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**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY**

**EXPANDS YOUNG FRIENDS BOARD LEADERSHIP**

**Valeria Khmelnitsky, Irene Lax, and Steven Share elected to Board**

**Alicia Broudy and Shana Golen elected to new positions**

The **National Museum of American Jewish History** (NMAJH) announces the election of three new members to its Young Friends Board: **Valeria Khmelnitsky, Irene Lax, and Steven Share.** "We are so excited to welcome such dedicated and energetic new Young Friends Board Members to the Museum's family, and to recognize a variety of leadership transitions," says Megan Helzner, the Museum's Manager of Annual Fund and Membership who also supports the Young Friends initiatives. "Each of the members has an important, longstanding relationship with NMAJH and brings a passion for the Museum's mission."

**Valeria Khmelnitsky,**

Valeria Khmelnitsky is currently an IT Project Manager at PECO Energy and also serves as the "Participant Experience" chair for Limmud FSU US, a subset of the overall Global Limmud Organization. Khmelnitsky also previously served on the board of "Davai," a Philadelphia



organization serving the interests of Philadelphia Jews of Soviet and post-Soviet descent in their young adulthood.

Khmelnitsky was born in what is now Kiev, Ukraine and immigrated to the United States with her family in 1991. She graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration, magna cum laude, from Holy Family University. She received her M.B.A. from Drexel University's LeBow School of Business.

### **Irene Lax**

Irene Lax is an associate attorney at Grant & Eisenhofer, focusing her practice on securities litigation and corporate governance. Previously, she worked as an associate at a Ballard Spahr LLP, where she assisted clients in civil litigation brought under federal and state securities laws, as well as federal antitrust laws.



In addition to being elected to the Young Friends Board, Lax was also recently elected to Co-Chair of the Young Friend's Programming Committee. Lax earned her J.D. from Temple University's Beasley School of Law in 2012 and received a joint honors B.A. in political science and international development studies from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec in 2009.

### **Steven Share**

Steven Share is currently working as Spectrum Philly's Project Manager at Tribe 12, a Philadelphia-based organization that offers a variety of outlets for Jewish engagement for people in their 20s and 30s. He is also Tribe 12's representative for JProud, a consortium of Jewish organizations in Philadelphia working to become more LGBTQ inclusive.



Previously, Share worked for Lord & Taylor and spent six years as senior consultant at Customer Service Experts. Share was a volunteer on fundraising and special events committees for Capital Pride, one of the nation's largest LGBTQ pride events. Share was also a fellow in the inaugural cohort of Eighteen: 22, a global network of

Jewish LGBTQ activists and leaders. Share attended Camden County College and graduated from Young Involved Philadelphia's Board Prep Program.

**In addition to appointing new members to the Young Friends Board, three Board Members have been elected to new positions.**

**Alicia Broudy, Co-Chair, Programming Committee**

Alicia Broudy who previously served as a Young Friends Board Member, will join Irene Lax as Co-Chair of the Young Friends Programming Committee. She remains an active member of the Young Friends Board.



**Shana Golen**

Shana Golen, who previously served as Chair of the Young Friends Programming Committee was recently elected as the Chair of the Young Friends Board.



**Brielle Weinstein** was re-elected as Chair of the Outreach Committee. She remains an active member of the Young Friends Board.

**Elijah Dornstreich** recently rotated off of his position as Chair of the Young Friends Board. He is now on the Museum's Board of Trustees. **Ali Cutler** and **Justin Groen** recently rotated off of the Young Friends Board. The Museum is grateful to all of them for their hard work on the Young Friends Board, which was integral to its formation and growth, and for their continued dedication to the Museum.

**About the Young Friends of NMAJH**

The mission of the Young Friends of NMAJH is to inspire and involve the young professional community (ages 21-40) of Greater Philadelphia through social, educational, networking, and philanthropic programming celebrating American Jewish history and culture.

The National Museum of American Jewish History, located on historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia, brings to life the 350-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 Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. NMAJH is closed most Mondays, including federal holidays and some Jewish holidays. Museum admission is \$12.00 for adults, \$11.00 for senior citizens and youth, free for children 12 and under, Museum Members, and active military with ID. For more information, visit [NMAJH.org](http://NMAJH.org) or call 215.923.3811.