





**Amy Abramson** is passionate about education and empowering women through education, coaching and building networks. A dedicated educator who has 23 years of experience in her field, she spent her first 18 in deaf, elementary, or preschool education and is currently an English as a Second Language teacher for adults at Parkway School. In addition, Amy tutors ESL students through the Immigrant & Refugee Women's Program. An advocate for female empowerment, Amy is involved in local organizations that support the mental, emotional and social health and growth of women. She is the Immediate Past Sisterhood President of Congregation B'nai Amoona, Executive Board Member of Congregation B'nai Amoona, a Life and Board Member of Hadassah, a Board Member of the St. Louis Jewish Book Festival and the St. Louis Co-Chair of the 2018 Women's League for Conservative Judaism IntraContinental Region Conference. Amy is happily married for 26 years to Barry Abramson and together they have two children.



**Jay Baumohl** has been interested in becoming a Fellow because it was something he wanted to do to develop a stronger background in Community Leadership - but after recent events, it became something he felt he had to do. Jay has served in various financial leadership roles in the healthcare industry with a focus on pharmacy, including roles at Express Scripts, Walgreens and Pharmacy Services, Inc. and is currently involved in several related business endeavors. He holds

degrees from Washington University and the University of Virginia and is a transplanted Marylander. Jay is married to Diana Wong Baumohl and they have 2 teenage children.

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**Jennifer Bernstein** is passionate about Israel, combating anti-Semitism and cultivating our Jewish future. She is especially interested in exploring how to combat anti-Israel sentiment that seems to be growing in the progressive community. Currently the Development Director at NCJW, Jen previously worked at CRC as the Director of Advocacy and Communication and was the coordinator of the Child Abuse Prevention Program of Jewish Family & Children's Service. Jen currently volunteers at her son's school, Saul Mirowitz Jewish Community School and was a long-time volunteer at Stray Rescue of St. Louis, the advisor to Alpha Epsilon Phi at Washington University (where she received the Advisor of the Year Award in 2008), the Colon Cancer Alliance, the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and was a co-vice president of JPro. Jen grew up in Denver and moved to St. Louis with her family the summer before her senior year in high school. She received her undergraduate degree from George Washington University and her Masters in Social Work from The George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University. She also spent a year at Hebrew University in Jerusalem in a general Judaic studies program. She and her husband Scott have an eight-year-old son, Ari and one rescue dog, Scout. They belong to Temple Israel.



**Jason Fine** is interested in exploring opportunities to increase his involvement in the Jewish community. Jason has been a BBYO chapter advisor for the past 9 years and participant in the Anti-defamation League's Staenberg/Glass leadership program. Jason grew up in St. Louis and graduated from the University of Michigan. After returning home, he spent his early career in commercial real estate and joined his father's investment real estate company as a partner in 2001. Jason formed a new investment real estate company in 2013, Integris Ventures. Jason is married, he and his wife have three young children and they are members of Congregation Shaare Emeth.

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**Jennifer Fishering** is passionate about growing and sustaining support for community members struggling with grief and mental illness. A native St. Louisan, who went away to earn her Bachelor of Science Degree in Communication and Rhetorical Studies at Syracuse University, Jennifer returned to St. Louis to begin her career as an intern for the St. Louis Rams in Corporate Communications and Community Outreach. After some creative freelance work with clients primarily in the beer industry, Jennifer made her way to the non-profit sector. Directly prior to CRC, Jennifer served as the Director of Community Relations for HavenHouse St. Louis, where she was responsible for fundraising, special events, public relations, community involvement and volunteers. During her time there, she started the Young Professionals Board, now a thriving arm of HavenHouse St. Louis. Since 2011, Jennifer has worked at Central Reform Congregation, currently serving as Program Director & Rabbinic Assistant. During her time at CRC, highlights include visioning and executing lively summer Tot Shabbats, creating and hosting a new member engagement program series called Starting Points, delivering memorable Spiritual Enrichment Weekends, re-imagining CRC's 8th grade curriculum, writing grants and earning funding for CRC projects, and most importantly connecting and supporting CRC members. Jennifer is certified in Mental Health First Aid and is a 2017 graduate of Anti-Defamation League Glass Leadership Institute. She and her husband have two young children, and are members of Central Reform Congregation.



