

Yesod

2020 Participants

Yesod is designed to **connect, up-skill, build and inspire** the next generation of not-for-profit directors in a 12-month structured program that immerses participants in Jewish Care and best practice principles of governance.



Adam Steinberg

Adam is a nephrologist currently undertaking a PhD through the University of Melbourne whose commitment to medical and physician education has been recognised through various awards. Adam has a strong interest in community development and has worked in Indigenous health in the Northern Territory, development projects in Ghana, disaster recovery in the Philippines, and Jewish communities across Europe. He previously served as JDC's Ralph I. Goldman Fellow in Jewish Community Service.

Sub-Committee: Quality & Service Review **Mentor:** Mike Debinski



Alissa Woolf

Alissa is a qualified lawyer who, after 10 years of practise as a commercial litigator, moved professionally into the not-for-profit world. Today, Alissa works for the Erdi Foundation, an organisation committed to strengthening community life and addressing disadvantage. Alissa is a career volunteer, stemming from her involvement as a youth movement leader, and has held a multitude of communal leadership positions. Alissa is most proud of her three young children, in which she is instilling empathy and resilience. Alissa loves to travel with her family, her favourite destination being Israel.

Sub-Committee: Quality & Service Review **Mentor:** Reuben Zelwer



Ariel Hersh

Ariel is Senior Strategy Manager at SEEK, based in Melbourne. Prior to this, he was manager at A.T. Kearney with experience in CEO and CXO level strategy and operational engagements, and also co-founded Fruit2work, a social enterprise that creates jobs for former offenders by selling fruit and milk to businesses in Melbourne. Ariel was selected as one of the Foundation of Young Australians 2016 Young Social Pioneers. Ariel has two young children with whom he cherishes spending time.

Sub-Committee: Building **Mentor:** Adam Joel



Dan Goodhardt

Dan is an experienced analyst and researcher with a professional focus on countering violent extremism and counter-terrorism security principles. Dan currently works at Victoria Police as a Senior Intelligence Analyst, and has previously held analytical roles in the higher education and not-for-profit sectors. He is currently undertaking a PhD at Deakin University focused on cooperation between communities and police in opposing violent extremism. Dan is an active member of the Jewish community and has sat on a wide variety of community boards and committees. He is passionate about bringing an analytical problem-solving approach to a local community context.

Sub-Committee: Building

Mentor: Jeffrey Appel



Elise Cook

Elise has strong experience in the not-for-profit sector. She has enjoyed working with Eat Up Australia as COO for the past 3 years and, more recently, becoming a board member and is proud of the success and outcomes achieved. With a background in dietetics, she is passionate about nutrition and is particularly interested in identifying and creating solutions to food insecurity. She would love the opportunity to use her experience to give back to the Jewish community.

Sub-Committee: Building

Mentor: Lisa Kennett



Emily Brott

Emily brings a range of legal and policy skills from the private, public, and NFP sectors. After practicing as a solicitor, Emily was Associate to the Honourable Justice Weinberg (Supreme Court of Appeal) before moving into justice policy for the State government. Emily is currently a volunteer with St Kilda Mums and assists the United Jewish Education Board. She has also been involved with community legal centres. Emily is keen to experience the workings of an NFP Board firsthand so that she can gain the necessary skills to effect meaningful change at the board level.

Sub-Committee: Finance & Audit

Mentor: Frank Ajzensztat



Emma Stabey

Emma Stabey is a passionate and customer focused digital leader with over 15 years of experience across financial, digital and, most recently, retail organisations. She has been recognised as a female leader in her field and is a huge proponent of team work and collaboration to achieve the best results. When not working, Emma is happiest when spending time cooking and eating with family and friends, or playing at the park with her two young children.

Sub-Committee: Building

Mentor: Andrew Schwartz



Hannah Hammerschlag

Hannah is a former lawyer, predominantly working in property and commercial law. She left the legal profession to become the head of business development for Yume Food, an online surplus food marketplace with the aim of reducing food waste across the commercial food industry. This role combined her passions for the environment and small business, and she has never looked back. Hannah has since had two children and, currently on maternity leave, can most often be found playing in nature with her children, indulging her passion for cooking, working hard at Pilates, or planning her family's next travel adventure.

Sub-Committee: Quality & Service Review

Mentor: Simone Szalmuk-Singer



Josh Bulafkin

Josh began his career in communications and is now involved in his family business. Through his career he has been involved in all aspects of strategy planning and implementation whilst seeing his skills very much at an operational level. Josh has had a strong interest in understanding marginalised communities through his various volunteer roles. He is keen to build on his grass roots experience and gain a deeper understanding of the impact of good governance and how astute financial decisions can impact on an organisation for a wider reaching impact.

Josh forms part of the CBRE Melbourne Leadership Board and, together with this team, he has strived to redefine the model for commercial agency in Melbourne which has seen the CBRE offering consistently deliver abnormal results for clients as well as a highly innovative customer service model.

Sub-Committee: Finance & Audit

Mentor: Michael Schoenfeld



Lindy Susskind

Lindy is employed at Eat Up, a not-for-profit which aims to ensure no Australian child goes to school without food. Lindy gained extensive experience in strategy, project management, transformational change, and process improvements during her 14 years at ANZ and now uses these skills to increase the reach and impact of Eat Up. Lindy is passionate about community causes and has been involved with several community organisations including the King David PA, Twelve & Thirteen, and NJCWA Vic. Outside of work Lindy enjoys juggling a busy home life, running, and reading.

Sub-Committee: Finance & Audit

Mentor: Sharon Gdanski



Roslyn Gunn

Roslyn is passionate about social justice and tackles inherent issues by creating a sense of community and instilling philanthropic values in our youth. Roslyn has a reputation for being the starting point for new projects and works at the coalface of community volunteer programs and development initiatives. Roslyn's skills include project planning, marketing, large scale event coordination, launch, and operations. Roslyn has core personal values of compassion, integrity, perseverance, and efficiency and believes that values-based leadership and diversity is the key to effectual leadership. Roslyn is seeking opportunities to contribute at Board level within the social enterprise space where a commercial and community value is realised.

Sub-Committee: Quality & Service Review

Mentor: Susie Ivany



Talia Boltin

Talia is a doctor and mother of four whose medical career has focussed on International and Aboriginal Public Health. She has been Producer and Writer of the annual Purim Spiel community theatre show since 2009 and has recently become President of Emunah Australia. She has served as Co-Chair of the Yavneh Parents Organisation and currently sits on the Board of LeiblerYavneh College.

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Mentor: Sharon Goldfeld