

## 2024-2025 Board Bios

### **Mitch Lewis – Co-President**

Mitch and his family have been members of Temple Emanuel for over 25 years. Mitch and Kathy met at Emory University, and after graduate school at the University of Michigan with detours in California and Texas, ended up back in Atlanta in 1996. Their children, Dr. Rebecca Leslie (who lives in Atlanta) and Renee Lewis (who is in New York...but they're working on it), had their Bat Mitzvahs at Temple Emanu-El.

Mitch has served previously on the Board, the Finance Committee, and Strategic Committees and was a proud member of the five consecutive synagogue softball championships that Temple Emanu-El won in the late 1990's and early 2000's.

Mitch was an attorney at Alston & Bird before moving into business leadership roles. He was the CEO of Euramax International, and most recently, retired as the CEO of BlueLinx in 2021. He remains on the Board of Directors of BlueLinx as well as GMS Inc., is on the Core Partner Allocation Committee of the Atlanta Jewish Federation and is a member of the Executive Advisory Council for the Emory Brain Health Center. In his spare time, he loves to exercise, play pickleball, and spend time on the water at Lake Lanier.

### **Jackie Beres – Vice President**

Jackie was born and raised in Atlanta and is a graduate of the University of Georgia. After her first trip to Israel on a singles mission, she wanted to get more involved in pro-Israel advocacy, so she took a job with the Atlanta office of AIPAC. It was there that Jackie started her career in nonprofit fundraising. After a few years, Jackie packed up and moved to Washington, DC where she got her dream job working for the Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution. Following Jackie's move back to Atlanta, she was the director of development for the Atlanta office at ADL and most recently the Senior Director of Major Gifts for Make-A-Wish GA. She now works as a fundraising consultant. In her spare time, Jackie serves on her son's elementary school fundraising committee and volunteers as much as possible for his classroom. Pre-Covid, Jackie served as a fertility buddy for the Jewish Fertility Foundation. She currently serves on the TE Endowment Growth Committee.

### **Emily Sanders – Vice President**

Emily grew up in Manhasset Hills, Long Island, NY, and relocated to Atlanta in 1979 when she became employed as a Budget Manager for The Coca-Cola Company. Emily and her family have been members of Temple Emanu-El since 1993. She and her husband, Jon Margolis, have three adult children and five grandchildren. The younger two children were Bar/Bat Mitzvah and confirmed at TE and their oldest grandchild had a baby-naming here.

Emily has served twice on the Financial Council, once at its inception in the late 2000s and again in 2018. She is currently Chair of TE's Endowment Fund committee. Emily & Jon are proud members of the Menschables chavurah group.

Emily has a long history of working in the financial world, first as a Financial Planning Manager for Charter Publishing Company in New York City. She worked for two Fortune 500 companies in Atlanta, Coca-Cola, and BellSouth, in international finance. In 1994, Emily founded her firm, Sanders Financial Management, which was based in Dunwoody and Peachtree Corners for 18 years until its sale to United Capital of Newport Beach, CA, and ultimately sold again to Goldman Sachs, from which she retired as a Vice President in 2022. As well as a financial advisor, Emily is also a lifelong CPA. She was named a "Top 50 Women in Wealth Management" by Wealth Manager magazine and has made numerous TV appearances on CNBC, CNN, and Bloomberg.

Emily is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in International Economics and has an MBA in Accounting from New York University. At age 63, while working full-time, Emily went back to school part-time and graduated from Emory Law. She has been a volunteer for numerous organizations: Atlanta Jewish Federation investment committee, Leadership Atlanta, Cities in Schools, Habitat for Humanity (assisted building homes), The Atlanta International School (treasurer), Georgia Society of CPA's Leadership Council and currently Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta (trustee) and JF&CS Foundation Board member.

Emily and Jon love to travel and explore new destinations, visit museums, spend time playing with their grandchildren and small dog, and enjoy beach time in the Panhandle. Emily is an avid walker and reader, currently participating in two women's Book Clubs.

### **Eric Warshal – Vice President**

Eric and his family have been members of Temple Emanu-El for 12 years. He and his wife Stephanie have lived in Atlanta since 1995 and in Dunwoody since 2005. They have a daughter at the University of Georgia and two sons at Dunwoody High School, all of whom attended religious school and had their B'nai Mitzvot at Temple Emanu-El. Eric graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Marketing and earned an MBA from Emory University. He spent 12 years with Cox Enterprises before starting a hedge fund administration services firm, Fund Associate, more than 10 years ago. He also started a second company, Emjan Services, a merchant credit card processing firm, in 2015. Eric grew up in South Florida, where his father was a Rabbi and Jewish Federation Director and instilled in him the importance of involvement in the Jewish community.

