

## Biographies of the 2022-2023 Board of Directors



### **Debbie Mishek (President)**

Debbie has been a member of TIS since 2014. Debbie grew up in Los Angeles at Temple Beth Am and has lived in San Diego since 1984. She is a developmental/ behavioral pediatrician and currently works as a medical consultant for Social Security Disability. She is happily married to Steve, a retired airline pilot, and has two adult children living nearby. Debbie has been actively involved in the Jewish community most of her life. She sang in a Jewish choir for over 15 years, chants Torah and Haftarah and founded Kol Tefillah which leads a musical Kabbalat Shabbat service once a month. She has collaborated with Rabbi Dorsch and other congregants on developing some alternative services. She was the co-chair of the Rabbinic Search Committee in 2015/16. Debbie has been the Religious Life VP and the Congregational Services VP. Debbie enjoys cooking, singing and walking. This will be her second year as President of TIS. Debbie is honored to have the opportunity to serve the TIS community and to continue to work with everyone to bring music and spirituality into services, build community and develop goals to enhance our community and the world around us.



### **Eva Isaak (Administrative Vice President)**

Eva Isaak has been a member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue since 2011 when her two daughters, Hazel and Sherrie, joined Silverman Preschool. She has been a member of the TIS Board since 2015 and has served as an officer on the Executive Board in the roles of VP of Congregational Services and VP of Youth and Education. Eva is the Owner and Director of Finance and HR at Evari GIS Consulting where she works with her husband, Ari. She was raised in Los Angeles and growing up was active in USY at Adat Ari El, enjoyed summers as a counselor and camper at Camp Ramah, and attended Los Angeles Hebrew High School. She currently enjoys doing the NY Times crossword puzzle every day, exercising some days, speaking Italian when she has the opportunity, and retelling her grandparents' amazing Holocaust survival stories. She is very excited to celebrate Hazel's Bat Mitzvah at Tifereth early next year and honored to serve on the Board another year.

**Ritual Vice President** – This position is temporarily vacant.



### **Lisa Berman-Hernandez (Congregational Services Vice President)**

Lisa Berman-Hernandez is a life-long member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue. She was one of the first Bat Mitzvahs in the new sanctuary on Tommy Drive. She was later confirmed in the same sanctuary and made a pilgrimage to Israel with USY. Lisa met her husband, Angel Hernandez, at Tifereth, where they celebrated their union with the blessings of Rabbi Rosenthal almost 15 years ago. Their pride and joy, Madeline (Maddie), just became a Bat Mitzvah in our beautiful sanctuary!

Lisa's great-grandfathers and great-grandmothers, Saul and Bessie Blanc and Louis and Ida Zemen, were some of the original pioneers of Tifereth when it was located on 18th Street. Her grandfather, Max, was a president of the synagogue, and her grandmother, Lillian, was an original member of our Sisterhood. Lisa's parents, Sharlene and David Berman, have held similar active positions within the synagogue for decades. Not only was Sharlene one of the first Bat Mitzvahs in the history of Tifereth Israel, but she has served as Sisterhood President. Currently, Lisa has her own law firm, Bender Kurlander Hernandez & Campbell, and exclusively practices worker's compensation law helping those marginalized by a broken system. Lisa has always fought for the underdog, as seen by her 13 years as a public defender. She previously taught Hebrew school in Chicago. Lisa has previously served on the Board as Youth and Education VP and Administrative VP.



**Daniella Knelman (Youth and Education Vice President)**

Daniella is a Southern California native who has called San Diego home for over 20 years. She and her husband, Evan, have been members at Tifereth Israel Synagogue for 7 years. Daniella is a graduate of UCSD and USD, and with her husband runs Minimal Chaos, a web design and communication business that specializes in helping non-profit organizations and small businesses build their online presence. She has two boys Riley (7) and Kaleb (4). Riley is a graduate of Silverman Preschool and Kaleb is a current student. When she's not managing the chaos created by her boys, you can find Daniella out on a run through one of San Diego's scenic neighborhoods, cheering on the Padres, or enjoying coffee and conversation with friends.



**Phil Lorang (Finance and Development Vice President)**

Phil Lorang and his wife Ellen have been Tifereth Israel members for six years. Phil grew up in San Diego; Ellen is from New York. Phil's single employer after college was the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in the field of air pollution regulation, most recently in North Carolina. He and Ellen have come back to San Diego for retirement. This will be Phil's third and final year serving as Vice President for Finance and Development at TIS. Phil is currently also the President of the Men's Club. Phil and Ellen are Shabbat morning regulars and frequently attend the morning minyan. You may have heard Phil chant Haftarah on Shabbat morning or Yom Kippur afternoon. Phil and Ellen enjoy visits with their two daughters, two sons, and two daughters-in-law who live in other states.



**Larry Casper (Secretary)**

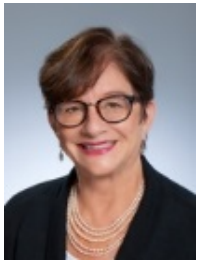
Larry served as the Administrative Vice President for the several years where he oversaw significant building maintenance and improvement projects; and worked closely with the Executive Director on many projects. Larry has also served previously on the Religious Life and Security Committees and as a member of the Board of Directors. For the last 17 years, Larry has served as

criminal prosecutor in the Office of the U.S. Attorney and currently serves as the office's criminal opioid coordinator. His wife, Stacy, is a UCSD professor. Larry and Stacy have two children. Liana just graduated from NYU Tish and is a playwright. Seth is studying computer science at university in the Netherlands. In his spare time, you can either find Larry at TIS, skiing or on the golf course.



