

**2023-2024  
Denver JDS  
Annual Meeting**

**Thursday, May 30**

**8:15 a.m.**

**Denver Jewish  
Day School**

**Discovery Lab**



# **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 2024-25 Trustees and Board Officers**

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 Pre-K-12 community Jewish day school where academic excellence goes hand-in-hand with inquiry-based pluralistic Jewish education. Our Pre-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 2024-25 Proposed Slate**

## **New Trustees**

Haidi Demain, Amy Kletzky, Lisa Mintz

## **Second Three-Year Term Trustees**

Nancy Gart, Sam Rotbart, Joshua Rubenstein, Eli Sacks

## **Officers**

Lisa Engbar, Board Chair

Sam Rotbart, Treasurer

Daniel (Smith) Shulman, Secretary

## **2024-25 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

## **Other Trustees**

Adam Berger, Carley Brooks, Rich Cohn, Blake Cohen,

Marc Cooper, Moran More Gabay,

Rabbi Barry Gelman, Laura Knaster, Jonathan Mann,

Ali Metzl, Sara Nieder, Sarah Raphaely, Scott Reisch

## **PTO Co-Presidents**

Jayne Leventhal, Jessica Mulverhill

## **Rocky Mountain Rabbis & Cantors Representative**

Rabbi Emily Hyatt

## **With deep appreciation to outgoing Trustees**

Nancy Kaufman, Jared Kleinstein



## **Denver JDS celebrates our Class of 2024**

Emi Asarch  
 Sami Cohen  
 Megan Coughlan  
 Aaron Daniel  
 Levi Engbar  
 Ari Erlich  
 Maya Friedlander  
 Lev Friedman  
 Shiloh Hoffman

Hannah Katsenelson  
 Lavi Kay  
 Tyler Marshall  
 Lior Rafailov  
 David Romershteyn  
 Erika Ruin  
 Skyelar Weiss  
 Mia Wexler  
 Keenan Winnerman

## **2024 College Acceptances**

Indiana University, University of Miami, University of Colorado Boulder, Tulane University, Metropolitan State University of Denver, University of Arizona, New York University, Temple University, University of Michigan, Babson College, Colorado State University, University of Northern Colorado, University of New Mexico, Arizona State University, Michigan State University, University of Colorado (Colorado Springs), The Ohio State University, Case Western Reserve University, Northeastern University, University of Denver, University of Maryland (College Park), University of Massachusetts (Amherst), Emory University, Brandeis University, Champlain College, Chapman University, University of Nevada (Las Vegas), University of Colorado Denver, Lasell University, Lesley University, University of Wyoming, George Washington University, Susquehanna University, Union College, Lawrence University, Clark University, University of Pittsburgh, Penn State University (Berks), Penn State University (University Park), University of New Hampshire, University of Northern Colorado, University of Vermont

**The Class of 2024 received over \$2.77 million in Merit Scholarship Awards! Mazel Tov!**

## ~ 2024 Denver JDS Trustee Nominees ~

**Haidi Demain** grew up in Denver, Colorado. She is a proud alumna of DJDS (Herzl/RMHA). She is married to Brian Demain, who moved to Denver after college to work at Janus-Henderson Investors. Haidi and Brian have three children at DJDS: Holden (class of 2026), Mara (class of 2028), and Stanley (class of 2031). Haidi received a B.A. in Biology and Psychology from Washington University in 2000. She completed her medical education and residency in Internal Medicine in 2007 at the University of Colorado Medical School.



In Denver, Haidi has worked as a hospitalist and outpatient primary care provider. She founded Allergy Safe Kids (ASK), a non-profit organization that provides food allergy education and research to Colorado schools in collaboration with the CO Department of Education and physicians nationwide.

Haidi has always been passionate about Jewish education and has been involved with DJDS since her oldest started kindergarten. Haidi has served on the Executive Committee, Parent Ambassador, PTO, and Helping Hands Committee. She has been a co-chair of the Raise Your Hand Capital Campaign and Annual Dinner. She has also chaired the Development Committee and the Buildings & Grounds Committee. She currently participates in the Wexner Heritage Program. She believes that combining hard work with Jewish education and Jewish values brings about transformative change. Haidi is honored to rejoin the DJDS Board of Trustees and work with esteemed leaders to enrich the DJDS and greater Jewish communities.

**Lisa Mintz's** volunteer career in the Denver Jewish community began when her children were in preschool at Temple Emanuel and she never looked back! Her children are now 27 (Molly) and 23 (Noah)! She is the proud former president of Temple's Preschool committee and is currently a co-chair for Temple's 150th Gala Event in September. Last year she traveled with Congregation Emanuel's Women's trip to Israel.



Lisa recently served on as the Campaign Chair at JEWISHcolorado, helping to raise more than \$14 million needed to ensure the safety and vibrancy of Jewish life in Colorado and build Jewish community. In this role, she oversaw two successful Signature events - in June 2022 with Noa Tishby and February 2023 with Live Schreiber. Before heading the JEWISHcolorado overall campaign, Lisa served as the Women's Philanthropy Chair for four years. She played a critical role in initiating the Dignity Grows program in Colorado, developed by women for women to fight period and hygiene poverty. Lisa also chaired a multitude of Women's Philanthropy events, including CHOICES, and Lion of Judah giving society and LOJE events.

