

**2021-2022
Denver JDS
Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, May 31

8:30 a.m.

**Denver Jewish
Day School**

AMCHA Judaic Library



Denver Jewish Day School Board of Trustees Annual Meeting

D'var Torah

Rabbi Emily Hyatt, Assistant 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 2022-23 Trustees and Board Officers

Laurie Morris, 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 2022-23 Proposed Slate

New Trustees

Adam Berger, Sara Nieder,
Sarah Raphaely, Daniel Smith

Second Three-Year Term Trustees

Carley Brooks, Scott Reisch

Officers

Rich Cohn, Board Chair
Randy Brunschwig, Treasurer
Scott Reisch, Secretary

2022-23 Committee Chairs

Blake Cohen, Chair of Buildings and Grounds
Haidi Demain, Chair of Development
Randy Brunschwig, Chair of Finance
Carley Brooks, Chair of Committee on Trustees

Other Trustees

Nancy Gart, Nancy Kaufman, Jared Kleinstein,
Carla Kutnick, Ali Metzl, Kami Pomerantz, Sam Rotbart,
Joshua Rubenstein, Eli Sacks, Jonathan Sar

PTO Co-Presidents

Amy Kletzky, Dita Wohlauser

Rabbinic Council Representative

Rabbi Emily Hyatt

With deep appreciation to outgoing Trustees

Irit Waldbaum, Laurie Morris, Ilana Steinberg,
Jocey Kraus, Lisa Engbar, Susan Schneider-Stein,
Ceci Lowinger

Outgoing PTO Presidents

Clarissa Cohen & Alyson Slatkin



Denver JDS celebrates our Class of 2022

Carter Bergman
Chase Coughlan
Malka Engbar
Avi Friedman
Kana Goldstein
Matthew Heyman
Ian Jacobs
Dina Kornbluth
Lillia Levi

Ellie Loewenthal
Isaac Makovsky
Joshua Metzel
Sarah Rones
Kiki Rosenthal
Samuel Rotenberg
Sarah Smolyanova
Noah Williamson

2022 College Acceptances

University of Colorado Boulder, University of Kansas, Indiana University
Bloomington, Hofstra University, Metropolitan State University of Denver,
(MSU Denver), Boston University, Colorado College, Emory University,
Skidmore College, University of Denver, University of Maryland,
Arizona State University, Purdue University, Quinnipiac University,
Xavier University, Brandeis University, University of Miami,
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Colorado College, Dartmouth College,
Lewis & Clark College, Reed College, The American University of Paris,
Nova Southeastern University, University of Colorado Denver,
Bentley University, Dickinson College, Trinity University, Union College
Community College of Aurora

**The Class of 2022 received over \$1.12
million in Merit Scholarship Awards! Mazel Tov!**

~ 2022 Denver JDS Trustee Nominees ~

Adam Berger is a DJDS parent. Gabrielle is in the 6th grade and Alexa is in 4th. Adam has served on both the Development Committee and Building & Grounds Committee. Originally from Toronto, Adam moved to Denver in 2011 from Boston, where he met his wife Dana Waldbaum, a Denver native and DJDS alum.



Adam graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from McGill University and has spent most of his career in real estate development working in Toronto, Boston, and now Denver, including the last 8 years managing his own development firm. His firm's primary focus is building residential developments using modular construction, where units are built in a factory and delivered to the site finished. Adam's projects include both market rate and attainable multifamily developments, and, for-sale affordable housing developments in partnership with local non-profits including, Habitat for Humanity, Elevation Community Land Trust, and Brothers Redevelopment.

Adam enjoys spending time together with Dana, Gabrielle & Alexa, playing hockey, going to Avs games, and enjoying the Colorado outdoors.

Sara Nieder is a Denver native and RMHA alum. She and her husband Brad are the parents of Isaac, Molly and Sylvie who have been a part of the Denver JDS community since 2013. Sara is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) who received her Master of Social Work (MSW) degree from the University of Denver in 2004. Since then, she has worked in various medical and psychiatric settings. In 2015, she began working as a social worker at the ACUTE Center for Eating Disorders and Malnutrition by Denver Health. In January, 2019, she started ACUTE's first After Care Program where she assists



patients after discharge by providing support and navigating levels of care. Sara is an active community member and has served on various boards and enjoys volunteering for the community. She enjoys her Peloton workouts, walking her dog, Shabbat with family and spending time with friends. She also loves being a part of the Denver JDS community.

Sarah Raphaely was born and raised in Denver, CO and attended Herzl from Kindergarten through 6th grade, and RMHA for 7th and 8th grade. After graduating from Cherry Creek High School, she attended the University of Texas at Austin where she majored in Corporate Communications with a minor in Business.



Sarah spent 13 years living in Manhattan where she worked as an analyst at JPMorgan Chase, followed by 7 years as a Senior Development Executive in the Manhattan division at UJA-Federation of New York. During that time, she managed two Venture Philanthropy Funds, the organization's original prestigious giving circles. Following her time at UJA, Sarah worked as a philanthropic advisor and development consultant and became an accredited 21/64 certified advisor.

Currently, Sarah has found her calling as a Private Client Manager for Charitybuzz Access, the private sales arm for Charitybuzz. In the 6 years that she has been a DJDS parent, Sarah has served on the development committee, been a parent ambassador, room parent, and is active with the PTO. Beyond our school community, she has held numerous leadership positions including BMH-BJ Preschool board president, member of JEWISHColorado's Women's Board, and co-chair of IST@50.

