

**2022-2023
Denver JDS
Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, May 23

8:15 a.m.

**Denver Jewish
Day School**

AMCHA Judaic Library



Denver Jewish Day School Board of Trustees Annual Meeting

D'var Torah

Rabbi Emily Hyatt, Associate Rabbi at Temple Emanuel

Board Update

Rich Cohn, Board Chair

School Year Review/Preview

Dr. Avi Halzel, Head of School/CEO

Recognition of Outgoing Trustees

Rich Cohn, Board Chair

Election and installation of 2023-24 Proposed Slate

Carley Brooks, Chair, Committee on Trustees

Action Item: Vote on Trustee and Officer nominees

Adjourn Annual Meeting



Our Mission

Our pluralistic Jewish community day school prepares and inspires Jewish students through an extraordinary secular and Judaic education to live purposefully, act ethically, and thrive in the world.

Denver JDS is the Rocky Mountain region's only K-12 community Jewish day school where academic excellence goes hand-in-hand with inquiry-based pluralistic Jewish education. Our K-12 curriculum combines challenging college preparatory classes, powerful Judaic values, and an individualized and supportive environment that stimulates intellectual, spiritual, physical, and social success.

Kindness • Integrity • Curiosity • Community • Purpose

Denver JDS Board of Trustees 2023-24 Proposed Slate

New Trustees

Marc Cooper, Lisa Engbar, Rabbi Barry Gelman,
Laura Knaster, Jonathan Mann, Moran More Gabay

Second Three-Year Term Trustees

Ali Metzl, Blake Cohen

Officers

Rich Cohn, Board Chair

Sam Rotbart, Treasurer

Daniel (Smith) Shulman, Secretary

Lisa Engbar, Incoming Board Chair

2023-24 Committee Chairs

Blake Cohen, Chair of Buildings and Grounds

Scott Reisch, Chair of Development

Sam Rotbart, Chair of Finance

Carley Brooks, Chair of Committee on Trustees

Continuing Trustees

Adam Berger, Carley Brooks, Nancy Gart,

Nancy Kaufman, Jared Kleinstein, Sara Nieder,

Sarah Raphaely, Scott Reisch, Joshua Rubenstein,

Eli Sacks

PTO Co-Presidents

Amy Kletzky, Dita Wohlauser

Rocky Mountain Rabbis & Cantors Representative

Rabbi Emily Hyatt

With deep appreciation to outgoing Trustees

Jonathan Sar, Carla Kutnick, Kami Pomerantz,

Haidi Demain, Randy Brunschwig



Denver JDS celebrates our Class of 2023

Bella Aizenberg
Sam Altberger
Ariana Auster
Benjamin Brunschwig
Avi Cohn
Gavin Foonberg
Rachel Kaufmann

Shira Miller
Aharon Mullakandov
Jonathan Noam
Nathaniel Rotenberg
Ilan Schinagel
Joshua Segal
Andrew Zimmerman

2023 College Acceptances

Washington University in St. Louis, Barnard College of Columbia University, Jewish Theological Seminary/Columbia University, University of Colorado Denver, University of Kansas, University of Colorado Boulder, Syracuse University, Clemson University, Appalachian State University, Arizona State University, Purdue University, Ohio State University, Western Washington University, Colorado State University, Montclair State University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Drexel University, University of Wisconsin (Stout), Metropolitan State University of Denver, College of Charleston, Miami University, University of Nevada, Indiana University, Michigan State University, University of Oregon, University of Arizona, Chapman University, University of Maryland, Willamette University, Elon University, Southern Methodist University, University of Denver, Binghamton University, University of Oklahoma, Union College, Case Western Reserve University, Colorado School of Mines, Northeastern University, Penn State University, University of Pittsburgh, University of Wisconsin (Madison), University of Texas at Austin, Brandeis University, Boston University, Bard College, The George Washington University

**The Class of 2023 received over \$2.09
million in Merit Scholarship Awards! Mazel Tov!**

~ 2023 Denver JDS Trustee Nominees ~

Marc Cooper is a Denver native. Marc's two children, Dash and Miel, who are past DJDS students, are fourth generation Denver natives! Marc's wife, Amity is a native New Yorker, but we try not to hold that against her. Marc has BA from the University of Colorado Business School and then earned a law degree from Arizona State University.

Once coming back from Arizona, Marc participated in two Singles Missions to Israel. Experiencing Israel, Marc became very committed to his own Judaism. He started volunteering for many Jewish causes centered on education and outreach. Experiences include: past Federation board member and fundraising committees, Board member Denver Community Kollel, and Board member of the Colorado Hillel.



Regarding the DJDS, this is Marc's second stint as a board member. DJDS involvement includes: past board member, two terms, Executive Committee member, chair of the Finance Committee, Chair of the building and Grounds Committee, the Land Committee, and an honoree at the 2022 Annual Dinner. Marc is currently co-chair of the Capital Campaign Committee and is very excited about seeing the new buildings come to fruition. Marc's professional career is centered on the real estate industry. Marc built production homes from 1989 to 2007. More currently, Marc develops land and commercial projects in the Denver Metro area. With his business partner, Marc successfully bought and sold a number of apartment complexes in Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico. Marc's interests include: travel/adventure travel, yoga, hiking, biking, our two dogs, and raising our kids.

