Community Re-imagined

EXPLORING

NEW HORIZONS

A Community of Community Leaders

JULY 7-10, 2011

Yeshiva University
CENTER FOR THE JEWISH FUTURE
OUR MISSION IS TO SHAPE, ENRICH, AND INSPIRE THE CONTEMPORARY JEWISH COMMUNITY BY CONVENING THE RESOURCES OF YESHIVA UNIVERSITY,

- and -

- Infusing the student body with a spirit of leadership and sense of responsibility to the Jewish people and society in general.
- Building, cultivating, and supporting communities, and their lay and rabbinic leaders.
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Dear Friend,

On behalf of President Richard M. Joel, our hosts Mindy and Ira Mitzner, the David Mitzner Dean of the CJF Rabbi Kenneth Brander, and the entire Yeshiva University family, we welcome you to the sixth Leadership Conference at ChampionsGate. It is truly a privilege for us to gather with such a distinguished group of Jewish community leaders and partners.

This year's conference, titled, "Community Re-imagined: Exploring New Horizons," has been designed to challenge us to grapple with the unprecedented rate of change in today's world. Globalization and changes in technology and communication have impacted our community in significant ways. We begin our conversation by examining old and new models and learning from them, with the goal of re-imaging our own kehillot.

In trying to embrace today's new realities and deal with the challenges and opportunities it brings, we engage in discussions on a variety of topics currently at the forefront of our community. These will include inspiring leadership, innovation in our organizations, and new models for online learning in the 21st century. By joining with over 400 delegates representing nearly 100 communities from across the globe, the ChampionsGate conversations will be enriched by unique and varied perspectives and experiences.

It is our sincere hope that our ChampionsGate experience will not only foster fresh ideas but friendships that will endure to help build a proud and hopeful Jewish future.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Ari Rockoff

Director, Department of Community Partnership
Center for the Jewish Future, Yeshiva University

If you need assistance, please call the YU Kiosk at (407) 390-6624 or contact Yoni Cohen at 917-376-4325 or Menachem Lewin at 718-683-6607.
THURSDAY, JULY 7TH

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM
ברוכים הבאים
Arrival and Check-In
Welcome Buffet
INTERNATIONAL II
ChampionsGate Registration Desk Open
MAIN LOBBY
ChampionsGate Kiosk Open
ROTUNDA
Visit the ChampionsGate Kiosk, open for the duration of the conference, to modify your choices of leadership forums and personal consultations, create and update your profile on the CG Online Community, and receive conference updates.

CJF Advisory Council Meeting
SUITE 245
Private Event

4:30 PM
מנחה
Mincha
SHUL (NATIONAL A)

5:00 PM – 6:45 PM
סימפוזיון: עולם שונה ומשתנה
Symposium: Community Re-imagined in an Ever-Changing World
NATIONAL B
In an era of globalization, new technology, and dramatic change, how is the landscape of the Jewish community affected? “Community” is defined as a group of people with common purposes, goals and aspirations; we begin our ChampionsGate conversation analyzing different paradigms of community with the goal of re-imagining our own kehilla models.

• Moderator: Rabbi Kenneth Brander
• Panelists:
  Rabbi Yechezkel Eckstein – Faith Community
  Dr. Rachel Rabinovitch – Emerging Community
  Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter – Historical Community
  Ms. Deborah Schultz – E-Community

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Community Re-imagined: Breakout Sessions
Meet in small groups to reflect on the symposium and discuss your own perspectives on community based on your leadership experiences.

