

Michael B. Soberman is a world-renowned speaker, educator and storyteller who inspires and makes you laugh. His meaningful stories challenge audiences to think about important issues. Through his years of experience in Jewish, Israel & experiential education and his travel to all seven continents, he addresses issues that matter to the Jewish community's future. Michael has been invited to speak all over the world and for the first time, he has compiled many of his stories into this book. Michael was born and raised in Toronto, Canada where he currently resides with his wife Rebecca, children, Jordyn and Josh and their dog Chloe. When he is not travelling the world collecting stories and experiences, Michael is studying Shotokan Karate and working towards earning his black belt.

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Mira Resnick served as a Deputy Assistant
Secretary of State in the Biden Administration,
overseeing global arms sales, Israeli-Palestinian
policy and U.S. policy in the Gulf region of the Middle
East. While at the State Department, she was
responsible for the surge of over \$20 billion in U.S.
weapons to Israel in the aftermath of October 7th.
Before joining the State Department, Mira served on
the senior staff of the House of Representatives'
Foreign Affairs Committee, specializing in Middle
East policy. Mira lives in Washington, D.C. with her
husband and three daughters.

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President and CEO of Jewish Community
Foundation of LA

Rabbi Aaron Lerner became president and CEO of the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles in 2023. Known as a builder of Jewish organizations, over his two-year tenure, The Foundation attracted a record \$290 million in contributions, distributed \$385 million in grants together with its 1,400 client families, and assets reached \$1.5 billion.

Previously, Rabbi Lerner served as executive director of Hillel at UCLA where he fostered an inclusive, empowered campus community and increased student engagement to nearly 2,000 students annually. Earlier in his career, Lerner originated hundreds of millions of dollars of debt and equity funding for commercial real estate transactions.

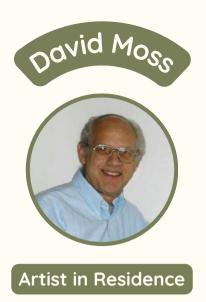
He was ordained by Yeshivat Chovevei Torah in New York and holds a business administration degree in finance from USC's Marshall School of Business. Rabbi Lerner is both a Wexner Graduate Fellow and Schusterman Fellow.

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Debra Fertig MD is a psychiatrist formerly with the US Foreign Service. She has had postings in Hong Kong, Rome and London. Debra believes in holistic approaches toward emotional health and is board-certified in psychiatry and lifestyle medicine, with certificates in mindfulness and psychotherapy, plant-based nutrition, and exercise physiology. She lives outside of the Chicago area with her husband, Jonathan Levy, and her two sons Isaac and Ori.

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Illuminator, Animator and Transformer of Jewish Texts, Objects, Spaces and Souls. David began his career in Jewish art when he fell in love with Hebrew calligraphy. He is responsible for the revival of the hand-decorated Jewish Marriage Contract Ketubah, created The Moss Haggadah and is a partner in the Tree of Life Shtender. Whether creating books, prints, objects, buildings or educational programs, each of his projects draws deeply on Jewish text and tradition, contains the spark of creativity and is executed with meticulous craftsmanship. David lives in Jerusalem and is a cofounder of Kol HaOt which harnesses the power of the arts for Jewish inspiration and education. Each year he sends out about three new signed, limited edition works to his loyal 'Minyan' subscribers.

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Shawn McMaster has presented his wild style of comedy and magic in clubs, theaters, cruise ships, and various venues around the world. He is a favorite performer at the world-famous Magic Castle in Hollywood and has appeared on television on America's Got Talent and Masters of Illusion.

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