Lisa Engbar has been active in the Denver Jewish community for over 25 years. Lisa has served on several committees and boards in local Jewish organizations. Most recently she served as the Denver Jewish Day School Development Chair and on the Executive Committee. She is Wexner Fellowship Alumni. Lisa was born in St. Louis, Missouri. She attended Arizona State University and received her Masters in Social Work at St. Louis University. She has had a 28 year career as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in dialysis.



Lisa has been married to Vern Engbar for 24 years. They have two children. Their daughter, Malka, went to Denver Jewish Day school kindergarten through twelfth grade and attends Syracuse University. Levi, their son, has been at the school since Kindergarten and will be a senior this fall. Lisa is a sports fan and enjoys running, biking, skiing and golf. She is excited for this leadership role and continuing to contribute to our school and the broader Jewish community.

Rabbi Barry Gelman is the spiritual leader of the Denver Kehillah. Rabbi Gelman and his family moved to Denver in August (after visiting monthly the prior year) to help start The Denver Kehillah, a Modern Orthodox congregation and community. Prior to moving to Denver in August of 2022 Rabbi Gelman served as Rabbi of United Orthodox Synagogues of Houston, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in Montreal, Canada as well as Assistant Rabbi at Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun and the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, both in New York.



Rabbi Gelman grew up in Oceanside, New York and studied at BeIt Midrash L'Torah for a year and a half before attending college. He received his bachelors and masters from Yeshiva University and Rabbinic Ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchonon Theological Seminary, an affiliate of Yeshiva University. Rabbi Gelman is a founding member and Past President of the International Rabbinic Fellowship and served on the Executive Committee of the Rabbinical Council of America. He is also a member (and Past President) of the Rabbinic Advisory Council of State of Israel Bonds and Past President of the Houston Rabbinical Association.

Gelman is married to Gabrielle (a Judaic studies teacher for 17 years) and they have five children and one daughter-in-law (all Jewish Day Schoolers).

Rabbi Gelman is very excited to be working with a "startup" synagogue and loves meeting community members for coffee. His passion is learning and teaching how to apply timeless Jewish wisdom to contemporary realities. He enjoys hiking with his family (since moving to Denver), exercising and rooting for the New York Yankees. He recently re-started collecting Matchbox cars...a hobby that has been on hold since he was 10.

Laura Knaster is a fourth generation Denver native and is concluding her second year as a DJDS parent. She and her husband Loren (yes, they know!) are parents to Meyer in first grade. Loren, also a fourth generation native, and Laura are so excited to become more involved at DJDS.



Laura graduated summa cum laude with a Communication degree from the University of Colorado after studying at American University in D.C. and abroad in Haifa, Israel. She has a background in management consulting as well as nonprofit leadership and communication, and recently completed her Master's degree at Georgetown University in Design Management and Communications.

Laura is a Colorado enthusiast through and through, enjoying the finer things offered like skiing, hiking, hazy IPAs, and SPF. She and Loren and Meyer enjoy rowdy Shabbat dinners, clever design, comedy, and dining

~ 2023 Denver JDS Trustee Nominees ~

Laura Knaster cont'd - (dives and delicacies alike). Cat Gilly and dog Murray are loving companions, though not to each other.

Jonathan Mann is a DJDS parent of Simon Mann (5th grade) and Sonya Mann (3rd grade) and has served on the Development Committee for three years and the Finance Committee for one year. Jonathan and his wife, Dr. Sandra Mann, moved to Denver in 2013 and have sent each of their children to DJDS since kindergarten.



Jonathan was raised on Long Island (New York) where he attended a K-8 Jewish Day School. He later moved to Washington DC, where he earned a BA in Finance and International Business from The George Washington University and an MBA from the University of Maryland. Jonathan spent 17 years in Finance and Banking, serving in a variety of industries and roles, including commercial mortgage underwriting, business banking, and corporate finance. He currently consults for small businesses, serves as President of his neighborhood homeowners association, and is a volunteer for various, local not-for-profit organizations. Jonathan also enjoys reading, skiing, and playing poker, Ultimate Frisbee, and golf.

Moran More Gabay is the community engagement manager for the Israeli-American Council (IAC). She was born and raised in Beer Sheva, Israel and moved to the United States in her early twenties. Moran is married to Kfir Gabay and has three children: Romi, Lavie, and Shai.



In her role at the IAC, Moran is responsible for organizing large events and collaborating with different Jewish organizations to promote Israeli culture and Hebrew language. She is passionate about maintaining a strong connection to her Israeli and Jewish heritage and enjoys participating in sports and hiking in her free time.

Moran's love for her Jewish heritage is also reflected in her favorite day of the week, which is Friday, when she loves to cook and host Shabbat dinners for her family and friends. She is excited to be a part of the DJDS board and to contribute to the Jewish community in this new role.

Outgoing Denver JDS Trustees

We are grateful for the time and commitment our outgoing trustees have given to Denver JDS.

**Jonathan Sar, Carla Kutnick, Kami Pomerantz,
Haidi Demain, Randy Brunschwig**

We look forward to your continued involvement at Denver JDS.

We thank the heart & soul of the 2022-23 Denver JDS PTO

Amy Kletzky, Co-President
Dita Wohlauser, Co-President

**Amy and Dita, thank you so much for all you have
done throughout this entire school year.**

DENVER JDS Legacy Society

As of Feb. 8, 2023

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Jodi Asarch
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As of Feb 8, 2023

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Kindness

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Yosher
Integrity

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Sakranut
Curiosity

קהילה
Kehillah
Community

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Purpose





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