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**The next chapter of
the Jewish Women's
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The Collective

COHORT I



Gabrielle Fondiller, Hatua Network, Kenya and Brooklyn, NY, USA
Works on community development at the local level, and empowers Kenyan youth through mentoring and scholarships in secondary schools, universities and vocational training centers.



Lauren Hersh, World Without Exploitation, Delray Beach, FL, USA
Advocating and organizing to eliminate sex trafficking and violence against women and girls.



Miryam Kabakov, Eshel, Inc., Northampton, MA, USA
Supports LGBTQ+ Orthodox individuals and their families to fully participate in Jewish spaces.



Tania Laden, Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, Washington, DC, USA
Promotes Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander participation and representation at all levels of the political process, from community service to elected office.



Rabbi Benay Lappe, SVARA, Chicago, IL, USA
A radical yeshiva dedicated to the serious study of Talmud through the lens of queer experiences.



Evie Litwok, Witness to Mass Incarceration, New York, NY, USA
Elevate public awareness of mass incarceration, especially the experiences of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and LGBTQ+ people, and work to develop more humane alternatives to incarceration. Programs also ease the transition of those leaving prison and re-entering society.



Yavilah McCoy, DIMENSIONS, Inc., Newton, MA, USA
Engages in multi-faith communities and partners specifically with the Jewish community to address issues of diversity, equity and inclusion.



Mazal Shaul, WePower, Azor, Israel
Promotes and trains women to public and political leadership positions, raising awareness and working to pass legislation on gender-equality issues in Israel.



Susan Weiss, Center for Women's Justice, Jerusalem, Israel
Working to find solutions for the problems of Jewish women and divorce in Israel through legal advocacy, training for attorneys, and community outreach.



Rachel Zaslow, Mother Health International, Uganda and Vienna, VA, USA
Reducing perinatal mortality rates through the education of midwives and the creation of sustainable birth centers in Uganda.

COHORT II



Michal Avera Samuel, Shalom Curriculum Project, Columbus, OH, USA
Develops early childhood educational curriculum reflecting racial and ethnic diversity in the Jewish community.



Michelle Horovitz, Appetite for Change, Minneapolis, MN, USA
Provides youth and workforce development programs, social enterprises, and policy initiatives to help local communities engage with the food system in a fresh and sustainable way.



Rabbi Jill Jacobs, T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights, New York, NY, USA
Trains and mobilizes a network of more than 2,000 rabbis and cantors and their communities to apply a moral voice to human rights in North America, Israel, and the occupied Palestinian territories.



Idit Klein, Keshet, Jamaica Plain, MA, USA
Building a movement to make LGBTQ equality a communal value and imperative in Jewish life.



Rabbi Tamar Manasseh, MASK – Mothers and Men Against Senseless Killings, Chicago, IL, USA
Focuses on preventing gun violence and addressing its underlying causes of poverty, joblessness, food insecurity, and a failing educational system on the South Side of Chicago.



Michal Gera Margaliot, Tel Aviv, Israel
Michal is an advocate for gender equity in Israel in both the NGO and public sectors.



Yael Rockman, Migdal Oz, Modiin, Israel
Yael is an Orthodox Jewish gender equity advocate in Israel with extensive experience in defending the rights of Jewish women denied their Get (religious divorce) by recalcitrant husbands.



Brooke Stern Okoth, S.O.U.L. Foundation, Uganda and Suffern, NY, USA
Facilitates equitable partnerships with rural Ugandans in the areas of education, maternal health, women's empowerment, and food security.



Meg Sullivan, New York, NY, USA
Meg is a community-builder, primarily with unaffiliated and interfaith families.



Viviana Waisman, Madrid, Spain
Viviana is an advocate for advancing women's rights through national court systems and by applying legal human rights standards.

COHORT III



Karyn Grossman Gershon, Project Keshet, New York, USA, Former Soviet Union, and Israel

Advancing gender equity, building Jewish community, and creating public health and wellness for Jewish women in former Soviet Union communities and Israel by developing and empowering Jewish women leaders.



Shoshanna Keats Jaskoll, Chochmat Nashim, Bet Shemesh, Israel

Fights extremism in Israel, particularly around the erasure and marginalization of women in Orthodox and Ultra-Orthodox Judaism.



Sarah Levin, JIMENA, San Francisco, CA, USA

Advances and provides education about the history, heritage and culture of Mizrahi and Sephardic Jews.



Dr. Analucía Lopezrevoredo, Jewtina y Co., Los Angeles, CA, USA

Dedicated to celebrating, exploring, and raising awareness of Latin-Jewish heritage, multiculturalism, and intersectional justice.



