

## SLATE FOR THE 2022 MNJCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MNJCC NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

### **NATALIE FINGERHUT**

Natalie is an editor at New Jewish Press and in the Humanities Division at the University of Toronto Press. Prior to publishing, she worked in management consulting and in technical communications. She holds a Master's degree in History from the University of Toronto and a B.A. from Sarah Lawrence College. Natalie previously served on the Board of Directors at the MNjcc in 2008 for two terms and was co-chair of the Programming Committee. Currently, Natalie is the co-chair of the Downtown Jewish Community Council and is involved in the Task Force on Jewish Life. In 2017, she received a Shem Tov Award from UJA in recognition of her commitment to the Jewish Community.

Her recent volunteer efforts involved producing communications materials for JIAS Toronto, the First Narayever, Congregation, Lifeline Syria, and the Toronto Children's Chorus. She is the mother of two MNjcc Nursery School alumni.

### **STEVEN FRIEDMAN • TREASURER**

Steven is a self-employed accountant, servicing owner-managed businesses primarily in real estate and film production industries. Previously he held a position as a Senior VP of a property management and real estate development company. Steven obtained his Graduate Diploma in Accountancy at McGill University and subsequently CPA and CFP designations. His volunteer activities consist of long-term involvement with Toronto Jewish Free Loan where he held various positions including President, and as Treasurer of Mariposa in the Schools (MITS) and Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR). The Bloor Y/MNjcc has been an important part of Steven's life throughout the years, from rooftop parties, children's programs, fitness and recent member of Finance and Audit committees.

### **AARON D. GRANDE**

Aaron is Vice President of the Capital Advisory team at Generation PMCA Corp. Aaron works with corporate clients offering a range of financing and advisory services. In addition, Generation provides discretionary managed accounts on behalf of individuals and institutions. Aaron has held positions with several independent financial services organizations, beginning in 1999. Aaron graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He had the privilege to represent Canada in the 2013 Maccabiah Games. Most important to Aaron is his family. Aaron, Paula, and their wonderful daughter live in mid-town Toronto.

### **DARNEL HARRIS**

Currently the Operations Planner at the Neighbourhood Land Trust, Darnel supports board governance, acquisition planning, stewardship and member programming as it relates to the affordable housing mission in Parkdale. For ten years, Darnel has acquired a depth of non-profit board governance experience from both staff and Director's roles. Darnel served on the Board of Governors of York University, and two successful sustainability non-profits based in Ontario. In 2016, he was selected as a Green Talents Fellow by the Government of Germany for his work on sustainable mobility, equity and equal opportunity. In 2018, he was awarded the NextGen Urban Leadership Award from the Canadian Urban Institute in recognition of his ongoing efforts to generate social change through popular education, capacity building, and sustainable urban design in diverse communities. As an active member of the MNjcc, he knows how much of a difference access to programming and services make to the lives of the enthusiastic members. His goal is to work alongside the Board and Management team to collectively repair and rebuild the community.

### **DENNIS HAU**

Dennis finds the most satisfying part of being a Corporate Development Analyst at Peerage is the breadth and depth of knowledge he is exposed to through daily interactions with his colleagues and the management teams of Peerage's partner companies. The most exciting part, he says, is the opportunity to research companies across a variety of industries and contribute to the investment decision-making process, which constantly feeds his curiosity and excitement for learning. Dennis excels at performing complex financial analysis and turning it into practical, actionable information to guide Peerage and its partners on a wide variety of business decisions. Dennis graduated from the Schulich School of Business at York University in 2012, with an Honours Bachelor of Business Administration degree specializing in Accounting and Finance and has worked at Peerage Capital and Peerage Realty since December 2016. Before joining the Peerage team, Dennis worked at Pricewaterhouse Coopers in New York and Toronto as a Senior Associate leading audits of asset management and technology clients. He has also worked at Veritas Investment Research where he was responsible for conducting market research, financial modeling, and drafting research reports. Dennis enjoys being able to juggle several projects at once, using his business acumen and work ethic to achieve results. Dennis is also a CFA charter holder and a Chartered Professional Accountant.