**Judith Frankiel** is passionate about women's involvement and empowerment within the Modern Orthodox community. Originally from Los Angeles, Judith recently moved to St. Louis after living in the Northeast for seven years. Raised in a Modern Orthodox Jewish home while attending Jewish day schools and camp, Judith chose to take a gap year after graduating high school and spent that time in a seminary in the Old City of Jerusalem. In addition to her studies, she volunteered weekly as a medical clown in Hadassah Hospital. After completing a year in Israel, Judith attended Yeshiva University where she received a B.A. in Political Science and Business and an Associates of Arts degree in Judaic studies. During her time at YU she was very active on campus and served as the president of the Pro-Israel club, YUPAC. As the President of YUPAC, Judith spearheaded a 200-person lobby mission to Washington D.C. to advocate on behalf of the U.S.-Israel relationship. Prior to her current job at Washington University in St. Louis in the Alumni & Development department, Judith fundraised for a variety of organizations including consulting companies, nonprofits and political campaigns. She has worked with countless volunteers and committees to fundraise and assemble events raising nearly \$20 million dollars for progressive candidates and causes. Judith is married and is a member of Young Israel congregation.

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**Amy Gage** is passionate about connecting and engaging individuals and helping them find community. She is the incoming president at Central Reform Congregation and currently serves as Vice President of Social Responsibility. In this role, she leads the Tikkun Olam Steering Committee, and co-chairs Mensch Makers, a family mitzvah program. Amy is an educator, an author, and a playwright, and works with children throughout St. Louis on creative writing and performance projects. Amy grew up in St. Louis, received her B.A. in Communications from Stanford University, and her Masters in Education from Washington University. She sings with the Jewish folk group, Shir Ami, and enjoys walking her border collie daily down Wydown. Amy and her husband Brian have three daughters.



**Joe Gerchen** is interested in becoming more involved and learning more about the business leadership side to the Jewish community. Joe is actively involved at Shaare Emeth Congregation serving as youth group adviser for 4<sup>th</sup> grade through high school and taught Sunday School for four years prior to assisting in the youth groups. Joe served on the board of Jewish Federation's Young Professionals Division on various committees including the happy hour committee, kickoff campaign gala committee, and their campaign closing committee. In addition to starting a DJ

and Photo Booth entertainment company, Joe works as an Insurance Broker specializing in complex insurance risk for the Insurance Store in Chesterfield. In Joe's spare time, he enjoys his beloved St. Louis Blues, golfing, spending time with friends and family, as well as traveling with his wife of two years Staci



**Evan Glantz** is interested in fostering a strong sense of Jewish identity in today's youth by encouraging them to find a personal connection with Jewish life. Evan graduated cum laude from the University of Missouri School of Journalism with an emphasis in strategic communication. While at Mizzou, he was elected president of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity and was also selected to the Omicron Delta Kappa honor society. Evan has worked for the St. Louis Rams, written for a variety of websites - including the

St. Louis Jewish Light - and led the public relations efforts for a nationally syndicated TV show. He recently completed the Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs, a nine-month rotational program that placed him at a variety of organizations across various sectors and industries while also allowing him to further explore the St. Louis region. That program led to his current role with the St. Louis Regional Freightway, an enterprise of Bi-State Development. Evan also serves as a board member for the St. Louis Sports Commission Associates Group, and helped raise more than \$14,000 for the group's Scholarship Fund, which is given annually to select area high school seniors. He enjoys spending time with his new wife, Lauren, and you can often find them jogging together - typically to brunch on many weekend mornings.



