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THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY ELECTS
THREE NEW MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Museum Board welcomes Andrew Klaber, Matthew Pestronk, and Michael Swift

PHILADELPHIA—The **National Museum of American Jewish History** (NMAJH) announces the election of three new members to its Board of Trustees: **Andrew Klaber**, **Matthew Pestronk**, and **Michael Swift**. The Board is committed to supporting the Museum’s mission and ensuring the institution has a lasting impact for future generations—for all Americans and for all people who appreciate religious liberty and the freedoms to which Americans aspire.

Ivy L. Barsky, Museum CEO and Gwen Goodman Director, says, “We are honored to welcome Andrew, Matt, and Mike and excited to engage the next generation of Museum leaders. We are confident that their fresh energy, entrepreneurial spirit, philanthropic and professional relationships, coupled with their dedication to NMAJH’s mission and future, will continue to move the Board and the Museum in an innovative direction.”

Andrew Klaber is a Partner at Paulson & Company in New York City. Originally from Buffalo Grove, Illinois, Andrew graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa president from Yale College at Yale University, where he was a Udall Scholar, Truman Scholar, and First-Team USA Today Academic All-American. He earned Masters of Science degrees in Financial Economics and Economic History from Oxford as a Marshall Scholar, and holds a JD/MBA from Harvard Law School and Harvard Business School, where he graduated with Distinction and as the Dean's Award winner.



Klaber received the President's Environmental Youth Award at the White House and is a founding member of the Rainforest Alliance's Young Patrons group. Since 2002, Andrew has served as founder of Even Ground, an international non-profit that annually provides more than 2,000 children who have been orphaned or made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS with academic scholarships, basic health care, and nutrition in South Africa. He is a co-author of the book, *Social Entrepreneurship in the Age of Atrocities: Changing Our World* (2012).

Klaber serves on the Executive Committee of the United Jewish Appeal as the Special Advisor to the President and is a member of the Wexner Heritage Program.

Matthew Pestronk is the President and co-founder of Post Brothers Apartments, one of the most active multifamily developers in Philadelphia. A vertically integrated development and management enterprise with a successful track record of finding and exploiting unmet rental market niches that are in demand, Post's exclusive focus is the creation of Class A infill multifamily-driven mixed-use properties with an emphasis on adaptive reuse and underutilized existing apartment projects.



Pestronk has been responsible for several significant Philadelphia area real estate development projects. True to his company's commitment to "Green Practices", Rittenhouse Hill in Germantown, Philadelphia is a 624-unit green building project with over 30,000 square feet in retail space, and the first major development within the Philadelphia area completely powered by wind-generated power.

Matthew was previously the youngest Managing Director in the 86-year history of The Ackman-Ziff Real Estate Group, where he has arranged over 50 equity and debt financings totaling in excess of \$1 billion of placed capital on behalf of an entrepreneurial and high-net worth client base across all major asset classes.

Pestronk currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Jewish Federation Real Estate group. He also serves as Vice Chair of the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation and made a significant gift to their campaign. He is passionate about youth sports and supports Beat the Streets Wrestling. Matthew lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Carrie, and their two children.

Michael Swift is the Executive Director and Investment Specialist at J.P. Morgan. Michael joined J.P. Morgan in 2005 and has spent his career managing portfolios for ultra-high net worth individuals, family offices, endowments and foundations. Prior to rejoining the Mid-Atlantic team in 2016, Michael was a Portfolio Manager in J.P. Morgan's Endowments and Foundations Group in New York, working with not-for-profit organizations to provide strategic advice and invest across a broad range of long-only and alternative investment strategies. In this capacity, he was responsible for \$1.4 billion in client assets.



Michael is a Trustee of the Penn Charter Alumni Fund, where he also serves as Chairman of its Finance Committee. He is a member of the Audit Committee for the National Museum of American Jewish History and is the Treasurer of its Young Friends Board. As a leader of the Museum's Young Friends, Michael initiated and led the 2017 Inaugural NMAJH Golf outing, which raised significant funds in support of the Museum. He is leading the 2018 golf outing scheduled for October 2018. While living in New York, he served on the Leadership Council for Children's Village, a not-for-profit organization that works with at-risk youth in urban areas.

Michael graduated with a B.S. degree in Finance from the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University and holds his Series 7 and 63 securities licenses. Michael lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Perri, and their son, Cole.

To view all members of NMAJH's Board of Trustees, visit [NMAJH.org/BoardofTrustees](https://www.nmajh.org/BoardofTrustees).

About the National Museum of American Jewish History

The National Museum of American Jewish History, located on historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia, brings to life the more than 360-year history of Jews in America. Tracing the stories of how Jewish immigrants became Jewish Americans, the Museum invites visitors of all backgrounds to share their own stories and reflect on how their histories and identities shape and are shaped by the American experience. An open door for all, NMAJH honors the past and contributes to a better future by sharing the power of imagination and ideas, culture and community, leadership and service, in ways that turn inspiration into action.

The National Museum of American Jewish History is located at 101 South Independence Mall East at the corner of Fifth and Market Streets in Philadelphia. Museum hours are Wednesday to Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. The Museum will also be open Tuesday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm during *Leonard Bernstein: The Power of Music*. Museum admission is \$15.00 for adults, \$13.00 for senior citizens and youth, free for children 12 and under, Museum Members, and active military with ID; reduced prices available if purchased online. Connect with the Museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Pinterest](#). For more information, visit [NMAJH.org](https://www.nmajh.org) or call 215.923.3811.

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