Facilitators:
Mr. Bill Drath DUBLIN A (Brown)
Rabbi Dr. Hillel Davis DUBLIN B (Silver)
Rabbi Josh Joseph CONGRESSIONAL A (Black)
Mrs. Amy Katz CONGRESSIONAL B (Purple)
Rabbi Aaron Leibowitz AUGUSTA A (Blue)
Rabbi Ari Pearl AUGUSTA B (Light Blue)
Mrs. Suzy Schwartz OLYMPIC A (Yellow)
Mr. Marc Spear OLYMPIC B (Orange)
Rabbi Adam Starr COLONIAL A (Black)
Ms. Rhoda Weisman COLONIAL B (Green)
Rabbi Howard Zack OAKMONT A (White)
Rabbi Eliezer Zwickler OAKMONT B (Red)

8:15 PM
Dinner
DINING ROOM (NATIONAL D)
• Welcome Remarks:
  Mr. and Mrs. Ira and Mindy Mitzner
• Address:
  President Richard M. Joel
• Dvar Torah:
  Ms. Deena Klein and Ms. Ester Stiefel, Presidential Fellows

9:45 PM
מעריב
Maariv
SHUL (NATIONAL A)

10:00 PM
Dessert Reception
INTERNATIONAL II

10:45 PM
ChampionsGate Mentorship Program
ROYAL DUBLIN
An inaugural initiative, this program matches veteran ChampionsGate participants with younger community leaders.
Private Event
**FRIDAY, JULY 8TH**

**6:15 AM**
Daf Yomi: מסכת חולין דף י"ב
Daf Yomi: Chulin 12
SHUL (NATIONAL A)
Rabbi Ezra Schwartz

**Morning Jog with Students**
MEET IN HOTEL LOBBY

**Live Broadcast from ChampionsGate on “JM in the AM” with Nachum Segal**
ROTUNDA

**7:00 AM**
Shacharit
SHUL (NATIONAL A)

**7:30 AM**
Breakfast
DINING ROOM (NATIONAL D)
- Maximizing Your ChampionsGate Experience
  Ms. Chavi Becker
- Preparation:
  Third Annual ChampionsGate Chulent Competition
  ROTUNDA

**8:45 AM**
leadership forums

**Leadership Forums**
Engage in a series of dynamic discussions, focusing on central issues that stand at the forefront of our community. We are excited to welcome expert facilitators from the world-renowned Center for Creative Leadership (CCL) who will be playing a key role in shaping our conversations together with our Subject Matter Experts (SME's.)

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**12:30 PM**
Lunch
DINING ROOM (NATIONAL D)
- Program Feature: Community Service Learning
- Community Recognition Awards:
  Presented by: Rabbi Kenneth Brander, and Mr. Shuki Taylor
  Recipients:
  Mr. and Mrs. Avram and Sharon Blumenthal
  Mr. and Mrs. Beryl and Doreen Eckstein
  Beth El – Atereth Israel Congregation, Newton, MA
  Accepted by: Rabbi Gershon Segal
- ChampionsGate: A Community Engaged
  Rabbi Ari Rockoff

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**LEADERSHIP FORUM TOPICS**

| INSPiring LEADERSHIP IN TIMES OF CHANGING VALUES | A facilitated conversation with a CCL coach
SME: Rabbi Ronald Schwarzberg |
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| CREATING SUSTAINABLE DAY SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES:  | A facilitated conversation with a CCL coach
SME’s: Dr. Harry Bloom, Mr. Nathan Diament, Esq.
Mr. Sam Moed |
| THE NEXT BIG JEWISH IDEAS:                       | A facilitated conversation with a CCL coach
SME’s: Mr. Mike Strauss, Mr. Shuki Taylor |
| WILL WE DRIVE CHANGE, OR WILL CHANGE DRIVE US?   | A facilitated conversation with a CCL coach
SME’s: Rabbi Binny Freedman, Mrs. CB Neugroschl |
| INFUSING RELIGIOUS LIFE WITH GREATER SPIRITUALITY| A facilitated conversation
SME: Mrs. Yocheved Schacter |
| RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH THE AGES:                  | 21ST CENTURY LEARNING: THE FUTURE OF DAY SCHOOLS
SME’s: Dr. Scott Goldberg, Rabbi Dr. Gil Perl |
| DATING, EARLY MARRIAGE & BEYOND                 | A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING MEDIA
SME: Dr. David Pelcovitz |
| NEXT FRONTIERS OF JEWISH EDUCATION               | |
| NAVIGATING THE HOME-SCHOOL-SHUL PARTNERSHIP     | |

