

Yesod

2021 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.



Alana Goldman

Alana is a healthcare professional with over 10 years' experience in the public and private healthcare sector. In her current role, Alana is responsible for the operational activity, financial safety and people management of multiple units within the Medical Services Division of a Tertiary Healthcare service. Alana has numerous regular voluntary roles in the community. Outside of work, Alana's most important role is that of aunty. She also enjoys keeping fit and active, and is a yoga and pilates devotee as well as a budding ukulele player.

Mentor: Sharon Goldfeld



Amie Frydenberg

Amie is a Special Counsel at Lander & Rogers, specialising in employment law. She is an Accredited Specialist in Workplace Relations and sits on the LIV accreditation committee. Amie's particular areas of expertise are workplace sexual harassment, discrimination and bullying, and unfair dismissal and general protections disputes. Amie regularly presents to and educates clients in appropriate workplace behaviour and has a strong interest in the equality of women in the workplace and flexible work structures. Outside of work, Amie has two delightful children and a wide network of family and friends who keep her busy, supported and full of happiness.

Mentor: Simone Szalmuk-Singer



Courtney Winter-Peters

Courtney is a lawyer who, after starting in private practice, moved to the Community Legal Sector. This has allowed her to solidify her commitment to social justice. Courtney is dedicated to empowering vulnerable and disadvantaged people. She currently has a role that combines casework, community legal education and law reform. In her spare time, she volunteers with a number of Jewish organisations with a focus on gender equality. With three young children at home, Courtney's house is usually noisy, but she is dedicated to encouraging her children to be caring citizens of the world.

Mentor: Michael Schoenfeld



Dvora Zylberman

Dvora Zylberman is a Yiddish and Jewish Studies teacher at Sholem Aleichem College. She lives and breathes Yiddish language and culture, having studied Yiddish all across the globe. Dvora contributes to various Yiddish projects and runs her own Yiddish educational resources website 'Mameloshn'. She is also a co-chair of Melbourne's 'In One Voice' Festival, which celebrates the diversity of vibrancy of the Melbourne Jewish Community. A graduate of Monash University, she completed a Bachelor's degree in Arts/Education with a major in Jewish Civilisation. Dvora currently serves as the Co-Vice President of the Jewish Labour Bund Inc.

Mentor: Sharon Gdanski



Elissa Sharp

Elissa is an active member of the philanthropic community and has sat on a wide variety of committees. Elissa has been a volunteer for AUJS, Young UIA, Child Abuse Research Australia, Starlight Foundation and Koala Kids. She is an active member of the Mount Scopus Memorial College Parents Association, and is co-chair of UIA Women's Division. Elissa also sits on the General Executive and Cabinet for UIA. She is proud to infuse her passion for community causes and to contribute to a powerful network of visionary leaders. She is a mother to three young daughters, and enjoys travelling and cooking.

Mentor: Susie Ivany OAM



Howard Sachs

Howard is a highly motivated entrepreneurial thinker with an engineering, leadership, commercial and volunteering background. He established and served as initial chairman of an IEEE branch, representing the world's leading professional association for technology advancement. Howard was a board member of Perth's largest Synagogue; and is a Launchpad and Bright Young Minds Alumnus. He is currently innovating Nextgen philanthropy, and strategically bridging organisations tackling food insecurity. Howard holds a Master of Business Leadership, Graduate Diploma (Business) and a BSc Engineering. His main interests lie in entrepreneurship, technology and sustainable social impact causes. Howard is married with two children.

Mentor: Jeffrey Appel OAM



Jake Smorgon

Jake is experienced in both the family office environment as well as other private businesses in the property and technology sectors. He has overseen the project management and finance of large-scale residential developments and has worked in a start-up company that has become a successful growth business. This varied experience has allowed Jake to develop a broad range of skills and knowledge. Jake is passionate about strengthening the Jewish community and applying his corporate skills and knowledge in the philanthropic sector. Jake is married with two young children and enjoys family, friends, politics, reading and board games.

Mentor: Adam Joel



Kylie Appel

Kylie is passionate about social entrepreneurship. She strives to make a positive long-term impact through serving the needs of the community. Kylie is the Senior Engagement Manager at the Jewish Arts Quarter - a new home for Jewish life and culture in Melbourne. She is a Board Executive Member of UIA Victoria, advocating for the needs of people in Israel. Previously, she was the Executive Officer at TOM: Melbourne - a global humanitarian movement supporting innovation in the disability sector and a member of the leadership steering committee, as head of Marketing at the Jewish Museum of Australia.

Mentor: Lisa Kennett



Natalie Kirschner

Natalie is constantly challenging the world's paradigms, being inspired by the rigorous interface between environmental spaces, and their occupants. When you experience her piercing mind and vivacious character, it's easy to understand how this woman holds a triple degree in Planning & Design, Property & Construction and a Masters of Architecture. She is excited by the holistic approach of contributing to the world's built environment, both strategically and artistically in property development. Founder of STATE (women's organisation in built environment). Design, ideation and execution is a part of every day life for Natalie.

Mentor: Reuben Zelwer



Ricci Steckoll

Ricci Steckoll is an asset consultant at Frontier Advisors. He has responsibility for undertaking manager and investment research with a focus on property and infrastructure. Prior to joining Frontier, Ricci spent four years at Deloitte within the financial modelling team, with a predominate focus on transactions across a diverse range of sectors. Ricci holds a Bachelors Degree of Engineering (Civil) and Commerce (Finance) both from Monash University. Ricci has also been an active member of his community having served on the executive of the Jewish Community Council of Victoria and the Australasian Union of Jewish Students.

Mentor: Steven Klein



Sally Gordon

Sally is a paediatric doctor, passionate about reducing child health inequities to enable all children to reach their developmental potential. She has a strong interest in public and international health, having worked for several not-for-profits, with a strong focus on health literacy and community engagement. She has worked on the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic, both as a clinical doctor and in outbreak management for the Department of Health and Human Services. She is passionate about leadership and gender equity and represented the Australian Federation of Medical Women at the United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women in 2018.

Mentor: Mike Debinski



Shoshana Berkovits

Shoshana is a Human Resources Generalist with experience across various industries. Shoshana currently works at Sleeping Duck and has previously worked at ANZ Bank, Dorevitch Pathology and the Western Bulldogs Football Club. Shoshana is an active member of the Jewish Community, has sat on the board of Ohr David Shule and volunteers at her children's school regularly. She is committed to using her experience in HR to give back to the Jewish community. Shoshana holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Post Graduate in Human Resources.

Mentor: Frank Ajzensztat



Yaakov Glasman

Rabbi Yaakov Glasman earned his master's degree in Hebrew Letters in 2003 and in 2011 he was appointed senior rabbi of the St Kilda Hebrew Congregation. He served as President of the Rabbinical Council of Victoria from 2009 until 2012 and is currently President of the Rabbinical Association of Australasia. He has a keen interest in Interfaith dialogue and presents to a wide variety of audiences on a range of religious, social and communal issues. In 2018, he became the first religious leader to speak at TEDx Melbourne. Yaakov enjoys politics and is an avid and unashamed Collingwood supporter.

Mentor: Andrew Schwartz