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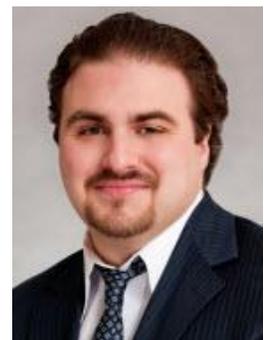
**THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY EXPANDS**  
**YOUNG FRIENDS BOARD LEADERSHIP**

**Bryan Leib, Ellie Levy, and Shana Weiner Join Young Friends Board;**  
**Jacob Markovitz and Steven Share Elected to New Positions**

PHILADELPHIA—The **National Museum of American Jewish History** (NMAJH) has elected three new members to its Young Friends Board—**Bryan Leib, Ellie Levy, and Shana Weiner**. Additionally, two Young Friends Board Members have been elected to new positions: **Jacob Markovitz** will serve as Chair and **Steven Share** as Vice Chair. These individuals will support the mission of the Young Friends of NMAJH, which aims to inspire and involve the young professional community (ages 21-40) of Greater Philadelphia through social, educational, networking, and philanthropic programming celebrating American Jewish history and culture.

**About the New Board Members:**

**Bryan Leib** is the Treasurer of Philadelphia Young Republicans and was most recently a Leasing Specialist with Campus Apartments. He serves as a Board Member of the Charitable Ticket Network, Camden Youth Soccer Club, USA 250, and United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey, and as a Committee Member for Philly Set Go and the Jewish National Fund - JNFuture. He previously served on the Host Committee for NMAJH Young Friends events in 2016 and 2017, taking on the role of Co-Chair for the annual Masquerade Ball Celebrating Purim. He says, "I am deeply



humbled and very excited to be joining the board. The Museum plays a critical role in supporting the Jewish Community in Philadelphia and throughout the country. I look forward to working with my peers to grow the Museum's membership and impact in the community."

**Ellie Levy** was born in Kazakhstan and has lived in Philadelphia since 2011. She enjoys being actively involved in the Jewish community and NMAJH Young Friends group, serving on the host committee for the Young Friends Tu B'Av celebration in 2017. She has a special connection to the Museum: her husband proposed to her at NMAJH. Levy adds, "I am delighted to be a part of the NMAJH Young Friends Board. I look forward to creating networking events and social gatherings in order to promote Jewish life in Philadelphia. Together, we can help establish a community who supports the history, culture, and importance that the Museum represents."



**Shana Weiner** is an attorney in Philadelphia. She participated in Hillel's Graduate Student Network as a law student and served as president of Drexel's Jewish Law Student Association. After law school, Weiner became a resident of Moishe House Philadelphia, where she lived for three years. She completed the Tribe 12 Fellowship in 2015, where she built the framework for Dinah, a comprehensive legal services center providing no- and low-cost legal assistance to survivors of domestic abuse in the Philadelphia Jewish community. She is an active member of Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel, where she is the USY advisor. Weiner has been involved with NMAJH Young Friends since 2010, serving as a host committee member for multiple events. She says, "I'm so thrilled to become a member of the innovative board of the Young Friends of NMAJH. This Museum has been integral to my experience as a Philadelphian since I transplanted here in 2010. I cannot wait give back to an organization that has already given me so much education and excitement."



#### **About the New Chair Appointments:**

**Jacob Markovitz** (Board Chair), a native Philadelphian, has spent the past seven years working as a realtor. He assists buyers and sellers in Center City and Northwest Philadelphia, and has

sold homes and condos in Center City, South Philly, East Falls, Chestnut Hill, and throughout the Greater Philadelphia suburbs. Markovitz joined NMAJH's Young Friends in 2013 and is involved in The Chevra, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's NextGen group, the Jewish Federation Real Estate Group, and Tribe12. He also spent time in Israel the past two summers. He was recently active with the boards of Germantown Cricket Club, Center City Residents



Association, and the Spruce Foundation. Currently, Markovitz is working in an advisory role with the Greater Philadelphia Association of Realtors and will be serving on the board next year. He states, "I am very excited and honored to lead the NMAJH Young Friends Board and help cultivate the next generation of Museum supporters. I have been attending events at NMAJH for years and I look forward to serving the Museum in this position. NMAJH serves an important role in the Jewish community and a critical role in telling the story of the Jewish people in America."

**Steven Share** (Vice Chair) is currently a private business and Human Resources consultant with a focus on nonprofit work. A native Philadelphian, he spent six years working at Lord & Taylor in Philadelphia, NYC, and Washington, D.C., worked six years as Senior Consultant for a private Customer Experience Management firm, and most recently was the Travel Manager at Jewish Federation of



Greater Philadelphia. Share was a volunteer for one of the nation's largest LGBTQ pride events, serving on fundraising and special events committees for Capital Pride in D.C. for eight years. He spent three years as the Enrichment Manager at Tribe 12 where he led all LGBTQ programming, the Tribe 12 Fellowship, and managed Tribe Commons. He is a founding board member of JProud, a consortium of organizations working to become more LGBTQ inclusive, and serves on the leadership/steering committees for MOED Shabbat and Keshet Israel 20/30. He says, "It's truly been a privilege and an honor to serve on the Young Friends of NMAJH Board and Public Programs Committee the last two years. This year I look forward to taking on more of a leadership role as Vice Chair with our talented and enthusiastic board members, helping to cultivate the next generation of volunteers and philanthropists."

After serving as Young Friends Board Chair for the past three years, **Shana Golen** has rotated out of her position, remaining an active, integral member of the Young Friends Board and the Museum's Public Programs Committee. **Megan Helzner** of the Museum's Development Department comments, "We are so grateful for Shana's incredible service as Young Friends Board Chair over the last many years. Among her many contributions was the launch of the C-Suite Speaker Series which brings business leaders to the Young Friends for up-close conversations about work, life, leadership, and Jewish identity. We look forward to Jake's and Steven's stepping up and commend and thank Shana once again for her vision, leadership, and commitment."

**Alicia Brody, Rachel Hollander, and Irene Lax** have also rotated out of their positions as Young Friends Board Members. "We are grateful for Alicia's, Rachel's, and Irene's energy, ideas, and dedication to the Young Friends of NMAJH's success, and feel fortunate that they led us in creating great events, successful fundraising initiatives, and innovative outreach to new members," says Helzner.

For more information on the Young Friends of NMAJH, visit [NMAJH.org/youngfriends](https://NMAJH.org/youngfriends) and connect with the group on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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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](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Pinterest](#). For more information, visit [NMAJH.org](https://NMAJH.org) or call 215.923.3811.