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**LOCATION**

**DUBLIN**
SME’s:
- Rabbi Ronald Schwarzberg

**COLONIAL**
SME’s:
- Dr. Harry Bloom, Mr. Nathan Diament, Esq.
- Mr. Sam Moed

**AUGUSTA**
SME’s:
- Mr. Mike Strauss, Mr. Shuki Taylor

**CONGRESSIONAL**
SME’s:
- Rabbi Binny Freedman, Mrs. CB Neugroschl

**OAKMONT**
SME:
- Mrs. Yocheved Schacter

**NAVIGATING THE HOME-SCHOOL-SHUL PARTNERSHIP**
SME:
- Dr. David Pelcovitz
Afternoon Programming

Building on momentum from the morning sessions, engage in action learning to actualize the ideas discussed (please see table below.) Alternatively, participate in exciting workshops and meet our leading professional in personal and communal consultations.

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

Workshops

FUNDING THE FUTURE: EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES
Mr. Dan Forman
OLYMPIC B

IT TAKES A VILLAGE: BRAINSTORMING SESSION TO EXPAND CONNECTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLES
Dr. Efrat Sobolofsky
SHUL (NATIONAL A)

SOCIAL MEDIA AS A TOOL FOR YOUR INSTITUTIONS
Ms. Deborah Schultz
NATIONAL B

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Personal and Communal Consultations

AFFORDABILITY & STRATEGIC PLANNING
Dr. Harry Bloom
COLONIAL

BOARD DEVELOPMENT & LEGAL COUNSEL
Mr. Avi Lauer, Esq.
SUITE 271

JEWISH PERSONNEL SEARCHES & PLACEMENT
Rabbi Ronald Schwarzberg
DUBLIN

ONE-ON-ONE LEADERSHIP COACHING
Ms. Rhoda Weisman
SUITE 245

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP
Dr. Scott Goldberg
SUITE 249

SOCIAL MEDIA AS A TOOL FOR YOUR INSTITUTIONS
Ms. Deborah Schultz
SUITE 241

4:00 PM

Washington Leaders Fellowship Graduation
OLYMPIC B
Private Event

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Recreational Activities & Shabbat Preparation

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Session 2: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

- A facilitated conversation with a CCL coach
  SME: Rabbi Ronald Schwarzberg
  LOCATION: DUBLIN

- A facilitated conversation with a CCL coach
  SME’s: Dr. Harry Bloom, Mr. Nathan Diament, Esq., Mr. Sam Moed
  LOCATION: COLONIAL

- A facilitated conversation with a CCL coach
  SME’s: Mr. Mike Strauss, Mr. Shuki Taylor
  LOCATION: AUGUSTA

- A facilitated conversation with a CCL coach
  SME’s: Rabbi Binny Freedman, Mrs. CB Neugroschl
  LOCATION: CONGRESSIONAL

- A facilitated conversation
  SME: Mrs. Yocheved Schacter
  LOCATION: OAKMONT

- ONLINE LEARNING: WHY JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS SHOULD NOT IGNORE IT
  SME’s: Dr. Eliezer Jones, Mrs. Rachel Mohl-Abrahams, Dr. Lawrence Schiffman
  LOCATION: CHAMPIONSGATE ROOM

- A GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING SEXUALITY
  SME: Dr. David Pelcovitz
  LOCATION: NATIONAL B

Action Learning based on the morning’s sessions

Refer to Afternoon Programming above for alternative options for session 3 slot.
SHABBAT, JULY 8TH

We are looking forward to spending this Shabbat together. There are a few “Shabbat Elements” that should be noted:

General Hotel Guidelines:
• Please make sure you have your nametag with you at all times over the course of Shabbat. Your nametag is your identification and will ensure access to all parts of the conference.
• There will be security guards on your floor to let you into your guest room. Please show them your nametag and advise them of your room number so they can let you into your room.
• Please note that on Friday night security will be available until 1:30 AM, and will resume Shabbat morning at 7:30 AM. If you need to access your room after 1:30 AM, please advise the hotel’s front desk.
• Please be aware that there is no eruv on the premises.
• The restrooms in the public areas of the hotel are electric. The restrooms on the lower level (where we will be holding the majority of the program) have manual stalls to be used over Shabbat. There is signage to indicate which stalls are manual and there are tissues in each of these stalls.
• Please stop by the YU Kiosk if you need arrangements for an elevator over Shabbat.
• We have arranged for all guests to be on low floors. There are several stairwells which are easily accessible and there is signage to indicate where these staircases are.
• Automatic escalators in the hotel are permitted to be used on Shabbat. (Sh’mirat Shabbat K’hilchatah, chapter 23:52).

