooklyn NY, Mr. Schneider immigrated to Israel in 1972, and completed his secondary education at Yeshiva High School "Midrasheet Noam" in Pardes Hanna in 1977.

He served in the Israeli Army from 1977-80 and served as a sergeant major in an active reserve combat unit. Mr. Schneider completed his law studies at Bar Ilan University in 1984.

He has been a member of the Israel Bar from 1985 and a member of the New York Bar since 1988. He was a law associate at the office of O'Connor and Hannan in Washington in 1986, and was Assistant Director of the New York Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith from 1987-88.

As World Center director, Schneider carries overall professional responsibility for its operation, including: representing B'nai B'rith before Israeli government agencies and foreign legations in Israel; initiating various programs to strengthen Israel-Diaspora relations and Israel's diplomatic status; representing the organization in various forums in Israel, including World Zionist Organization, Jewish Agency, Memorial Foundation, Claims Conference and World Jewish Restitution Organization; presenting written analyses and oral briefings to organization leadership on political, social and economic developments in Israel and world Jewry; fundraising through direct solicitation and grant proposals; planning and organizing missions to Israel by foreign government officials, clergy, artists, scholars and organizational leadership; developing lay leadership; promoting public relations profile with local and foreign media; developing and implementing public programming such as symposia, lectures, screenings, concerts, commemorative events etc; cooperating and maintaining independent contact with various Israeli government agencies, educational institution, non-profit organizations and the foreign diplomatic corps; handling the financial and office management.

Alan Schneider is the 1996 recipient of the B'nai B'rith Bisno Award for Outstanding Professional Excellence. He has initiated many innovative projects in Israel and collaborative efforts with B'nai B'rith members around the world. These have included an annual journalism award for excellence in Diaspora reportage, an annual ceremony commemorating Jews who rescued fellow Jews during the Holocaust and sustained cooperation with Israeli humanitarian organizations.

He is a member of the steering Committee of the President's Forum on the Diaspora, a member of the Coordinating Forum for Countering Anti-Semitism at the Office of the Prime Minister and a member of the World Jewish Forum created by President Katsav.

Mr. Schneider serves as coordinator of B'nai B'rith's delegation to the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency, and represents the organization's alternate representative on the Zionist Executive and on other forums of the National Institutions. He served as a managing editor of the joint B'nai B'rith -JCPA e-publication "NGO Monitor" and is an editor of the World Center's new bi-monthly e-publication "The Real News From Israel".

Schneider is a founding member of two International Holocaust memorial projects: "Unto Every Person There is a Name" and "The Action Committee to Recognize Jews who Rescued Jews During the Holocaust". Schneider was the founding chairman of the "3-Line-Theater", a non-profit organization that assists new immigrant artists and is a founding member of "IsraAid", The Israel Forum for International Humanitarian Aid.

Schneider's articles and reports have been published frequently in B'nai B'rith's international magazine and web-based publications, and he has addressed numerous international B'nai B'rith gatherings on issues pertaining to Israeli foreign and internal policy.



## **Stuart Schoffman**

### **Board Member, Tevel b'Tzedek**

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Stuart Schoffman has lived in Jerusalem since 1988, and writes and lectures widely on politics, religion and culture. A longtime columnist for the Jerusalem Report, he is also a research fellow in advanced Judaic studies at the Shalom Hartman Institute, and editor of its English-language journal.

His translations of Hebrew literature include books by the Israeli authors David Grossman and A.B. Yehoshua.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Schoffman received his B.A. from Harvard in 1969, and an M.Phil. in history from Yale in 1972. He worked as a reporter for Fortune magazine, a staff writer at Time, and a Hollywood screenwriter.

He has taught American History at the University of Texas, Austin, and film, at the University of Southern California and Tel Aviv University. In the mid-1990s, Stuart served as a consultant to the joint Israeli-Palestinian production of Sesame Street.

In May 2003, as a member of the Memory for Peace Association, he journeyed together with 250 Arab and Jewish citizens of Israel to Auschwitz-Birkenau. In 2006 and 2007, he served on the faculty of the International Summer School on Religion and Public Life in Bosnia and Turkey.

He serves on the Board of Overseers of Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, and is a member and former chairman of the San Francisco Amuta, a non-profit Israeli group that joins with American Jews to support religious pluralism and equality of opportunity in Israel. Schoffman is also a board member of Tevel b'Tzedek, a new program that trains young Israeli volunteers to work for social and environmental justice in Nepal.



## **Michalya Schonwald**

### **Deputy International Director, Tevel B'Tzedek**

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Currently Michalya Schonwald serves as Deputy International Director for Tevel B'Tzedek, an Israeli social and environmental justice NGO.

