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

The Museum Board welcomes Philip Balderston and Brett Schulman

PHILADELPHIA—The **National Museum of American Jewish History** (NMAJH) announces the election of two new members to its Board of Trustees: **Philip Balderston** and **Brett Schulman**. 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 Barsky, the Museum’s CEO and Gwen Goodman Director, says, “We are honored to welcome two influential business leaders to the Museum’s Board of Trustees. Both Philip and Brett have shown great success in their respective fields and will bring invaluable contributions to the table. We are thrilled to continue attracting tremendous, energetic new talents to the Board—having also recently elected Laury Saligman, Michelle Singer, and Meredith Slawe—who are all truly passionate about the Museum’s mission and eager to further its reach.”

Philip Balderston is an accomplished real estate investor and developer. He founded Philadelphia-based Odin Properties in 2009, which now owns and manages approximately 5,000 multifamily units and various commercial properties throughout the Delaware Valley and Midwest. The company identifies and acquires underperforming assets, transforming them to realize long-term value for investors, tenants, and surrounding neighborhoods. Balderston is active in the community, serving on the Boards of the Frankford CDC and the Community

Education Alliance of West Philadelphia. He received a BA in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and minored in Urban Studies and Real Estate.

Brett Schulman is Vice President at BET Associates, LP, the private equity investment division of Bruce Toll's Family Office. Previously, Schulman worked as an attorney in the corporate and mergers & acquisitions practice group at Blank Rome for nearly a decade. Schulman and his wife Jennifer have long supported the Museum, previously participating on the committee for NMAJH's annual *Only in America* fundraising gala in Philadelphia. Schulman received a BBA, with high distinction, from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business and a JD from Columbia University, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar. Prior to law school, he worked for KPMG Corporate Finance LLC, a mergers and acquisitions advisory firm. Schulman is a member of the development committee of Philadelphia Youth Basketball, a non-profit organization assisting urban youth by providing education and development through basketball.

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

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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. 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](https://www.facebook.com/nmajh), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/nmajh), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/nmajh), and [Pinterest](https://www.pinterest.com/nmajh). For more information, visit [NMAJH.org](https://www.nmajh.org) or call 215.923.3811.