

# REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE



**GREATER MIAMI  
JEWISH  
FEDERATION**

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, the Nominating Committee will present the following lists of nominations and appointments of Officers, Board of Directors and Trustees at the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly on **Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.** at Jungle Island, 1111 Parrot Jungle Trail, Miami. Additional nominations for any of the foregoing must be presented to the Secretary of Federation by petition of any 25 members in good standing no less than five days prior to the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly. Nominations shall not be made at the Annual Meeting.

## 2026-2027 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### OFFICERS

**Chair of the Board:**  
Moj Khaghan Danial

**Vice Chairs:**  
Amanda Adler  
Matthew L. Adler  
Ariel J. Bentata

Elise Scheck Bonwitt  
Shelly Brodie  
Steven Gretenstein  
Pearleen Lederman

Brian Riemer  
Sheree Savar  
Steven Scheck  
Elise Udelson

**Secretary:** Robert Hertzberg  
**Associate Secretary:** Elizabeth Schwartz  
**Treasurer:** Michelle Benaviv  
**Associate Treasurer:** Robert C. Gilbert

**Immediate Past Board Chair:**  
Lily Serviansky

### NOMINATED BOARD MEMBERS & NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Leonard Abess  
Sari K. Agatston  
Isaac Almosny  
Marissa Amual  
Amir Arazi  
Ryan D. Bailine  
Sara Bejar  
Jaclyn Bergman  
Scott Bernstein  
Alex Blavatnik  
Amy Berger Chafetz  
Lindsay Sasha David

David O. Deutch  
Susan Diamond  
Suzette Diamond  
Michelle S. Diener  
Adrian Dubow  
Beth Ertel  
Rabbi Robyn Fisher  
Steven Foldes  
Julie L. Franklin  
Michael Friedman  
Albert Gahfi  
Belinda Gilbert

Amir Gold  
Jason Haim  
Adriana Bacman Halac  
Naftali Holtz  
Lisa Jerles  
Eric Kane  
Ian Kaplan  
Arnaud Karsenti  
Jessica F. Katz  
Joey Katz  
Michael L. Katz  
Rabbi Judith Kempler

Lloyd Myers  
Laura P. Koffsky  
Ilene Kossman  
Marian Kruss  
Murray J. Lulicht  
Marc A. Levin  
Jeffrey M. Levine  
Mayra R. Lichter  
Janice Lipton  
Etan Mark  
Debbie Mendal  
Gail S. Meyers

Isaac S. Mizrahi  
Gail J. Newman  
Jeffrey E. Newman  
Tina Price  
Jonathan Raiffe  
Lecia Rothman  
Joshua M. Samek  
Linda Schechter  
David B. Smith  
Melissa Orshan Spann  
Tracey M. Spiegelman  
Scott Squires

Lourdes Gabriela Suarez  
Geoff Swerdlin  
Michael Tabacinic  
Ofar Tamir  
Michael Wagner  
Kevin Ware  
Debi Wechsler  
David Weisfeld  
Tammy Woldenberg  
Andrew H. Wolf  
Pamela Wolfson  
Ray Ellen Yarkin

### APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Jonathan Awner  
Edward Beiner  
Paul Berkowitz  
Fran Berrin  
Joel Birnbaum

Noah Breakstone  
John M. Bussel  
Antoine Chiche  
Carlos Ederly  
Jennie Fine

Dr. Jaime Ghitelman  
Steven Hurwitz  
Robin Jacobs  
Evelyn Katz  
Robert J. Merlin

Irwin P. Raji  
Vanessa N. Ressler  
Joel Sandberg M.D.  
Diane Lipson Schilit  
Barbara Shrut

Mytyl Simancas  
Jacqueline Simkin  
Joshua Weingard  
Gary Yarus

### LIFE MEMBERS

Michael M. Adler\*  
Saby Behar\*  
Ariel J. Bentata\*  
Helene Berger  
Robert G. Berrin\*  
Brian L. Bilzin\*  
Andrew Blank