Ms. Schonwald is trained as a leadership, communications, and cross-cultural strategic consultant and coach. She has worked extensively in the United States and Israel. Formerly a consultant with Swiss Consulting Group, Inc., Ms. Schonwald has held professional positions with the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG), where she served as outreach coordinator supporting the development team in all stages of planning and implementing fundraising strategies.

Prior to this, Ms. Schonwald held a professional position with the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, Inc., where she evaluated and expedited reparation claims on behalf of survivors and heirs of the Second World War.

She graduated from Columbia University in New York in 2001 with a BA in History. Ms. Schonwald serves on the Board of Directors of three international organizations, and is expected to receive a MA in Government, with a specialization in Diplomacy and Conflict studies, from the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) in 2008. Ms. Schonwald currently resides in Tel Aviv, Israel.





## Dr. Raviv Schwartz

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Raviv completed his doctoral degree at Ben Gurion University, where he was a recipient of the prestigious Kreitman Fellowship.

Until recently, he was a Research Fellow at Tel Aviv University's Hartog School of Government and Policy where he conducted research on the policy implications for Israel of the philanthropic efforts emanating from both the Jewish diaspora and the Israeli business community.

Raviv has also conducted a series of independent research efforts (commissioned by governmental and non-governmental sources) on NGOs engaged in peace-building between Israelis and Palestinians, as well as on comparative aspects of conflict and peace building in the Middle Eastern, Northern Irish and Cypriot contexts.

His research has also included the work of philanthropic foundations, institutional Israel-Diaspora relations, and the link between Moldova and its migrant communities abroad.

Raviv's interest in peace building is not limited to research. He has taken part in a number of joint Palestinian-Israeli projects, including an intensive 2-week workshop held in the fall of 2005, for 5 Palestinians and 5 Israelis, on the issue of "Humanitarian Assistance and Organizational Capacity Building".

He is also a member of an organization called "Osim Shalom", a group of Arab and Jewish social workers lobbying for peace and dialogue.

Raviv was born and raised in New York City and settled in Israel in 1982. He received his BA from New York University in Arabic Literature & Language and sociology, and his MA from the University of Michigan School of Social Work, where he specialized in community organization.

He is married with two sons, and lives in Ganei Yehuda, a suburb of Tel Aviv.



## Tzivia Schwartz Getzug

### Executive Director, Jewish World Watch

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Tzivia Schwartz Getzug is the Executive Director of Jewish World Watch, a new Los Angeles based non-profit organization. It dedicated to educating and advocating on issues of genocide and egregious human rights violations, and providing humanitarian relief to survivors of genocide.

Tzivia has a degree in Jewish Studies from UCLA and a law degree from Loyola Law School. She practiced law for several years before becoming the Western States Counsel for the Anti-Defamation League.

She left the ADL after almost 7 years to serve as the Community Liaison on DreamWorks' first animated film, the Prince of Egypt. Prior to her role as JWW executive director, Tzivia served as the Senior Vice President for Public Affairs at the Jewish Federation in Los Angeles, responsible for the work of the Jewish Community Relation's Committee.

Tzivia and her husband, Steve, were both born and raised in Los Angeles, and, with their 3 children, are members of Adat Ari El synagogue in Valley Village, California.



## **Eli Shaharabany**

### **Director of Development, Ohio Savings Charitable Foundation**

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After living in Washinton, D.C. for the past three years, Eli is moving back to Israel to work closely with the organizations that the foundation supports in Israel.

Over the past 15 years, he has established several social change projects in Israel. Among them are: "Nachshon" – pre military academy for leadership; the National Budget Reform Project at NIF – that aims to promote transparency and public participation in the national budgeting system; Beatzmi – a NGO that provides programs for underprivileged populations to find their own way out of chronic unemployment and into steady employment.

Other projects promote activities between different sectors and streams in Judaism, and create cooperative and joint schemes which bring together groups which have traditionally been in conflict.

## **Yael Shalgi**

### **President, Israel Philanthropy Advisors**

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Ms. Shalgi is President of Israel Philanthropy Advisors, an Israeli nonprofit company which provides customized and flexible philanthropic services to funders and foundations. IPA is an independent, objective and highly professional agency that helps funders implement significant and effective philanthropy in Israel.

Ms. Shalgi has broad based knowledge and expertise in the nonprofit sector in Israel. Shalgi played a leading role in issues of legislation, finance, organizational structure and stability, and management development during 6 years as Assistant Director of Israel's umbrella organization of nonprofits, VNPS.

