
FEATURED SPEAKERS

Special Program in NYC
Monday, October 16, 8:30 a.m. to noon ET

Israel at War: What's Happening, What to Expect, and the Role of Women

Shanie Reichman

Founding Co-Chair, U.S. Committee for Forum Dvora

Shanie Reichman serves as IPF Atid national director at Israel Policy Forum, based in New York City, where she works to elevate the discourse around the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Shanie serves on the board of Queens College Hillel, on the advisory council for the Center for Ethnic, Racial and Religious Understanding, as the Deputy Communications Director for Young Professionals in Foreign Policy's (YFPF) NY Chapter, and as a mentor with Girl Security. Her work has been published in the Forward, the Jerusalem Post, Times of Israel, Hey Alma, Jewish Unpacked, and International Policy Digest.



Alina Shkolnikov

Founder of TAI Consulting and the Chief Partnerships & Purpose Officer of PollyLabs

Alina is a part-time faculty member at The New School and a board member of Forum Dvora, where she co-chairs the USA committee.

With a career spanning both the private and public sectors, including positions at the Edmond de Rothschild Foundation, HP, and Presentense, she excels in crafting financially sustainable strategies for scalable social and environmental change. Her professional journey dates back to her military service as the Head of the Russian Desk at the IDF Spokesperson Office.



Alina holds a BA in Communications from Reichman University, an MA in Security & Military Strategy from Tel Aviv University and is a graduate of Mahindra United World College in India.

Negar Treister (Facilitator)

Journalist and Hadassah Foundation Board Member

Negar is an editor and writer with over 15 years of experience working on issues in international affairs and finance. Most recently, she worked as an editor at the Economist Intelligence Unit where she worked on reports on the regulatory environments of 56 countries. She has also contributed to work at Gallup, Bloomberg Press, and the United Nations Development Programme. She holds an MA in International Affairs from Columbia University, where she focused on international energy management, and a BA from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She lives in Brooklyn with her husband and three children.



Moving Traditions: How This Teen-Focused Group Has Evolved and What It's Doing in This Moment of Crisis

Deborah Meyer

HF Board Member and Founding CEO of Moving Traditions

Deborah (she/her) is the founder and former CEO of Moving Traditions, a past Hadassah Foundation grantee organization, and she is the Chair of the Board of the Covenant Foundation. With more than 35 years of experience launching and scaling change-making Jewish and secular organizations, Deborah coaches nonprofit leaders to achieve their vision as they develop compassionate authority, agility, and effectiveness. She holds a BA in English from Connecticut College and a MA in Communications from Emerson College.



Shuli Karkowsky

CEO, Moving Traditions

Shuli Karkowsky is Chief Executive Officer at Moving Traditions (she/her/hers). Both Judaism and feminism have been core facets of her identity since birth; working at Moving Traditions has felt like coming home. Shuli has extensive experience in non-profit management, including at legacy institutions like UJA-Federation of New York and innovative start-ups like 70 Faces Media and Hazon. She joined the nonprofit world after litigating at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. Shuli graduated summa cum laude from the University of Maryland and from Harvard Law School. Shuli is a notoriously voracious reader and eater, consuming nearly all variety of books and food with gusto. She lives in Westchester with her husband and three children, all of whom are so deliciously adorable that they, too, face constant risk of being consumed.



Gila Axelrod

Editor in Chief of New Voices Magazine, Rosh Hodesh Alumna

Gila (they/she) is a queer Jewish writer, educator and speaker who studied Jewish Thought and Sociology at Columbia University and The Jewish Theological Seminary. In their writing, they use Torah as a lens to understand topics like technology, grief, relationships, education, queer identity, spirituality, and more. Through workshops and media, they encourage others to unpack society's conditioning while practicing radical acceptance and body liberation. As a City Year AmeriCorps member, Rosh Hodesh leader with Moving Traditions, and B'nei Mitzvah tutor, they have spent years teaching and mentoring students of all ages, guiding them to discover their unique voices and perspectives.



Linda Altshuler (Facilitator)

HF Founding Director

Linda has the honor of being the Founding Director of The Hadassah Foundation; she served as the chief executive from 1999 – 2011.

Linda has more than 40 years of experience in grantmaking, development, and arts administration. Her professional service includes Director of the B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum, Washington, D.C. and The Barnum Museum, Bridgeport, CT; and serving on the staffs of Temple Israel of the City of New York, Repair the World, and the American Technion Society. She was a member of the curatorial team for "The Precious Legacy: Judaic Treasures from the Czechoslovak State Collections."

Her publications include chapters in the exhibition catalogue for "The Precious Legacy," in "Art, Creativity and the Sacred"; co-editor, "Joseph and Anna's Time Capsule: A Legacy of Old Jewish Prague" and editor, "In the Spirit of Tradition: The B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum. "

Linda currently is Deputy Director, Leadership Giving at Baruch College. She earned a B.A. from Wheaton College Massachusetts and an M.A. from Case Western Reserve University.