Rep. Elaine Bloom  
Norman Braman\*  
Steven J. Brodie  
Hon. Amy Dean\*  
Rebeca Delaster  
Isaac K. "Ike" Fisher\*  
Mikki Futernick

Ellie Ganz  
Barbara Black Goldfarb\*  
Ezra Katz\*  
Ruben Kloda  
Steven J. Kravitz\*  
Donald E. Lefton\*  
William Lehman\*

Nancy Lipoff  
Norman H. Lipoff\*  
Nedra Yulman Oren\*  
Sidney M. Pertnoy  
Aaron Podhurst\*  
Dorothy Podhurst  
Jeffrey Scheck\*

Michael Scheck\*  
Raquel Scheck  
Maxine E. Schwartz  
Stanley Weinstein  
Richard Yulman

*\* Past President/Past Board Chair*

### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Administrative

Brian Riemer  
**Agency Support**  
Maty Jamal  
Joshua C. Kligler

#### Audit

Steven Gretenstein

#### Campaign Cabinet

Elise Udelson

#### Executive Evaluation & Compensation

Moj Khaghan Danial  
**Federation/Synagogue Relations**

Stuart N. Ratzan  
Rabbi Eliezer Wolf

#### Financial Management

Matthew L. Adler

#### Foundation Board of Trustees

Shelly Brodie

#### Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach

Matan Benaviv

#### International Division Board

Yosef B. Shwedel

#### Internation Division Campaign

Daniel Grauer

#### Investment

Lauren B. Leichtman

#### Israel & Overseas

Sheree Savar

#### Israel Engagement

David Michael Scharlin

#### Israeli Division Board

Amir Hayun

#### Israeli Division Campaign

Yamit Cohen

Denise Tamir

#### Jewish Community Relations Council

Steven Scheck

#### Jewish Volunteer Center

Alexandra Alazrachi

#### Leadership Development

Tiffany Zientz Heckler

#### Miami Beach Branch Board

Adam Bergman

#### Miami Beach Campaign

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#### Mishkan Miami

Daniel Fujita

#### Nominating

Ariel J. Bentata

#### Planning & Distribution

Elise Scheck Bonwitt

#### South Dade Branch Board

Scott Weingarden

#### South Dade Campaign

Charlotte J. Cassel

#### Women's Philanthropy Board

Amanda Adler

#### Women's Philanthropy Campaign

Leslie Benitah

#### Young Leadership Division

Hernán Bater

Pearleen Lederman

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEES & TASK FORCES

**Jewish Miami Commons**  
Robert G. Berrin  
Lily Serviansky

## LOCAL & NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

**Alper JCC Miami**  
**on The Jay Morton-Levinthal Campus**  
Ali Mendoza

**American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee -**  
**Miami Representative**  
Susan Weiss Firestone  
Bruce Kohrman

**Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education**  
Mark Kravitz

**Florida Hillel Student Representative**  
Ela Behore

**Galbut Family Miami Beach JCC**  
**on the Simkins Family Campus**  
Michelle Benaviv

**High School Student Representative**  
Zachary Lewis

**Jewish Community Services of South Florida**  
Mitchell Morris

**Jewish Agency for Israel**  
Robert C. Gilbert

**Jewish Federations of North America -**  
**Miami Representative**  
Moj Khaghan Danial  
Laura P. Koffsky  
Elise Scheck Bonwitt  
Sheree Savar  
Elise Udelson

**Jewish Federations of North America - At Large**  
Amy Berger Chafetz  
Tracey M. Spiegelman

**Miami Jewish Health**  
Ronald Fieldstone

**Michael-Ann Russell JCC**  
**on the Sanford L. Ziff Campus**  
Tama Rozovski

**Mount Sinai Medical Center**  
Mark H. Hildebrandt

**Rabbinical Association of Greater Miami**  
Rabbi Jeremy Barras

**United Israel Appeal - Miami Representative**  
Tracey M. Spiegelman

## LIFE TRUSTEE

Jerry Blank

## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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\*\* Appointed by the Chair of the Board