She was a senior member of the founding team of Matan – Your Way to Give, a leading nonprofit developing Israeli corporate philanthropy. In her role as Vice President of Community Investment, she created the concept and infrastructure for a complete grant-making process that processes hundreds of proposals a year.

In this position she provided professional counseling and support for corporate giving programs as well as to foreign corporations and foundations.

She brings 15 years of experience in the nonprofit sector and acquaintance with hundreds of organizations in a wide range of fields. She was an active foundation professional in 8 of these organizations.

She is a lecturer in the Masters Program on Nonprofit Management at the Hebrew University. Shalgi was born in the US; served as an Intelligence officer in the IDF; holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and International Relations; and a Master's in International Relations from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



## Bambi Sheleg

### Editor, Eretz Acheret

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Bambi Sheleg is an Israeli journalist and magazine editor dedicated to promoting a profound and wide-ranging Israeli and Jewish discourse that places emphasis on issues of society and identity.

As a means of advancing these goals, in September 2000 she founded an NGO called Eretz Acheret ("A Different Israel") that publishes a magazine and website of the same name, which analyze and critique social, cultural and spiritual developments in Israel and among the Jewish people.

In addition to her position as editor-in-chief of the magazine, Bambi has written a regularly appearing column in Maariv since 1996. She frequently appears as a guest commentator on television and radio talk shows; she lectures and participates in panel discussions throughout Israel. She is an active member of the Bavli-Yerushalmi project, a Jerusalem-based study group for observant and non-observant Jews, which has a counterpart group in New York.

The participants have been meeting for four-hour sessions every two weeks since 1997, for joint study of Jewish texts. Once a year, they get together with the New York group for a joint weeklong seminar.

In recognition of her efforts to build bridges between different communities in Israel, Bambi received the Liebhaber Prize for the Promotion of Religious Pluralism and Tolerance in Israel, awarded by the Masorti Movement of Israel in 1998.

Bambi Sheleg studied at Hebrew University (Jewish history and English literature) and learned Jewish philosophy at the Shalom Hartman Institute. She began her career as a reporter and associate editor for Nekuda, a journal of the settlers of Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

She then edited a children's magazine called Otot (1987-1997) before deciding to found Eretz Acheret, a decision that was catalyzed by the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. She decided that Israel needed a platform that would cut through ideological currents, in which an open ideological and ethical conversation would heal the rupture in society, and help the public to get a more precise picture of the challenges it faces.

Bambi lives in Jerusalem with her husband and three children. She is married to Yair Sheleg, a Haaretz journalist and a researcher at the Israel Democracy Institute.



## **Vivian Silver**

### **Executive Director, Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development**

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Vivian Silver is the Executive Director of the Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development. NISPED, a non-profit association located in Beer Sheva, Israel. It was established in 1998 with a view to promoting peace and sustainable human development.

NISPED focuses on societies undergoing transformation: moving from conflict to conflict resolution, from dictatorship to democracy; from poverty and dependence to selfhood, from societies that discriminate against minorities to societies that extend full human, social, economic and civil rights to all. NISPED works within Israel, in the Middle East, and internationally with developing countries.

Vivian has extensive experience in social change work in Israel. Born and raised in Winnipeg, Canada, she moved to Israel in 1974 where she was a founding member and general secretary of the reestablished Kibbutz Gezer.

She was the founder and first director of the Department to Advance Gender Equality in the United Kibbutz Movement and a member of the Knesset sub-committee for the Advancement of Women in Work and the Economy.

She was a member of the board of directors of the New Israel Fund in the 80's and a member of the steering committee of Shatil in the 90's.

Vivian is a member of Kibbutz Beeri and a founder of the kibbutz' philanthropic fund which supports grass-roots and social change projects in the Negev. She resides in the kibbutz with her husband, Lewis Zeigen, and their two sons, Chen and Yonatan.



## **Dr. Jeffrey R. Solomon**

### **President, The Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies**

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Dr. Jeffrey R. Solomon is the president of the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Philanthropies, a group of foundations operating in Canada, Israel and the United States. Among the foundations' innovative launches are: Birthright Israel and Reboot, two initiatives aimed at connecting young, assimilated Jews to their tradition; The Gift of New York, a powerful response to September 11, helping to heal families of victims through the power of culture; and Project Involvement, an educational reform program serving some 265,000 Israeli elementary school students. He previously served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of UJA-Federation of New York.

Other past positions include executive positions at Altro Health & Rehabilitation Services, Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged, and Jewish Family and Children's Services in Miami. Dr. Solomon also served with the City, State and Federal Governments.