**Caroline Koenig Goldenberg** is dedicated to promoting relationship and community building across the spectrum of the Jewish community and is particularly interested in Jewish education for our youth. Caroline currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the St. Louis Jewish Light as the advisor for the Ohr Chadash teen page. She is a Glass Leadership Fellow with the Anti-Defamation League and has been active with fundraising efforts for Epstein Hebrew Academy and B'nai Amoona's Early Childhood Center. Caroline connected with her Jewish roots as an adult and is married to Etai, an

Israeli-American, they have two sons and are members of B'nai Amoona and Bais Abraham Congregations.

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**Adam Goldstein** is interested in exploring opportunities in the Jewish community where he can make a difference and help organizations implement their strategic visions. Adam is a Wealth Advisor with Buckingham Strategic Wealth and has been in the financial services industry for the past eight years. Adam is on the board of Angels' Arms and is the former Chairman of the Probate and Trust Committee for the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Adam is married to Jamie and they have two young children. They are members of United Hebrew Congregation.



**Neil Jaffe** is interested in the work of Jewish Federation and its support of developing Jewish communities around the world. After a trip to Cuba in 2012 sponsored by the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, he was able to see first-hand the work of the Joint Distribution Committee. In 2013, Neil became more interested in the work of JFed STL when he visited Yokneam Megiddo, St. Louis' partner city in Israel. Neil is the Chief Strategy Officer for GL group, Inc., supporting Booksource, the

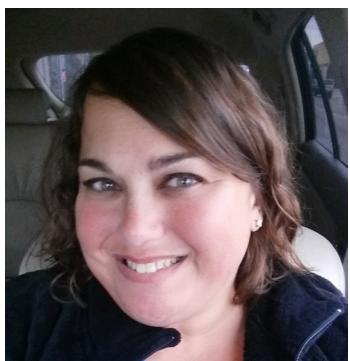
company's book distribution division and Jaffe Book Solutions, the company's book manufacturing division. Since joining the family business in 1994, Neil has held various leadership positions within the company. Neil is the past-President of the Educational Book & Media Association and the St. Louis County Library Foundation. He has an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis and a B.S. in Marketing from the University of Illinois. Neil is married to Wendy and they have a son, Adam. They are active members of Central Reform Congregation.

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**Brenda Ladin** is passionate about advocacy and was a participant of Jewish Federation and JCRC's advocacy training and trip to Washington D.C. Brenda works as a Guest Teacher for the Clayton and Lindbergh Districts, and the Mirowitz School and is a Tutor with Tutor Doctors. Brenda is currently applying to Ed.D programs with the intent of continuing her research and writing on the intersection of education, politics, advocacy, and faith. Her goal is to start a foundation or non-profit organization.

Brenda's most recent professional experience as a freelance worker in politics was as the Deputy Director of the Wisconsin Recount Effort. Past accomplishments range from volunteer and steering committee involvement for the Seattle Jewish Film Festival to consulting on the Executive Council for the MO AARP.



**Amy Lampert** is passionate about helping people to have strong Jewish identities and connect to Judaism in whatever way speaks to them. Born and raised in St. Louis, she attended American University in Washington, DC, and studied journalism and political science. After graduation, Amy worked at Sidwell Friends School in the Development and Alumni Relations Office writing, editing, designing and producing the school's various publications. After attending graduate school at Emerson College where she received her Master's degree in Writing and

Publishing in 1997, she returned to Washington, DC, and worked in the Development Office at Washington International School. She later moved to Landon School in Bethesda, MD, where she was the Assistant Director of Communications for Publications. Amy moved back to St. Louis at the end of 1999 where she became Vice President of her family's company. Amy received her Master's degree in Business Management from Webster University in St. Louis, MO, in 2001. She is an active admissions volunteer for American University, currently serving as the Chair of the Alumni Admissions Volunteers Program and is a member of the American University Alumni Board where this year she serves as the Chair of the Scholarships and Awards Committee. Amy is a member of the Board of Trustees at Congregation Temple Israel in St. Louis where she serves on several committees and is a member of the Women's Philanthropy Board of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis. Today Amy manages her family's multiple commercial and residential properties and investments as well as being a full time mother to her 13 year old son Ben.