Her most rewarding role however is that of wife to Mark, and mom to Max, Ava, Julia, and Emma, all happy DJDS students.

Daniel Smith was born and raised in Denver. He attended DJDS from K-12. In 2008, Daniel graduated and moved to California to study music technology, painting, photography, and computer science at Stanford University. Seeking to combine his interest in photography and programming, Daniel joined the early team at Snapchat in Los Angeles in 2012, working and living at CEO Evan Spiegel's father's house. The four person team grew the app to over a million users, and soon the company grew to thousands of employees and hundreds of millions of users.



In 2016, Daniel left Snap to pursue music, a passion he developed at DJDS through Color War, the Shabbaton, and Julie Geller's songwriting course. He has since worked assisting local LA musicians and producers. In 2020 he recorded his debut Folk/Americana album Way Out West. He has collaborated with the LA Dance Project, Sequoia National Park, Global Citizen Live, and Big Land Films to produce music videos and to perform in a career highlight show as a guest artist at LA's (turn to next page)

~ 2022 Denver JDS Trustee Nominees ~

Daniel Smith cont'd - Greek Theater in September 2021.

Daniel's parents, Candy and Clive, immigrated to Denver from South Africa and Israel in 1983, and have run Thinklabs Medical in Centennial since 2003. Daniel looks forward to continuing a family tradition of involvement in Jewish Day Schools; his grandmother Myra Smith taught for over 50 years at King David School in South Africa, Candy taught Hebrew at many levels for years in the DJDS elementary school, and Clive even taught AP Physics for a year. In 2013, Daniel reconnected with fellow DJDS student Lauren Opatowski, and they will be married this summer in Winter Park, CO. They currently live together in Los Angeles.

~ 2022 Denver JDS PTO Co-Presidents ~

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

(incoming grade 10) and Hannah (incoming

grade 5). Amy graduated from PSL school of

Radiology in 1996 and began her career in

medicine in x-ray, CT, and MRI. She worked in

trauma centers in the Denver metro area for

many years; mainly working in surgery and

emergency. In 2001 she moved to the Virgin

Islands where she worked solely in MRI. After a

few years of working in MRI on St. Thomas, she

began working in an orthopedic office. Amy and Glenn were married on

St. Thomas in 2005 where they continued to live until 2007. Amy and Glenn

left the islands when Heather was born in 2007; Amy subsequently left

medicine to be a stay-at-home mom for six years. Once Hannah was in

preschool, Amy went back to school to study medical billing and coding.

She began working remotely for a multi-practice physicians' group in St.

Thomas, USVI.



Just recently Amy decided to "retire" from paid work and take on a more active role in the Jewish community. She has been enrolled in several classes at the Kabbalah Experience, which she hopes to continue for many years. She volunteers with JEWISHcolorado, JOI - Aish of the Rockies, Newborns in Need, and Denver JDS. At Denver JDS Amy serves on the Helping Hands committee, Mishloach Manot committee, Building and Grounds committee, and is a current room parent.

During her free time Amy enjoys hiking with her two dogs, reading,

paddleboarding, 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 see more and more faces on campus as Covid restrictions start to relax. She can't wait to start organizing and planning the events with her co-president, Dita Wohlauser, that make the Denver JDS community so unique and special. Denver JDS has been a part of Amy's life since 2012 and she is thrilled to become even more involved with the parents, teachers, and staff at Denver JDS.

Dita Wohlauser was born and raised in Denver. She attended DJDS (Herzl/RMHA) from K-12. Dita married Max Wohlauser (also a DJDS alum) in June 2011. They have three daughters, Emma (incoming 4th grader), Stella (incoming 1st grader) and Vanessa (age 3 at the JCC preschool). They have two dogs named Raya and Beau.



Dita attended Washington University in St. Louis where she graduated from the School of Architecture with her BA in Architecture and a Minor in Art. She then moved back to Denver to attend the University of Colorado where she received her Master of Architecture and Certificate of Historic Preservation. Dita worked as an architect until 2012 when she left the field to work in the impact sector at ThinkImpact. At ThinkImpact she ultimately became the Chief Compliance Officer overseeing activities in 12 countries. Additionally, in 2014, she helped co-found Unleesh, a content and community platform for non-profit organizations with her brother, Saul Garlick. In 2020, Dita left ThinkImpact and began full-time at Unleesh.

At DJDS, Dita has been involved with Helping Hands, is a current Room Parent, and active in the PTO. She belongs to Congregation Rodef Shalom and enjoys taking part in regular events happening around the community. During her free time, Dita loves to garden, cook, draw, prep-garden experiments with her kids, hike, ski, and walk. She is currently training for a marathon with her sister, Haidi Demain. Dita is excited to be the co-president with Amy Kletzky and feels so lucky to have such a wonderful person to work with.

Outgoing Denver JDS Trustees

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

**Irit Waldbaum, Laurie Morris,
Ilana Steinberg, Lisa Engbar,
Susan Schneider-Stein, Ceci Lowinger,
Jocey Kraus**

We look forward to your continued involvement at Denver JDS.

We thank the heart & soul of the 2021-22 Denver JDS PTO

Clarissa Cohen, Co-President
Alyson Slatkin, Co-President

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



DENVER JDS Legacy Society

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As of May 12, 2022

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Chesed
Kindness

יושר

Yosher
Integrity

סקרנות

Sakranut
Curiosity

קהילה

Kehillah
Community

תכלית

Tachlit
Purpose





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