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**THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY ELECTS**  
**THREE NEW MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**The Museum Board welcomes Laury Saligman, Michelle Singer, and Meredith Slawe**

PHILADELPHIA—The **National Museum of American Jewish History** (NMAJH) announces the election of three new members to its Board of Trustees: **Laury Saligman, Michelle Singer, and Meredith Slawe**. The Board is committed to supporting the Museum’s mission and ensuring the institution has a lasting impact for future generations—for all Americans and for all people who appreciate religious liberty and the freedoms to which Americans aspire.

**Ivy Barsky**, the Museum’s CEO and Gwen Goodman Director, says, “We are honored to welcome Laury, Michelle, and Meredith as new Board members. They each bring diverse experiences and skill sets to our Board, and have exhibited a genuine passion for the Museum’s work. We are thrilled to have their enthusiastic support of our mission.”

**Laury Saligman** is the Co-founder and Managing Director of Conservation Collaboratives and has worked at the intersection of business and the environment for over 20 years. She began her career at the United States Environmental Protection Agency and has since worked at Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., Conservation International, Ethical Markets, and a renewable energy start-up. In addition, she started and sold a web-based company focused on indoor environmental quality. In 2006, Ms. Saligman created Conservation Collaboratives, LLC to invest in New England forestland and conserve it. Conservation Collaboratives currently owns over 1,000 acres of forestland and is the home of Victory Hill Trails, a mountain bike area

owned by her husband, John McGill, which hosts several award-winning events in Northeastern Vermont.

Ms. Saligman holds an MBA, focused on sustainability, from the University of Vermont; an MS in Environmental Health Sciences from Harvard University; and a BS in Physics from Georgetown University. She has served on the Board of Directors of North Branch Nature Center in Vermont, was a founding board member of the Friends of Rock Creek's Environment in Washington, DC, and volunteers with several environmental organizations. Ms. Saligman and her family have been ardent supporters of the Museum since its earliest days, playing a key role in the Museum's forthcoming initiative to preserve family histories. Her mother Alice Saligman and late brother Ira Saligman previously served as Museum Trustees. Ms. Saligman lives in Montpelier, Vermont.

**Michelle Singer** is the Vice President of Political Engagement and Corporate Administration at Comcast Corporation. She leads and directs research, development, planning, design, maintenance, and implementation of policies and programs that enhance Comcast's relationships with the community, the public, governmental and regulatory authorities, shareholders and employees. She also oversees corporate political initiatives and fundraising events hosted by COMPAC, the Comcast and NBCUniversal Political Action Committee. Additionally, Ms. Singer has key corporate administration responsibilities, including oversight of Comcast's corporate dining, conference, and event services and also leads the team responsible for master contracts across the company's platform.

Before joining Comcast in 2009, Ms. Singer ran her own fundraising consulting firm and led Governor Ed Rendell's fundraising and political efforts for eight years. She began her career in Washington, D.C. where she worked as Director of Events for the Democratic National Committee and was a part of the White House Advance Team and as an Account Executive at Edelman Public Relations Worldwide. She currently serves as Governor Tom Wolf's designee on the Franklin Institute Board of Trustees. She also serves on the Cabinet of the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey and on the Board for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Philadelphia. She is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh where she received a dual B.A. in Political Science and English Writing. She lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Meredith C. Slawe** is a partner at Drinker Biddle & Reath, an AmLaw 100 law firm based in Philadelphia with 12 offices across the country and in London. She is a member of the firm's Litigation Group, Vice Chair of the Class Actions Team, and Co-Chair of the Retail Industry Group. She is a highly accomplished litigator who focuses her practice on the defense of leading companies in consumer class actions and commercial litigation matters in federal and state courts across the country. Ms. Slawe works closely with her clients to advise them on ways to mitigate litigation risk and ensure compliance with consumer protection laws in an evolving legal and regulatory environment. She is frequently called upon to speak and write on topics related to the defense of class actions and the retail industry.

After graduating from Dartmouth College and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Ms. Slawe joined Drinker Biddle & Reath as a full-time associate in Fall 2005. She serves as Co-Chair of the firm's Summer Associate Program, a member of the firm's Women's Leadership Committee, a liaison to the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel, a Partner Member of the firm's Associates Committee, and a participant in the firm's Associate Mentoring Program. Outside of Drinker Biddle, Ms. Slawe serves on the Corporate Executive Board of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, on the University of Pennsylvania Alumni Board of Managers, and on the Moore College of Art and Design Visionary Women Planning Committee. She was recently recognized as one of the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* "40 Under 40" lawyers, a "Top Woman in Law" by ALM, a "Rising Star" by the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and a "Lawyer on the Fast Track" by *The Legal Intelligencer*, and just last week was included on Benchmark Litigation's "Under 40 Hot List." She lives in the Philadelphia suburbs with her husband, Daniel, who she met at Penn Law School, and their three young children.

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#### About the National Museum of American Jewish History

The National Museum of American Jewish History, located on historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia, brings to life the more than 360-year history of Jews in America. Tracing the stories of how Jewish immigrants became Jewish Americans, the Museum invites visitors of all backgrounds to share their own stories and reflect on how their histories and identities shape and are shaped by the American experience. An open door for all, NMAJH honors the past and contributes to a better future by sharing the power of imagination and ideas, culture and community, leadership and service, in ways that turn inspiration into action.

The National Museum of American Jewish History is located at 101 South Independence Mall East at the corner of Fifth and Market Streets in Philadelphia. Museum hours are Wednesday to Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. Museum admission is \$15.00 for adults, \$13.00 for senior citizens and youth, free for children 12 and under, Museum Members, and active military with ID; reduced prices available if purchased online. Connect with the Museum on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Pinterest](#). For more information, visit [NMAJH.org](#) or call 215.923.3811.