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CAPITAL JEWISH MUSEUM LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF FOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

New Appointees Further Strengthen the Museum's Professional and Cultural Networks

Washington, D.C. (January 26, 2024) — At its December 2023 Board meeting, the Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum voted to approve the appointment of four new members to the board of directors. "I am delighted to welcome these new board members—each with unique talents and skills that will help to strengthen the Museum's position and expand its reach," stated **Esther Safran Foer, President**.

Jodi Cafritz a native Washingtonian who now lives in New York, has been the principal at Signature Design Inc. for more than 30 years, where she works with a variety of prominent firms, international corporations, non-profits and several start-up companies on the creation and design of their communications needs, including art direction, project management, and marketing and creative strategy planning. Her firm also develops tasteful and functional interior design and space planning. She brings more than 40 years of experience in the graphic design industry. Cafritz received a B.A. from Syracuse University and attended the Sidwell Friends School for high school.

Thea Cohen currently serves as the Director of Strategic Engagement at the American Constitution Society, where she oversees its clerkship assistance program and aids the state and federal judicial nominations pipeline. Before she joined ACS, Cohen served as part of the Voter Protection Team for the Democratic Party of Georgia in the 2020 presidential election and 2021 Senate runoff. Prior to that, she served as counsel for the Making Every Vote Count Foundation, an organization dedicated to exploring alternatives to the current presidential selection system. Cohen also was a law clerk for a judge in the District Court for the District of Columbia and a judge on the Court of Federal Claims and an associate at the D.C. office of Kirkland & Ellis, LLP. Cohen received her J.D. from Georgetown University and her B.A. from Brown University in Religious Studies.

Elisa Glazer brings more than 25 years of experience in the non-profit sector, with a focus on financial resiliency of cultural and educational organizations. Currently, she's the Senior Strategic Advisor for Advancement at the Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of African Art. She spent time as a consultant and development leader at cultural institutions across the D.C. area, including as the Chief Development Officer at the National Gallery of Art, the Director of External Affairs/Chief Advancement Officer at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery and Freer Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institution, Senior Director of Development at The Brookings Institution. She earned an M.A. in Art History from Brown University and a B.A. in Political Science from Duke University.

Gigi Sohn is the co-founder of Public Knowledge, a non-profit D.C.-based public interest group involved in the fields of intellectual property law, competition and choice in the digital marketplace and an open standards/end-to-end internet. She previously worked as Counselor to Former FCC Chairman, Tom Wheeler, a Project Specialist for the Ford Foundation's Media, Arts, and Culture unit, and Executive Director of the Media Access Project, a communications public interest law firm. She teaches at the University of Southern California and the University of Melbourne and hosts *Tech on the Rocks*, a podcast focused on media, tech policy, and broadband. Previously, she held fellowship

positions with Georgetown Law's Institute for Technology Law & Policy, Open Society Foundations, and Mozilla. Sohn received a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and a B.S. from Boston University.

Additional board updates include the appointments of **Melissa Hausfeld** as Secretary and **Stuart Youngentob** as Treasurer to the executive committee.

A full list of the board members can be found at [CapitalJewishMuseum.org/Leadership](https://capitaljewishmuseum.org/Leadership)

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Capital Jewish Museum

The Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum opened to the public in June 2023. The new Museum explores the Jewish experience in the national capital region and inspires visitors to connect, reflect, and act: connect personally and collectively, reflect on the relevance of the past to today, and act on behalf of their communities and values. With its experimental spirit, the Museum connects the past to the present through thought provoking exhibitions, dynamic programming, and creative public experiences.

For more information about the Capital Jewish Museum, please visit:
<https://capitaljewishmuseum.org>.

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