An author of over 70 publications, he served as an adjunct associate professor at New York University. He sits on numerous nonprofit and foundation boards, including the Council of Foundations, where he chairs the Committee on Ethics and Practice, and the FJC, a community foundation in New York.

He is a founding trustee of the World Faiths Development Dialogue and has received a number of honors from professional associations and universities.



## **Dr. Gary Sussman**

### **Vice President, Development and Public Affairs Division, TAU**

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Dr. Gary Sussman joined Tel Aviv University in 2004, serving as the Director of Research and Development at the Harold Hartog School of Government and Policy.

He holds a PhD in Government and History from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), and completed his Masters in Political Science at TAU, with distinction.

Prior to this, he completed a Bachelor in Social Sciences degree, reading Economics and Environmental Studies, at the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

Before making Aliyah in 1992, Gary served as the head of Habonim Dror Youth movement in South Africa.



## **Parna Taylor**

### **Projects Director, Tony Blair Faith Foundation**

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Parna Taylor is Projects Director for the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, which is currently in its development phase.

She joined the Foundation from FD-LLM, a consultancy where she was a Vice President in the public affairs division, running and advising on a wide range of accounts across the private, public and voluntary sectors.

Before that, Parna worked at 10 Downing Street where she was a Special Adviser to the Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Prior to this, she worked in the Prime Minister's Political Office where she focused on ethnic minority engagement in the run up to the 2005 general election; and was subsequently seconded to work for Alastair Campbell during the 2005 general election campaign.

Before working for Prime Minister Tony Blair, she was a parliamentary researcher to Rt Hon James Purnell MP, whilst he was Chair of Labour Friends of Israel. Currently he is the UK Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

She has a wide range of experience in Parliament and Government, as well as in the consulting world. She holds a first class degree in Politics from Durham University.



## **Akiva Tor**

### **Director, Department of Jewish Communities, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

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Akiva Tor is the Director of the Department for Jewish Communities at the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In his previous position as World Jewish Affairs Adviser to the President of Israel he began the organization of the World Jewish Forum, a presidential initiative for creating a pan-Jewish strategy for stemming assimilation and decline in Jewish life.

Tor has served as Director of the Israel Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei and as Deputy Director for Palestinian Affairs.

He was a Wexner Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government and has written and lectured extensively on Jewish values in the foreign policy of Israel.



## **Dr. Nigel Varndell**

### **Inter-faith Manager, Christian Aid**

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Nigel Varndell is currently the Inter-faith manager for Christian Aid, a relief and development agency representing 41 different Protestant and Orthodox Church denominations, and one of the leading development agencies in the UK and Ireland.

He has worked at Christian Aid for the last 11 years in a variety of different jobs including both fundraising and advocacy roles, working with the traditional church denominations. He has helped run Christian Aid Week, the largest fundraising week in the UK and Ireland, and was responsible for managing a community based fundraising team working with individual church denominations and raising between £1 and £1.5 million annually.

As well as working in fundraising, he has worked in partnership with churches advocating on development issues. This has included both popular campaigning and decision maker based advocacy, including advising Bishops in the House of Lords on issues as diverse as HIV/AIDS, trade policy, and climate change. He has also acted as a speech writer to peers when these issues have been debated in the upper chamber.

He has been actively involved in Christian Aid's theological work and been responsible for theology publications, both for Christian Aid and in partnership with the Church of England. He is a regular preacher and speaker, and writes prayers and liturgy on development issues for Christian worship. While at Christian Aid he has acted as a consultant to the Methodist Church and has sat on the worship and planning committees of the Greenbelt Festival, a Christian arts festival attracting 20,000 people every year.

He is now working with other faith base communities in the UK to find common cause on issues of global development, and to present a united faith based approach to decision makers, and opinion formers. He worships at a Baptist Church where he also serves on the diaconate. Any spare time tends to spilt between photography and supporting unsuccessful rugby teams.



## **Ariane Weisel Margalit** Student, TAU

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Ariane Weisel Margalit grew up in Washington, DC and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Studies and the Humanities from the University of Chicago. Three years ago, Ariane came to Israel to study at the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, where she focused her research on the nascent environmental movement in the ultra-Orthodox community in Israel.

Ariane has worked in the environmental department of the Israel Palestine Center for Research and Information (IPCRI), where she worked on a number of cross-border environmental aid projects. Throughout her work, Ariane has been particularly interested in the relationship between culture, religion and environmental stability.