### **BEN KATZ**

Ben is a member of Goldblatt Partners labour law group. He summered and articulated with Goldblatt Partners before joining as an associate following his call to the Bar of Ontario in 2014. Ben's practice focuses on the representation of individuals and unions in all aspects of labour law with an emphasis on the construction industry. He represents clients before boards of arbitration and other administrative tribunals, including the Ontario Labour Relations Board. In addition, as a former national athlete, Ben acts in sports related disputes for both athletes and sports organizations. Ben achieved a First Class LLB from the City University of London and was the recipient of the International Scholar Award. During law school, Ben worked at a civil litigation firm and was editor of the United Kingdom Student Law Review. Ben brings experience and passion to his representation of the interests of individuals, unions and their members. Prior to attending law school, Ben received a Masters of Industrial Relations at the University of Toronto and worked for an international trade union where he represented the union in all matters of collective bargaining, including multiple appearances before interest arbitration boards. When not in the office, Ben can be found on a basketball court attempting to maintain the three-point shot that led him to represent Canada on the national basketball team.

### **FRANK LEWINBERG**

Frank was born in South Africa, trained as an architect, receiving a B. Arch from the University of the Witwatersrand (1966). He worked as an architect in Paris for Jean Prouvé and in London for Arup Associates before studying Urban Planning at MIT, where he received a MCP in 1973. Frank worked as a Planner for the City of Toronto, where he played a key role identifying and creating the Master Plan for the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood, which today is substantially complete and considered a great success. In 1986 he joined with Joe Berridge to found a new urban planning and urban design consultancy which is today known as Urban Strategies Inc. He has had extensive experience working on dozens of private developments, among them CIBC Square – a 2.8 million square foot office development adjacent to Union Station, Brookfield Place, the Rogers head office in Toronto, and the DuPont head office in Mississauga. Frank has guided a number of master

planning initiatives, most recently for Bridgepoint Health, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto's Central Waterfront, Yorkdale and Square One for Oxford Properties. His public policy studies include Living Downtown in Toronto, Guidelines for the Reurbanization of Metro Toronto and the recently Tall Buildings Report: Initiating Change in Downtown Toronto. Frank undertook three workshops on behalf of the Canadian government in South Africa during the transitional period towards majority rule in that country. He has participated on the Boards of Theatre Passe Muraille, Artscape and Foodshare.

#### **DR. NADIRA KHAN**

Dr Nadira Khan, a family doctor by training with a career that has spanned from the delivering of babies to managing addictions patients. Dr. Khan's most recent professional life includes: Lecturer at University of Toronto – Department of Family and Community Medicine; Courtesy staff at Women's College Hospital – Department of Family medicine; PBSGL Facilitator at McMaster University - Foundation for Medical Practice Education and is currently the Lead Physician of the Bedford FHO. Dr. Khan is passionate about equity, diversity and supporting the development of strong communities. She has been privileged to participate on a previous Board and understand the necessity for confidentiality and the value of spirited debate with respect. Ultimately, the responsibility of maintaining the authenticity of the mission of the J is the most important issue moving forward. Dr. Khan, a mother of four, has had firsthand knowledge of the magic of the JCC as her children have attended the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School and she has served as a Governor on their board during the 2018-2019 academic year.