**Abraham Broudy (Director)**

Abe Broudy was born and raised in Chula Vista, and has lived in San Diego for most of his life. He attended San Diego Hebrew Day School, and has always been involved in the Jewish community. Abe and his wife Pam were members of TIS in the past, and rejoined 2 years ago when their daughter Yael was preparing for her Bat-Mitzvah. A regular attendee at Shabbat services, Abe enjoys reading Torah and participating in the services. He has worked as a general pediatrician for Children's Primary Care Medical Group for over 20 years, and has served on the TIS Medical Committee helping the shul navigate COVID and all its challenges. When not busy with work, Abe enjoys spending time with his wife Pam and children Benjamin and Yael, taking walks, and playing classical piano.



**Judi Gottschalk (Director)**

Judi Gottschalk's family has been a member of Tifereth since 1950. She had her bat mitzvah and wedding at Tifereth with Rabbi Levens. Professionally, she is an educator who served most of her career in Phoenix, Arizona. She has served on many non-profit boards and most recently as Chairwoman of Women's Philanthropy of the Federation of San Diego County. Judi is looking forward to serving on the Tifereth Board and helping ensure that Tifereth is a warm and engaging home for Jewish life and community.



**Norman Kort (Director)**

Norman was raised in South Africa in an Orthodox Jewish home. He graduated as an Electrical Engineer and in 1981 emigrated to San Diego. He worked for Cubic Transportation Systems on transit fare collection systems around the world until he happily retired in 2015. He is very proud of his two children, daughter Jessica, MBA, married to David, and son Andrew, BA Environmental Science as well as two grandchildren. He married Dr. Annette Feigenbaum in 2007 and in 2011 they moved to Del Cerro where they were warmly welcomed by all at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Norman has been a regular participant in services and shul events, has served on the Religious Life Committee since 2015, participated in Men's Club events, stacked chairs, and even helped Annette plate the Shabbat cookies. From July 2016 to date, he served as a Board member and on Tifereth Israel's Finance Committee; he served on the 2016 Rabbi Search Committee. He served as Secretary on the 2017-2018 Executive Committee, and as Finance VP on the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Executive Committees. He looks forward to continuing to actively contribute

to the growth and success of this wonderful community and congregation as a Board member.



**Randy Philipp (Director)**

Dr. Randy Philipp and Margaret Benedict have been members of Tifereth Israel Synagogue since 1991, shortly after they moved to San Diego. He is currently a professor of mathematics education at San Diego State University (SDSU) where he teaches prospective and practicing teachers how to teach mathematics and he works with graduate students, and he is a member of SDSU's Center for Research in Mathematics and Science Education. He and Margaret have two sons, Elliot and Andrew, both of whom attended the Abraham Ratner Torah School and celebrated their Bar Mitzvahs at TIS. Randy has served on the TIS Board of Directors and he has served on the Executive Board as Secretary. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of San Diego State University's Research Foundation and he has served on several professional boards, most recently as President of the Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (AMTE). From 1981–1983 he served in the U.S. Peace Corps and has stayed in touch with one of his Liberian students. He has been backpacking with some of his Peace Corps friends for many years and they will be hiking this July, 2022 in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.



**Elana Schiff (Director)**

Elana is a 3rd generation TIS member and the first female Bat Mitzvah at current location! She and her two older sisters were married at TIS Cowles Mt. Her parents served in numerous roles on the TIS Board of Directors as well as Men's Club and Sisterhood (mom is a past Sisterhood President). She went to the University of Arizona in Tucson and worked at Congregation Anshei Israel as a Jr. USY Leader/Advisor while she was a student there.

After her marriage, while raising her family in Scottsdale, AZ, she was also a USY leader/advisor at Congregation Beth El. She served on the Board of Directors as the VP of Youth and Education at Congregation Har Zion. (Both daughters became Bat Mitzvah'ed at Har Zion.) Living in Arizona, she worked as an executive in the Cosmetic/Fragrance Retail space. She was President of National Charity League Sonoran Centennial Chapter, and was on the Board of Directors for the Arizona Girls Lacrosse Association. She moved back to San Diego in 2017, and has been the Event and Special Projects Coordinator at Miracle Babies since August 2019.

Her two adult daughters still live in Scottsdale, and the oldest will be getting married in December 2022.

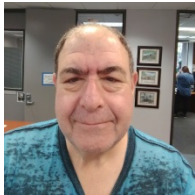


**Ivria Sisson (Director)**

Ivria Sisson has recently joined TIS after moving to San Diego with her husband Daniel and two young kids last fall. They moved directly from San Francisco where she was born and raised and attended Congregation Beth Shalom.

Their daughter Sabina currently attends Silverman preschool and their 6 year old son Caleb attends Dailard Elementary. As a family they love going to the beach and exploring all the amazing parks and trails San Diego has to offer.

Ivria is an Operations Executive and is eager to use her time and experience to help support and promote a strong future for all new and future members within the TIS community.



**Ben Dishman – Men's Club Representative**



**Judy Stern – Sisterhood Representative**