Hotel Guest Rooms:
• In your room there is a light in the closet with an automatic sensor. Underneath the sensor there is a button. Hold down the button for 5 seconds to disable the sensor so that the light will not turn on during Shabbat.
• Please note that housekeeping will leave the rooms “as is” over Shabbat. Any lights left on/off will stay that way.
• Housekeeping will provide extra tissues in your room for Shabbat.
• If you have any questions or concerns, please stop by the YU Kiosk at any time.

7:00 PM
Connect and unite with over 400 community leaders from across the globe to create a relaxing, inspiring and educational Shabbat experience.

Hadlakat Neirot
ROTUNDA

7:00 PM
מנחה, קבלת שבת ומעריב
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv
SHUL (NATIONAL A)
Shabbat Welcoming Remarks:
A Perfect Game in an Imperfect World
Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik

8:15 PM
סעודת ליל שבת
Seudat Leil Shabbat
DINING ROOM (NATIONAL D)
• Divrei Torah:
  Mrs. Raizie Weissman,
  GiveBack and Experiential Jewish Education Fellow
  Ms. Chana Cooper,
  Stern College for Women, Class of 2012

9:45 PM
עונג שבת
Oneg Shabbat: Led by Chazzan Shimon Craimer and Rabbi Binny Freedman
INTERNATIONAL II
• Divrei Torah:
  Ms. Miryam Speigel,
  Graduate Program of Advanced Talmudic Studies,
  Class of 2012
  Mr. Tzvi Solomon,
  Yeshiva College, Class of 2013
  Mr. Charlie Harary, Esq.
• Third Annual ChampionsGate Chulent Competition
SHABBAT, JULY 9TH

7:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Breakfast
DINING ROOM (NATIONAL D)

7:45 AM
Daf Yomi: מסכת חולין דף י
Daf Yomi: Chulin 13
SHUL (NATIONAL A)
Rabbi Ezra Schwartz

7:45 AM
Parshat Shavuot Shiur: Bilam’s Vision for the Revitalized Jewish Community
Parashat Hashavua Shiur: Bilam’s Vision for the Revitalized Jewish Community
NATIONAL B
Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

8:30 AM
Shacharit
Shul (NATIONAL A)

II:15 AM
Kodshera Ruh
Hot Kiddush
ROTUNDA AND INTERNATIONAL II

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
A Taste of YU Torah
Explore the Torah’s text and wisdom with resident scholars through concurrent lectures and shiurim. Eight options allow you to choose an area of interest for each of the two sessions.
Session 1: 12:00 PM – 12:40 PM
Session 2: 12:50 PM – 1:30 PM
Each session will repeat twice.

COMMUNITY & HALAKHAH IN THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS
Dr. Lawrence Schiffman
CHAMPIONS GATE ROOM

ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11: DEALING WITH THE AGUNAH CHALLENGE
Rabbi Yona Reiss
SHUL (NATIONAL A)

RABBI AKIVA: ELITISM IN TALMUD TORAH
Mrs. CB Neugroschl
AUGUSTA

THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN GENETICS & SHIDDUCHIM
Dr. Nicole Schreiber-Agus and Rabbi Yaakov Neuburger
OLYMPIC

THE MENORAH FROM THE ARCH OF TITUS TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL: SYMBOL & CONTROVERSY
Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter
ROYAL DUBLIN

THE TALMUDIC MARRIAGE OF HENRY THE VIII
Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveichik
COLONIAL

WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE DOES SOMETHING YOU HATE: TOCHACHA TODAY
Rabbi Binny Freedman
OAKMONT

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: TANAKH’S DEAFENING SILENCE
Mrs. Yael Leibowitz
CONGRESSIONAL

1:30 PM
Shabbat Lunch
DINING ROOM (NATIONAL D)

3:00 PM
Shabbat Menucha
SHABBAT, JULY 9TH

4:00 PM
A Window between the Worlds
SHUL (NATIONAL A)
An Armchair Conversation about the Similarities and Differences Between Religious Zionism and Modern Orthodoxy
• Moderator: Mr. Nahum Twersky
• Participants:
  - Mrs. Pnina Neuwirth, Esq.
  - Rabbi David Stav
  - Rabbi Mordechai Torczyner

5:00 PM
Mincha

5:30 PM
Panel: Choices and Priorities: Exploring New Horizons
NATIONAL B
Reflecting on our conversations thus far, this panel will focus on issues such as the future of Jewish day schools in light of new options, and challenging financial choices and decisions facing us today. How will we, both individually and as a community, set priorities to ensure a bright and hopeful future?
• Moderator: Mr. Ira Mitzner
• Panelists:
  - President Richard M. Joel
  - Rabbi Steven Burg
  - Dr. Naomi Greenblatt
  - Rabbi Leonard Matanky
  - Mr. Sam Moed
  - Ms. Leora Niderberg
  - Dr. David Pelcovitz
  - Mr. Barry Shrage

7:00 PM
Seudah Shlishit
DINING ROOM (NATIONAL D)
• Dvar Torah: Ms. Atara Segal
• Shabbat Closing Remarks: President Richard M. Joel

9:00 PM
Maariv & Havdallah
SHUL (NATIONAL A)
Shavuah Tov!

10:00 PM
Melave Malka

10:00 PM – 2:00 AM
Recreational Activities and Tournaments
Panoply Game
NATIONAL C
3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
(Sign-up at YU Kiosk)
OUTDOOR COURT
Ping Pong Tournament
(Sign-up at YU Kiosk)
ROTUNDA
Lazy River
  - Women’s Hours: 11:00 PM – 12:00 AM
  - Men’s Hours: 12:00 AM – 1:00 AM

11:15 PM
Kumzitz with Rabbi Dr. Jacob J. Schacter, Accompanied by Chazzan Shimon Craimer and Rabbi Binny Freedman
NATIONAL C
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**CHILD-PROOFING YOUR SHUL:**
HALAKHIC AND PRACTICAL CONCERNS
Rabbi Mark Dratch
CONGRESSIONAL

**COULD ZIONISM BE ANOTHER FALSE MESSIAH?**
Mrs. Phina Neuwirth, Esq.
DUBLIN

**MARGARET THATCHER, RABBI JAKOBOVITS, & THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND**
Rabbi Dr. Meir Soloveitchik
OLYMPIC

**THE SECULAR JEW IN THE EYES OF TODAY’S POSKIM**
Rabbi David Stav
AUGUSTA

**THE THEOLOGICAL RAMIFICATIONS OF A UNILATERALLY DECLARED STATE**
Rabbi Yaakov Neuburger
COLONIAL

**WOMEN’S EDUCATION, WOMEN’S ROLES:**
PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE
Dr. Karen Bacon
OAKMONT

**Lunch-to-Go**
ROTUNDA

ולחתראות ונסיעת טובות!
**PRESENTERS AND FACILITATORS:**

**DR. NICOLE SCHREIBER-AGUS**  
Nicole received an AB degree from Princeton University, followed by a PhD degree from Einstein. She then led a biomedical research laboratory at Einstein for eight years. She now serves as the Scientific Director of the Genetics Laboratory at Jacobi Medical Center and is an Assistant Professor of Genetics at Einstein. Nicole is also among the leadership team of the new Program for Jewish Genetic Health of Yeshiva University.