Elizabeth Mandel, jGirls+ Magazine, New York, NY, USA

A global community for Jewish female and nonbinary teens to voice their realities, engage with new ideas, and lift each other up as they lead social change.



Shahanna McKinney-Baldon, Edot Midwest, Madison, WI, USA

Invests in the leadership of Midwest Jews of Color, and increases access to Jewish community life for Jews of Color and diverse Jewish families in the region.



Lara Mendel, The Mosaic Project, Oakland, CA, USA

Creating tolerance and future leaders by bringing together children of diverse backgrounds, providing them with essential community building skills, and empowering them to become peacemakers.



Rabbi Jennie Rosenn, Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action, New York, NY, USA

Mobilizing the American Jewish community to confront the climate crisis through political action and community organizing.



Dr. Sara Shapiro-Plevan, Gender Equity in Hiring Project, New York, NY, USA

Dedicated to removing gender bias from hiring and employment processes in Jewish organizational life



Esty Shushan, Nivcharot, Rosh Haayin, Israel

Empowers ultra-Orthodox women and works to include them in political processes and positions of power.

COHORT IV



Ela Alon, Itach Maaki – Women Lawyers for Social Justice, Binyamina, Israel

Advocates for gender equity in Israel through free legal aid and representation in law.



Kerry Brodie, Emma's Torch, Brooklyn, NY, USA

Provides culinary training and job placement services to refugees, asylees, and survivors of human trafficking.



Jodi Bromberg, 18Doors, Acton, MA, USA

Empowers interfaith families to engage in Jewish life and advocates for more welcoming Jewish communities.



Kai Gardner-Mishlove, Jewish Social Services of Madison, Madison, WI, USA

Advocates for local vulnerable communities and builds and promotes cross community collaboration.



Rabba Sara Hurwitz, Maharat, New York, NY, USA

Creating a more diverse Orthodox community by educating, ordaining and investing in Orthodox women.



Lela Klein, Co-op Dayton, Dayton, OH, USA

An incubator for worker- and community-owned businesses that broaden economic opportunities and strengthen working class and Black neighborhoods in Dayton, Ohio.



SooJi Min-Maranda, ALEPH: Alliance for Jewish Renewal, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

Creates programs and activities to inject spiritual vitality and passion into the daily lives of Jews.



Fraidy Reiss, Unchained at Last, Westfield, NJ, USA

Advocacy and service provider dedicated to ending forced and child marriage in the United States.



Nina Smith, GoodWeave, Washington, DC, USA

Works to end child labor by providing the GoodWeave® certification label, signifying that the products are produced free from child labor, brings visibility to workers; and restores childhoods to former workers.



Dana Talmi, Yahel – Israel Service Learning, Zichron Yaakov, Israel

Educating and enabling individuals and organizations to take part in responsible and sustainable volunteering in Israel alongside local community members.

COHORT V



Rina Ayalin-Gorelik, Association of Ethiopian Jews, Bat Yam, Israel
Advocates for optimal inclusion and a better quality of life for Ethiopian Israelis.



Jamie Beck, Free to Thrive, San Diego, CA, USA
Advances justice and transforms the legal system for human trafficking survivors.



Avital Blonder, Jindas – Social Urban Vitalization, Lod, Israel
Advances social mobility through urban renewal projects in Israel's social and geographic periphery.



Wendy Goldberg, Tri-Faith Initiative, Omaha, NE, USA
Cultivates inclusive environments to advance interfaith relationships and understanding.



Kimberly Novod, Saul's Light Foundation, New Orleans, LA, USA
Advocates for public health policies that benefit women and children during the perinatal period and supports families with babies in the neonatal intensive care unit.



Jessica Sager, All Our Kin, Inc., New Haven, CT, USA
Trains, supports, and sustains family child care educators in order to create opportunities for providers and high-quality care options for families.



Dina Shalev, Lada'at – Choose Well, Jerusalem, Israel
Promoting healthy sexuality and sexual and reproductive health, working to ensure individuals have full access to information and are supported in making the right choices for themselves.



Keshet Starr, Organization for the Resolution of Agunot, Hillside, NJ, USA
Seeks to eliminate abuse from the Jewish divorce process.



Orit Sulitzeanu, The Association of Rape Crisis Centers in Israel, Tel Aviv, Israel
Combats sexual violence at the national level in Israel by making the silent voices of victims heard.



Ruth Zakarin, Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, Sharon, MA, USA
Brings together impacted communities, advocates, public health experts, and policy-makers to prevent gun violence in all its forms.