**Lauren Lourie** is passionate about inspiring young Jewish families to become more involved in their Jewish communities. Born and raised in Houston, she attended Indiana University in Bloomington, and graduated with a B.S. in Early Childhood Education. She began her career as an early childhood educator in Texas, before moving to Chicago and ultimately settling in St. Louis. Lauren has served in various volunteer and leadership positions throughout her career. She currently serves as the

Director of Early Childhood Engagement at the Saul Spielberg Early Childhood Center (United Hebrew). Lauren is married to Jason and they have two young children.



**Abbi Marks** is passionate about strengthening the ties between the American Jewish community and Israel. Abbi was born in New Orleans and made Aliya with her family at the age of 7. Growing up on a Reform kibbutz, she grew up with a strong Jewish identity. Following her military service, she studied at Hebrew University of Jerusalem graduating with a degree in Sociology and Education. She continued on and received her MBA in Business Consulting and HR. Abbi recently moved to St. Louis and is excited to be part of the Jewish community.



**Sharon Remis** is passionate about *tikkun olam*. After visiting Israel for the first time last September, Sharon was impressed by the Jewish Federation funded agencies that care for those in need. Over the last 5 years Sharon has held various board positions and chaired events for the John Burroughs Parents Council and the Old Bonhomme Parents Organization including President for a two year period. A family law attorney, Sharon is a volunteer in the Domestic Violence Court for St. Louis County as a Guardian ad Litem and as a Special Private Prosecutor. She is affiliated with various legal organizations and has served in a variety of leadership positions over the last 20 plus years. An active member of Congregation Shaare Emeth, Sharon has served on the Social Action Committee and participates in various tzedakah projects throughout the year. Sharon is married to Fellows alum Bill and they have two teenagers.



**Zev Rosenberg** Through his involvement in community service, charitable concerns and business, Zev is committed to improving the quality of life for people living in St. Louis, rural Missouri and Midwest communities. As founder and chief executive officer of The Estates Healthcare Company, Inc., Zev has provided guidance to help enhance patient and resident care for Missouri long-term care facilities and hospitals. Prior to establishing The Estates Healthcare long-term care facilities, he served as owner of a regional Chicago based firm providing healthcare consulting and marketing services for skilled nursing facilities and hospitals located in Illinois, Ohio and Texas. Currently serving on the board of directors of University City Synagogue and St. Alexis Hospital, he also has been very active serving as chairperson of the St. Louis Community Kollel's Torah and Turf, a member of the St. Louis Friends of Israel and member of The BackStoppers. Zev is extremely dedicated to activities that promote the welfare of Jewish high school students and families here in the St. Louis Jewish community and throughout the Midwest. He is actively involved with a summer mentoring program that he created at his business, designed to helping young individuals with developmental and emotional challenges and providing supportive services for lower income Jewish families.

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**Karen Sher** is passionate about building and empowering leadership to strengthen the St Louis Jewish community. Karen is the Interim Engagement Coordinator for the Jewish Federation and oversees several of its key initiatives including the Millstone Fellows program. Prior to her work with Jewish Federation, Karen served on several boards within the Jewish community including the JCC, St. Louis Hillel at Washington University,

University, Jewish Federation of St. Louis and was the founding President of Nishmah, the St. Louis Jewish Women's Project. Karen was a member of Jewish Federation of North America National Young Leadership Cabinet and received Jewish Federation's Grossberg Young Leadership Award in 2003. She is a graduate of the Baltimore Institute for Jewish Communal Service where she received her MA in Jewish Studies at Baltimore Hebrew University and MSW at the University of Maryland, School of Social Work and worked for the Jewish Federation in the Development Department. Karen attended Indiana University where she earned her BA in Sociology. She is married to Howie, entrepreneur and founder of "Whatayanuts" snack food and they have three children.



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