**DR. KAREN BACON**  
A valedictorian of Stern College for Women, Dr. Bacon has served as the Dr. Monique C. Katz Dean of Stern since 1977. Dr. Bacon earned a Ph.D. in microbiology from UCLA, where she was a National Institute of Health Predoctoral Fellow and a United States Public Health Service Post-Doctoral Trainee. She served as a research associate at Indiana University and was on the faculty of Yeshiva College.

**MS. CHAVI BECKER**  
Chavi Becker is a program manager in the Department of Community Partnership at Yeshiva University. In this capacity, she engages with lay leadership from across North America and the globe, working specifically with the ChampionsGate community. She received her Bachelor's degree in Biology from Stern College, is currently completing an MA in Medieval Jewish History at Revel, and is beginning a degree in Organizational Psychology.

**DR. HARRY BLOOM**  
Dr. Harry Bloom is Director of Planning and Performance Improvement for YU’s Institute for University-School Partnership. In this capacity, he helps day schools develop strategies to increase revenue and reduce expenses while improving educational quality. Previously, he consulted for McKinsey & Company and General Electric with issues related to strategy, finances and marketing. Dr. Bloom has also presented at conferences including PEJE, the Solomon Schechter Association, and Torah Umesorah.

**RABBI KENNETH BRANDER**  
Rabbi Kenneth Brander is the inaugural David Mitzner Dean of Yeshiva University Center for the Jewish Future. He is Rabbi Emeritus of the Boca Raton Synagogue and founder of the Weinbaum Yeshiva High School of Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Rabbi Brander has authored many articles in various scholarly journals and co-edited The Yeshiva University Haggadah.

**RABBI STEVEN BURG**  
Rabbi Steven Burg is the International Director of NCSY, a movement of more than 35,000 Jewish teens in over 200 communities. Rabbi Burg is also the founder of the Jewish Student Union (JSU), a network of 250 public high school clubs that reaches more than 20,000 unaffiliated Jewish teens. In addition to his role as International Director of NCSY, Rabbi Burg serves as the Managing Director of the Orthodox Union.

**CHAZZAN SHIMON CRAIMER**  
Shimon Craimer is the Chazan at the Riverdale Jewish Center in New York. Shimon regularly performs at simchas and concerts as a lead singer for the popular band Neshoma Orchestra. He recently appeared on Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks’ “Home of Hope” double-CD celebrating Israel’s 60th anniversary, and accompanies the Chief Rabbi on an annual solidarity mission to Israel.

**RABBI DR. HILLEL DAVIS**  
Dr. Davis is Vice President for University Life at Yeshiva University. He oversees campus life, enrollment management, student affairs, and student aid. A graduate of Yeshiva College, he received his MA from Bernard Revel Graduate School of Jewish Studies and rabbinic ordination from RIETS. In addition, he earned a master’s degree and PhD in Organizational Psychology from New York University.
MR. NATHAN DIAMENT
Mr. Diament is the Washington D.C.-based director of public policy for the Orthodox Union. For more than a decade, Diament has worked with policy makers on issues including the US-Israel relationship, religious liberty, education, homeland security, stem cell research, and energy reform. In 2009, he was appointed by President Obama to serve as one of 25 members of the President’s Advisory Council on Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships. He is a graduate of Yeshiva College and Harvard Law School.

RABBI MARK DRATCH
Rabbi Mark Dratch is an Instructor of Judaic Studies and Philosophy at Yeshiva University and Founder and CEO of JSafe: The Jewish Institute Supporting an Abuse Free Environment. He is the Rabbi of Camp Morasha.

RABBI YECHIEL ECKSTEIN
Rabbi Yechiyl Z. Eckstein, founder and president of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, has devoted more than 35 years to building bridges of understanding between Christians and Jews and support for Israel. The world’s leading Jewish authority on evangelical Christians, Rabbi Eckstein received semikah from Yeshiva University and holds master’s degrees from Yeshiva University and Columbia. He serves on the executive committee of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Israel.

RABBI BINNY FREEDMAN
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David works as a researcher in the Futures group at Renaissance Technologies and is on the Board of Overseers of the University of Pennsylvania School of Engineering. David received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his PhD from Stanford University.
RABBI LEONARD MATANKY
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