#### **MILES S. NADAL**

An international entrepreneur, businessman and philanthropist known for his innovative professional partnerships and generous community involvement, Miles Nadal's leadership style inspires the cultural values at the core of each organization he is involved with. Mr. Nadal credits his mother with being the inspiration for his strong belief that "anything is possible." He established Action Photographics at 18 years old and drove to expand it until it evolved into MDC Partners Inc., which became one of the largest marketing and communications companies in the world, with an equity value of \$1.6 billion (2015). MDC's mantra as "The Place Where Great Talent Lives" became globally recognized. Mr. Nadal has created a total of \$6 billion in shareholder value for all of the companies he has started or led, due to his determination to partner with exceptional management teams and actively engage their mutual talents. Now as the Founder, Chairman and CEO of Peerage Capital Group, Mr. Nadal focuses on long-term investing in high quality assets. His growing network of partner companies employs over 1,000 people in the real estate and real estate services, asset management, financial services, aviation services, and private equity investing, with a total of \$7.5 billion in assets. Miles and his family have given keystone gifts to Miles Nadal JCC and to the Koenigsberg & Nadal Interactive Media Center at the School of Communication, University of Miami. He provided the lead gift for the Miles Nadal Heart Centre at Mt. Sinai Hospital, the Miles S. Nadal Management Centre at York University, and the Miles S. Nadal Institute for Technological Entrepreneurship at Tel Aviv University. Miles gifted funds to create the Miles and Kelly Nadal Youth Centre, a Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club facility for at-risk youth in Toronto and has also given generously to the Global Medical Relief Fund and Operation Smile, along with contributions to scholarships, community parks, and medical research.

#### **BRIAN PUKIER • PRESIDENT**

Brian is a corporate lawyer and partner with the law firm Stikeman Elliott LLP, whose practice is focused on mergers & acquisitions, corporate finance and public policy work. He has extensive experience in counselling senior management and boards of directors of leading private and public companies. Early in his career, Brian worked in the Hong Kong and then Budapest offices of Stikeman Elliott. Brian and his wife Joanne are the parents of three children, ranging in age from 14-19. Brian has spent much of the last 30+ years at or near Bloor & Spadina, having attended the University of Toronto between 1985 and 1992, and with children attending the Paul Penna DJDS from 2004-2016. Two of Brian's children have been swim instructors at the MNjcc. Between 2007 and 2011, Brian was on the board of directors of PPDJDS. Brian is a frequent speaker and writer on various M&A and corporate governance topics, and is a member of the board of directors of Computershare Trust Company of Canada.

#### **ZACH ROHER • SECRETARY**

Zach is a Real Estate Development Project Manager at Peloton Developments. He oversees and directs on-site construction while also assisting in the financial analysis and underwriting of acquisitions for future development. In 2014, he graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce in Real Estate and Housing (Co-op) from the University of Guelph. Joining in 2006 while attending Forest Hill Collegiate, he is proud to be a third generation member of the MNjcc. As a volunteer, Zach is actively involved in the AEPi Toronto Alumni Club and the Young Professionals at Holy Blossom. He has also worked with the MNjcc to improve the engagement and programming for young professionals.

#### **WENDY ROTENBERG**

Wendy is a Professor of Finance and Accounting at the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto where she received both her MBA and her Ph.D. She has been on Faculty since 1990. Her teaching and research interests include Financial Management, Corporate Restructuring, and International Accounting and Finance. Her various administrative roles include serving for 12 years as Academic Director of the Rotman Commerce Program. Wendy has served as Chair of the MNjcc Audit Committee and is currently a member of the Audit & Finance Committee. Wendy enjoys the Fitness Centre, especially the saltwater pool, and is pleased to be an involved member of the MNjcc.

#### **MELISSA SMITH**

Melissa was appointed Assistant Curator of Community Programs in 2013 at the Art Gallery of Ontario. Her responsibilities include public programs for adults and accessibility programs. Prior to joining the AGO, Smith worked at the National Gallery of Canada, Library and Archives Canada, and the Diefenbunker, Canada's Cold War Museum. She is also a Sessional Instructor in the Inclusive Design Graduate Program at OCADU. Motivated by a sustained commitment to exploring the unique relationship between art and audiences, Smith was awarded the Royal Ontario Museum Visitor Engagement Award in 2014 and one of Smith's AGO programs was awarded the 2016 People's Choice for Quality Improvement by the City of Toronto Long Term Care Homes and Services. She holds a Master of Arts in Art History from Western University and a Masters of Museum Studies from the University of Toronto. You can read more about her access programming methodology in an article she co-authored, The transformative learning potential of feminist inspired guided art gallery visits for people diagnosed with mental illness and addiction, in the International Journal of Lifelong Education. After moving to Toronto, the MNjcc made the city feel like a home. She feels strongly that the MNjcc acts as a site for community meaning making and helps build relationships with the city and its residents.

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