### **Bill Kellert - Treasurer**

Bill grew up in Hollywood, Florida where he met his wife, Elyse. He moved to Atlanta to go to school at Emory and has never left. Out of college, he joined The Temple and was active with the young adults' group there. In 1993 Elyse and Bill, along with their two boys Greg and Bryan joined Temple Emanu-El. Both Greg and Bryan had their bar mitzvah and confirmation at Emanu-El.

As a member of Temple Emanu-El, Bill has, among other things, participated in the leadership training program, and served as a Jr. TEFTY advisor, gabbai, board member, Brotherhood treasurer, financial secretary, vice-president, and treasurer.

Bill has been a CPA for 35 years and has had his own practice for 20 years. Outside of work, Bill enjoys running, horses and as of March 3 – spending time with his first grandchild – Collin Kellert.

### **Perry Walter – Financial Secretary**

Perry grew up in Virginia Beach, VA, and moved to Atlanta (with his then fiancé at the time, Deb) from Tampa in 1996. He and my family have been members of Temple Emanu-El since 2003. Perry's wife, Deb, and he have three children, all of whom had their B'nai mitzvahs at the Temple.

Perry served on the Board for four years between 2011 and 2014 and the Executive Board from 2014 to 2017. He has been active in several committees and the religious school over the years.

Perry has a long history of working in finance – as a securities analyst, venture capitalist, and business valuation expert. Currently, Perry works for the Capital Group Private Client Services as a Private Wealth Advisor.

Perry also serves on the Board of Directors of the Southern Capital Forum, a forum for venture capitalists and private equity firms to discuss ideas and network. He is also a volunteer diver at the GA Aquarium and has over 2,100 hours of service. With fellow volunteers, Perry participated in Reef Restoration Foundation trips where the team rebuilt coral reefs around the world.

Perry is a graduate of the University of Virginia with a degree in Economics and Communications and has an MBA from UNC-Chapel Hill. Perry is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). He loves to travel with his family and is an avid Atlanta Braves and UVA basketball fan.

### **Arienne Belzer-Carroll - Trustee**

Arienne was raised in Kansas (rock chalk!) not too far from Rabbi Rachael and moved to Georgia in 2006 to attend Agnes Scott College. She taught third-grade Hebrew at Temple Emanu-El and worked with TEFTY all through college and is teaching at the Diamond Family Religious School again now. Truly some of the best people she knows

are people at Emanu-El. It is home, and it is family. Arianne is currently working toward putting together a mitzvah crafting group in the coming year as part of a social action project, and she feels very strongly about community and genuine tikkun olam. She spends most of her energy working for inclusivity, equality, pride, and education and helping people be heard. The rest of it Arianne spends knitting and telling dad jokes to her very patient son, Noam.

Arianne's alter ego is a high school Latin teacher in Gwinnett County, where she runs the sexuality and gender alliance and coaches an academic competition team, and by night she writes books in Latin that center on under-heard voices. Arianne lives with her husband Ben (who also teaches Latin), their shlemiel of a cat, and their schlimazel of a dog. Noam is currently at college in Connecticut, but you may see his redhead around when he comes home on breaks.

### **Mark Feinberg**

Mark Feinberg was born in 1962, and raised in Gainesville, Florida. His family were active participants in Gainesville's small Jewish community.

As members of B'nai Torah, Mark, and his siblings, 2-sisters and 1-older brother were raised within a conservative Jewish upbringing. Mark's father Robert was President of the Synagogue for 2-terms, including the transition from a small aging building into a newly constructed home for the growing congregation. That congregation and building remain in place today.

Bar Mitzvahed in 1975 as one of (3) 13-year-olds that year, Mark later joined BBYO where he really got his first taste of life as a Jew. In December of 1979, as a 17-year-old senior in high school, he met a beautiful 14-year-old young lady who would days later tell her mother that she had met the man she was going to marry. Eight years later her wish came true, and it was the greatest thing that ever happened to Mark.

Robyn and Mark have been happily married for 37 years, raising two wonderful people. Joel is 32 years old and married Ariel Touger-Feinberg of Milburn, NJ in February of 2024, and Amy who just turned 30, and is engaged to Jason Kayne of Chicago, IL. Joel is the Project Manager of Emerging Technology at Major League Baseball in New York City, and Amy is an Occupational Therapist at Emory Hospital in Decatur and a Pelvic Floor Specialist at ATL Pelvic Health.

Mark and Robyn both graduated from the University of Florida. They moved to Atlanta in 1987 and have never left. They joined Temple Emanu-El in the Fall of 1995. Mark previously served for two terms on the Board during Julie Schwartz's term as Senior Rabbi.

