



The Circle of Leadership 2019

Richard Weitzner

Richard Weitzner, along with wife Vickie Gaul and their children, joined Temple Shalom in 1999. Richard served as Temple Legal Counsel from 2007 to 2008, after being asked to do so by Andy Mark (Who can say “no” to Andy?!?). He joined the Board of Trustees in 2009, serving until 2018. He has served on a religious school director search committee, chaired the committee on clergy reappointment in 2011, and chaired the Temple bylaws taskforce in 2014-15. He served again as Temple Legal Counsel from 2018 to 2019, and is currently a member of the new bylaws taskforce. Richard is honored to be recognized for his service.



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Phyllis Dietz

Phyllis and husband Tom have been members since 1978. They joined as newlyweds, drawn to the congregation's welcoming approach to interfaith families. Phyllis has a long-standing interest in social justice. Her first volunteer activities go back to the 1980s, when she was involved in advocacy for Soviet and Ethiopian Jews as a member and later chair of the Temple's World Jewry Committee. She was active in Soviet family resettlement efforts and served as a Trustee for five years. As a member of the Tikkun Olam Committee, Phyllis now organizes and supports programming on immigration and other social justice issues. She was instrumental in bringing to Temple Shalom the "Building Bridges" photography exhibit, whose goal is to promote understanding and dispel harmful myths by presenting stories of immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers in the United States. If there is a rally to end migrant family separation or a march to end gun violence, Phyllis is likely there.



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Lisa Krim

Lisa, husband Andy Schwartz, and their children have been members since 2005. When their boys were first enrolled in the religious school, Lisa discovered that the more time and energy she gave to Temple, the more she felt a part of the community. She has since found friendship, spiritual sustenance and a sense of home at Temple Shalom. Lisa first served on the Youth Committee and helped to reinvigorate the Room Parent program. She led an ad hoc committee to create our youth High Holy Day services. She was a member of the search committee that selected Rabbi Ackerman as our educator and most recently co-chaired the Senior Rabbi Search Committee, whose work resulted in Rabbi Ackerman's elevation to senior rabbi. Lisa also served as a Trustee for six years, finding ways to support the clergy and lay leaders and to ensure that our community meets the needs of all who seek us out as their spiritual home.



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Linda Gurevich

Linda and her husband, Mike, joined Temple Shalom in 1993, after Rabbi Bruce and Toby Kahn opened their home to prospective and new members. The *ruach* (spirit) of Rachel Robinson's third grade open house confirmed that they had found something special. Their three daughters attended religious school through post-confirmation. Linda served as a Room Parent, and as a *madricha*, and as a member on several committees and chaired an educator search. She has also chaired and co-chaired fundraisers, served on ad-hoc committees and was President and co-President of Sisterhood. After serving on the Board and Executive Committee, Linda became President from 2015-2017, working with Susan Goutos Zemsky to spearhead the Hal Bruno Patio and the accessibility renovations of the bema. Linda was President during a time of Senior Staff transition and is most proud of the resilience of Temple Shalom members during this time. Linda is grateful for the opportunity to have served Temple Shalom and to have worked with so many talented, smart, and good people.



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Mark Ross

Mark and wife Diane have been involved with Temple Shalom for over 30 years, formally joining in 1991. Their two children attended religious school, became b'nei mitzvah, were confirmed and completed post-confirmation. Diane had her adult b'nai mitzvah in 1998. Mark served as Treasurer under eight different Temple Presidents, starting in 1996. During his tenure as Treasurer, Mark assisted the Temple during transitions and transformations that challenged the Temple's cash flow to meet ongoing needs. His efforts were critical to Temple Shalom remaining financially strong. Concurrently with his role as Treasurer, he served on the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees and several finance-oriented committees, including the Finance, Budget and the Financial Futures committees. In 1999, with the help of then-President Ann Feinberg, he established the Capital Projects Fund as a separate fund from the Temple's Operating Fund. Since 2014, Mark has served and continues to serve as the Temple's Special Purpose Funds Administrator.



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Leslie Rubin

Leslie and her husband, Mike, joined Temple Shalom in 2002, when their oldest son was born. Both of her sons grew up in the Religious School and a chance discussion one Sunday morning a decade ago led to Leslie becoming the Co-Chair of the Membership Committee and shortly thereafter a Trustee. Among other things, through those positions, Leslie helped develop and implement the Gift of Membership and the Kids' Time programs – two initiatives to break down barriers to synagogue membership and allow prospective members to explore whether we are the right home for their Reform Jewish journey. From 2016 to 2018, Leslie co-chaired both the Interim Rabbi and Senior Rabbi Search committees, which involved wonderfully collaborate and rewarding work with a group that was dedicated, thoughtful, and conscious of the impact of their decisions on the future. Leslie and her family have developed many close friendships through Temple Shalom. The community has been a focal point for and inspiration to them.



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