

CAPITAL JEWISH MUSEUM LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD PRESIDENT AND THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

New Appointees Further Strengthen the Board's Professional Network

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Washington, D.C. (January 31, 2025) — In December 2024, the Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museums Board of Directors voted to approve the appointment of a new president and three new members. "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 **Bea Gurwitz, Executive Director**.

Chris Wolf, President, is a fourth generation Washingtonian who loves DC history—specifically Jewish history. Wolf was educated at B-CC High School, Bowdoin College, the London School of Economics, and W&L Law. After law school, he moved back to DC in 1980, where he has lived ever since. Following a clerkship with a DC federal district judge, he practiced exclusively in Washington for nearly forty years, retiring as a partner at Hogan Lovells US LLP. Prior Board commitments include the Anti-Defamation League (local and national), National Symphony Orchestra, WETA Public Broadcasting, George Washington University Hospital, Food and Friends, Young Concert Artists, and the DC History Center.

"It is a great honor to serve as President of the Capital Jewish Museum. I am so proud of the role the Museum plays in preserving and telling the stories of Jewish life in the capital region, from the first residents to today's thriving community," stated **Chris Wolf, President**. "Telling these stories, to Jews and gentiles alike, acknowledges the contributions of Jews in the community. At a time when antisemitism is raging in the United States, this recognition helps counteract the virus of hate. This leadership opportunity follows my recent service on the national board of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), whose local board I chaired in the 1990's. Helping to celebrate Jews and Judaism is a fitting compliment to ADL's work to protect Jews."

Tracy Reichman Kalik is a partner with Heideman Nudelman & Kalik, P.C., representing clients in complex civil and consumer litigation and as a registered lobbyist. She has served on national and international boards, including as Chair of the Women's Leadership Initiative Advisory Council for the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, and has been involved with local legal agencies, including the DC Bar Association and the Domestic Violence Clinic at George Washington University School of Law. Kalik, originally from St. Louis, MO, resides in Bethesda, MD, with her husband Greg. She received her BA from Emory University and her JD from George Washington University School of Law.

Dr. Diane Webber, a British solicitor, is an expert in comparative counterterrorism law and policy and human rights. Webber and her husband live in DC, as do her children and grandchildren, and are members of Kesher Israel in Georgetown. She earned her LLM and SJD at Georgetown Law Center in Washington, DC.

Jeff Yablon is a retired attorney and expert on tax law for non-profit organizations. He was the 2017 recipient of the prestigious Vanguard Award, bestowed by the American Bar Association's Nonprofit Organizations Committee of the Business Law Section. Yablon has been a Trustee of Adas Israel Congregation from 2015 to 2021. He lives in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood of Washington, DC, with

his wife, Jean. He received his BA from the University of Wisconsin and his law degree from Stanford Law School, where he was a member of the Stanford Law Review.

Additional board updates include the appointments of **Sherry Bindeman Kahn** as Vice President, **Nancy Alper** as Secretary, and **Nancy Robinson Breuer** as Member At-Large to the executive committee.

A full list of the board members can be found at CapitalJewishMuseum.org/Leadership

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Capital Jewish Museum

The Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum, one of DC's newest museums, opened to the public in June 2023. The Museum explores the Jewish experience in the national capital region and inspires visitors to 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: <u>https://capitaljewishmuseum.org</u>.

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