Over the years Robyn and Mark have helped on several committees including large fundraising events, and several video productions, and enjoyed so many special

moments at Temple Emanu-El. Robyn and Mark presently serve as Co-Chairs of the Honi Circle Committee.

Mark has been a Television Producer since 1985, working for 17 years for CBS and Fox mostly in local affiliates in Tallahassee and Atlanta. He was one of the founding Producers of Good Day Atlanta at WAGA-TV (FOX5). In 1999, he left local television and began operations and ownership of Fine Productions, Inc., a full-service video production company. In those 25 years, he has led productions for Walt Disney World, (Grand Opening of Animal Kingdom) Universal Studios (Grand Opening of Islands of Adventure), and Sea World Orlando (Grand Opening of Discovery Cove). He helped produce Super Bowl Halftime shows and post-game commercials, as well as Pre and Post Game Shows for Major League Baseball. Mark is known as “the Producer that Produces”

Robyn and Mark love to travel, especially on Cruise ships. They have been on more than 30 cruises and plan to be on many more in the future. They traveled to Israel with Temple Emanu-El in 2006 on a trip led by Rabbi Colbert and his wife Karen and hope to return to Israel again soon.

### **Ben Halpern - Trustee**

As a new member of Temple Emanu-El, Ben is honored to be nominated to this Board. He looks forward to the opportunity to listen, learn, and offer fresh perspectives with the hopes of his engagement adding support to our beautiful community. Growing up in Sandy Springs and having attended Jewish day school, Camp Barney for 11 consecutive summers, and several trips to Israel, Judaism has always been central to his life.

Ben graduated from Tulane University in 2018 with a double major in Business Management & Marketing and enjoyed his involvement as a fraternity brother in the ZBT Sigma Chapter. Since then, he has been working hard with his father in building their family business, Farmers & Fishermen Purveyors, and they are having fun doing what they are doing. In Ben’s free time, he enjoys rollerblading, playing with his mini golden doodle, Nola, and working with people with special needs.

Ben is excited to get more involved at Temple Emanu-El and get to know the people who help make it as special as it is.

### **Marcia Hauler - Trustee**

Marcia is married to Mark Hauler and has lived in Dunwoody for more than 30 years. Together they have two daughters, Lindsay, who lives in Atlanta, and Lesley, who lives in London.

The family joined Temple Emanu-El in 1995. Both of their daughters grew up at Temple Emanu-El going to Sunday School and Hebrew school, having Bat Mitzvahs and

Confirmation, and finally serving as Madrichim in Sunday School. Marcia and Mark have been active in Temple and participated in the Israel Trip with Rabbi Spike in 2019.

Marcia is a graduate of UGA's School of Journalism with a degree in Public Relations. She spent most of her 30+ career in Customer Success roles in healthcare and computer software. She retired during the pandemic when business travel could not be done. Since that time, she has volunteered as a TE new member ambassador, at events/activities as well as CAC, Backpack Buddies, Mary Hall Freedom House, and City of Dunwoody activities.

Marcia and Mark are crazy about their two rescue dogs, Ollie, and Lola. Her favorite things to do are going to fitness class/working out at the JCC, listening to pop music, family walks at Brook Run Park, and traveling anywhere. She is very excited to become a Trustee of Temple Emanu-El.

### **Spencer Horowitz - Trustee**

Spencer Horowitz was born and raised in Briarcliff Manor, New York. He received his Bachelor of Science from Florida State University College of Business. He started his career as a professional golfer, but after a few years of playing and teaching made a career change. Spencer has been a Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley since 2018. He moved to Atlanta in 2016 where he met his wife Madison, a Roswell native. The two were married by Rabbi Spike in 2022 and had their daughter Riley in 2023. Spencer and his family are very excited to grow with Temple Emanu-El for years to come!

### **Ian Schonberg**

Ian was born and raised in West Palm Beach, FL. He received a Bachelor's in Social Work at Florida State University and a Master's in Education at Georgia State University. He has been a social worker for over five years, a special education teacher for seven years, the Assistant Director for Graduate Advisement at Georgia State University for five years, and most recently, an Executive MBA recruiter for Georgia State University.

Ian and his wife Carrie have been married for sixteen years and have two children, Brock (13) and Joelle (8), both attending the Diamond Family Religious School. He currently is on the Temple Emanu-El onboarding committee and a member of the Temple Emanu-El Brotherhood. Ian feels grateful that his family is part of such a warm and caring community and wants to represent Temple Emanu-El to both new and current members of the congregation. He is eager for this opportunity to serve on the board and to assist with issues affecting the community.