**Lisa Mintz (cont'd)** Lisa recently completed her 8 years of service on the Board of Directors of JEWISHcolorado. She is a proud Lion of Judah and has endowed her gift at JEWISHcolorado. She also serves on the National Women's Philanthropy Board for Jewish Federations of North America and has held several portfolio positions.

Lisa's lifelong connection to her Jewish community began as a child at Pinemere Camp in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, reinforcing how the Jewish camp experience makes a lasting impact in creating Jewish life. It started her Jewish journey and her spark for seeking something more.

Lisa loves to travel, hike, and enjoys pickleball and pilates

**Amy Kletzky** is a Colorado native growing up in a small farming community in Eastern Colorado. She is married to Glenn Kletzky, originally from Atlanta, GA. They have two daughters, Heather (11th grade) and Hannah (6th grade), both at Denver JDS. Amy graduated from PSL School of Radiology in 1996 and began her career in medicine in x-ray, CT, and MRI. Amy and Glenn were married on St. Thomas in 2005 where they continued to live until 2007. Amy and Glenn left the islands to return to Denver when Heather was born in 2007; Amy subsequently left medicine to be a stay-at-home mom.



After Heather and Hannah began attending Denver JDS full time, Amy embraced a more involved role in volunteering within the Jewish community. Notably, she served as co-president of the Denver JDS PTO for the past two years. Additionally, Amy has been actively engaged with the Kabbalah Experience, both as a student in various classes and as a member of the KE Board of Trustees. Her dedication extends further as she volunteers with organizations such as JEWISHcolorado, JOI – Aish of the Rockies, Newborns in Need, and continues her involvement with Denver JDS.

During her free time Amy enjoys hiking with her two dogs, reading, paddle-boarding, reformer Pilates classes, and coffee dates with friends. More than anything, Amy LOVES watching her girls participate in their extracurricular activities!

Amy is excited to continue to be a part of the Denver JDS community by starting her first term on the Board of Trustees.

## ~ 2024 Denver JDS Trustee Nominees ~

**Jaynee Leventhal** is a DJDS parent to Ava (incoming 5th Grade), Chloe (incoming 3rd Grade), and Miles (incoming kindergarten) and is married to Sean Leventhal (DJDS-Herzl/RMHA, 1-12 Alum).

Jaynee was raised in Agoura Hills, California and moved to Colorado to attend the University of Colorado at Boulder, graduating with a Bachelor of Environmental Design in Architecture in 2007. Jaynee has extensive experience in commercial, hospitality, and residential interior design, having created beautiful, functional spaces nationwide. She brings her creativity and meticulous attention to detail to everything she does.



Jaynee has continually involved herself in the Jewish community. At DJDS, Jaynee is a current room parent, involved with Helping Hands and DJDS Ambassadors, and active in the PTO. Jaynee is thrilled to be the PTO co-president with Jessica Mulverhill, and is honored to continue helping DJDS be a wonderful place for every student and family. In her free time, Jaynee enjoys skiing, pilates, and spending time with her husband, children, and their Golden Retriever puppy, River.

**Jessica Mulverhill** is a 2nd generation Denver native. Growing up at Beth Joseph and then BMH-BJ, she is an alum of the old Community Talmud Torah and Hebrew High. Jessica graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and received a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Colorado Boulder.

Married to her wonderful husband Matt, they share two children, Isaac (7) and Sloane (5). Jessica has been working in the oil and gas industry since 2004 and has held various positions over her 20-year career. She is a Certified Professional Lease and Title Analyst, and works in land and asset management helping companies manage their lease and contract databases.



Jessica has been very involved on the boards of both her local and national professional organizations. One of Jessica's greatest passions is the Denver Jewish community. Starting in high school with USY, continuing in college to Hillel and starting a Jewish sorority at CU Boulder, being involved with the Jewish community is paramount to her identity and values. Most recently, Jessica has been heavily involved with the PTO and the boards of the BMH-BJ preschool, BMH-BJ synagogue, and now at Denver Jewish Day School.

She and Matt are passionate about Jewish education and are thrilled to be sending both their children to Denver Jewish Day School. Since joining the school 2 years ago, Jessica has served on the Development Committee, as a Parent Ambassador, served as a room parent, and been Helping Hands Liaison. She has volunteered time to the PTO and cannot wait to lead the PTO alongside Jaynee Leventhal.



Thank you to outgoing board chair **Rich Cohn** for your steadfast leadership and all you have done for DJDS during your three years as chair of the board. We look forward to having you on the board for one more year.



## **Outgoing Denver JDS Trustees**

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

**Nancy Kaufman & Jared Kleinstein**

We look forward to your continued involvement at Denver JDS.

## **We thank the heart & soul of the 2023-24 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.**



**דברי חיים - *Divrei Chaim***  
**Words to Live By**

**חַסֵּד**

*Chesed*  
**Kindness**

**יוֹשֵׁר**

*Yosher*  
**Integrity**

**סִקְרָנוּת**

*Sakranut*  
**Curiosity**

**קִהִלָּה**

*Kehillah*  
**Community**

**תַּכְלִית**

*Tachlit*  
**Purpose**

# DENVER JDS Legacy Society

As of March 13, 2024

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Jodi Asarch  
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As of March 13, 2024

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Anonymous (9)

\*Of Blessed Memory

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