Ariane is now a student in the Master's program at the Porter School for Environmental Studies at Tel Aviv University. Her thesis research focuses on the role of capacity building in the implementation of environmental strategies in developing countries, particular areas under threat of desertification. The research is primarily sociological, with the goal to assess the possibilities for information transfer and environmental aid in rural subsistence communities, and what role Israel can play within these aid efforts. Ariane lives in Jerusalem with her husband.



## **Hannah Weisfeld** Social Action and Campaigns Coordinator, Jewish Community Centre, London

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Hannah Weisfeld is the Social Action and Campaigns Coordinator for the Jewish Community Centre for London. The JCC is at the heart of developing social justice work in the UK, and in the Jewish community; and focuses particularly on activism and education, regarding Darfur, global poverty, and refugees and asylum seekers.

Hannah first got involved in Jewish social justice work whilst growing up through the ranks of the youth movement, Habonim Dror UK. She worked full time for the youth movement for two years as the Social Action and Education worker. She then went on to study for a Masters in Global Politics at the LSE, during which time she also completed an internship at the Trade Justice Movement.

She was heavily involved in the Make Poverty History Jewish Coalition in 2005, which amongst other things, organised a sizeable Jewish contingent to take part in the demonstration that took place at the same time as the G8 summit in Gleneagles. Last year she worked for The Pears Foundation and compiled the educational resource 'Darfur: A Jewish Response'.

The publication accompanied a Jewish community Darfur campaign that has resulted in a much larger scale involvement of the community in Darfur activism in the UK.

Hannah recently returned from 6 months in east and central Africa, where the majority of her time was spent as a volunteer in a secondary school in a northern lakeshore town in Malawi.

This work included teaching, and capacity building training and development, with the head and deputy head teachers of the school.



## **Cassie Williams**

### **Head of Programmes, World Jewish Relief**

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Cassie joined World Jewish Relief in January 2007 as the Programmes Manager.

She studied Egyptology and Modern Hebrew Literature at Oxford, and Israeli Politics, at the School of Oriental and African Studies, in London.

After a year working in London, she moved to Rwanda to work for a start-up NGO, helping street-living children in Eastern Province.

Two years in Rwanda were followed by a year in Ethiopia, where Cassie worked for a local NGO as the Institutional Development Officer, providing direction to both programming and fundraising from Addis Ababa. She is adapting pretty well after a year back in the UK.



## **Tamar Wisemon**

### **Israel Co-Chair, JSAM, Kol Dor**

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Tamar Wisemon is a journalist, author and social activist who has spent the last five years working as a Director of Public Relations in Israel's NPO sector. For over a decade she has written articles on educational and social change organizations in Israel for over a dozen publications in the United States, Israel and the UK.

Tamar recently co-founded Sviva Israel, which aims to change the dynamics of how Israelis and global Jews from all sectors of society relate to the environment, to one another and to Jewish tradition.

Sviva Israel has already become a leading educational environmental organization developing and implementing programs for youth and adults that promote environmental literacy and explore the connection between Judaism and the Environment in Israel and abroad.

Utilizing web media and innovative, practical educational tools, Sviva Israel connects communities in Israel and the Diaspora to guarantee Israel as a sustainable home for the Jewish people.

Tamar is a member of the Global Executive of KolDor, a dynamic network whose mission is to strengthen and further evolve Jewish Peoplehood by connecting diverse Jewish leaders and activists from around the globe and enhancing their capacity to act.

As the Israel Co-Chair for Cheshvan-Jewish Social Action Month (JSAM) 2008, she is excited at the opportunity to create a real impact in promoting Jewish identity and forging Jewish unity and peoplehood through social action on a global level.



# Margaret Wolfson

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After a brief stint at the UK Treasury, Margaret was selected as a UK participant in the World Bank's annual trainee programme, and stayed on as a member of staff in its Latin American Department.

This included two years in Guatemala, initially as assistant to the Bank's Resident Representatives and then later, after the Bank's cancellation of the resident mission, as Technical Advisor to the Guatemalan National Planning Council.

She then worked for the UN as member of a six-person delegation which was established to process the first project requests to be submitted to the UN Development Programme.

After two years in London with the then Department of Technical Co-operation (subsequently the Ministry of Overseas Development), Margaret joined the OECD, initially in the Technical Assistance Department and later, as Head of the Population Research Unit at the OECD's Development Centre.

Now retired, she has completed consultant assignments for the World Bank (public administration and the effectiveness of aid management), for the Ministry of Overseas Development on the usefulness of training provided by the UK under its Technical Assistance Programme, for the OECD and French academic research bodies.

She also gives an annual series of lectures to the Population Studies Unit at the University of Cardiff.

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