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Presenting Shalom Park's New Board Chair

It is an exciting time in Shalom Park's history. We are fighting a 100-year pandemic and, at the same time, we are thriving and growing. Marc Penner and his incredible team have led Shalom Park on a pathway that has elevated the care and love that we provide to our Elders. With so much going on at Shalom Park, it has been a busy time for me to begin my service as Shalom Park board chair.

If we don't already know each other, you should know that my wife, Barb, is also actively involved in community service, most recently as the Children's Diabetes Foundation Guild chair. We have two wonderful daughters. Blake is a third year medical student at Harvard Medical School. Cami is a business school senior at Emory University.

I moved to Colorado in 1978 with my family from Montreal, Canada. We were immediately welcomed into Denver's Jewish community. Both of my parents volunteered in the Jewish community and were wonderful role models for me. My mother served as executive director for two Jewish community organizations and went on to serve in Mayor Wellington Webb's administration.

Following in my parents' footsteps, when I returned to Denver following law school, it didn't take very long for me to get involved in community service. I have been grateful to have served as board chair of ADL and as a Rose Community Foundation Trustee and Jewish Life Committee chair. I recently joined JEWISHcolorado's board, where I chair the Regional Safety and Security Initiative.

My work at Rose Community Foundation provided me with an in-depth understanding of the issues facing the elder community, particularly in the Jewish community (thanks to Lisa Farber Miller, Therese Ellery and Sheila Bugdanowitz). Having worked closely with so many of Shalom Park's leaders over the years, it was an easy decision for me to get involved in Shalom Park and to become a Life & Legacy member.



Neil Oberfeld

Shalom Park has become a big part of our family. I know that many of you feel the same way. Shalom Park has touched you and your loved ones and has become an important part of your life, as it has for me and my family.

I thank you for your support and dedication to Shalom Park and its mission to provide exceptional care, compassion and dignity consistent with our Jewish values. ●

—Neil Oberfeld, Board Chair

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From the CEO

Dear Friends,

Our Shalom Park Family of Elders, Care Partners, Volunteers, and Trustees join me in wishing you all a very happy, healthy, safe and peaceful New Year!

This year's high holiday season has certainly been a new and different experience for our organization. Our Care Partners made a commitment to making these holy days special and meaningful for our Elders despite our COVID precautions and restrictions.

Our activity staff shared apples and honey with all Elders and Care Partners to officially welcome the Jewish New Year. Rabbi Ted Stainman led our live and virtual religious services that our Elders enjoyed in the privacy of their rooms or from a big screen television in one of our neighborhood lounges.

I personally had the pleasure of watching the Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services while visiting Elders on the Mountain View neighborhood. As I was not able to be with my parents in Chicago for the holidays, it was nice to celebrate with my Shalom Park family. Our Food Service Department prepared traditional Jewish favorites including brisket, chicken soup, and honey cake.

I am hopeful that this new year will bring back our simple pleasures that we all so greatly miss during these challenging times. At Shalom Park, we look forward to welcoming back the family members, volunteers, and board of trustees. We miss seeing the many children who would visit their Bubbies and Zadies and participate in our intergenerational programming. We miss our holiday celebrations in the Community Room and our Shabbat Services in the chapel. We miss seeing each



Shalom Park Elder Martha and CEO Marc Penner

other's smiles through our masks and most importantly, we miss the wonderful hugs from our Elders.

I sincerely thank you all for your continued interest and generous support. Your contributions have made a direct impact on our ability to support our vigilant efforts in keeping our Elders and Care Partners healthy. Your support continues to be critically needed as we continue to purchase personal protective equipment, conduct daily screening, and provide the latest training and education to our Care Partners. Please donate at www.shalompark.org or call Rhonda Morrison, 303-400-2219.

My family and I wish you and your family a happy and healthy New Year. L'Shana Tova! ●

—Marc Penner, Shalom Park President and CEO

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Lee Alpert

Dan and Judy Pepper

Jerry Berenstein

Barbara Freis and Shari Freis

Dick Cook

Larry and Susan Siegel

Janice and Buni Dinner

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Wendy Dinner

Barbara Freis and Shari Freis

Janine Gershon

Shari Freis

Karen Goldberg

Barbara Freis and Shari Freis

Andy Heins

Marc Levine

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Jill Kleiner

Shari Freis

Abe Orlick

Jack and Marsha Feuer

Gerard Rudofsky

Jack and Marsha Feuer

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Lisa Larokin

Barbara Freis and Shari Freis

Diane Zelinger

Barbara and Shari Freis

IN MEMORY OF

Richard Baum

Micky and Louann Miller

Shirley Bemel

Bev Sigman

Florence Winter Bennett

Stuart and Judy Heller

Toby Meyer

Bob Bragg

Beth and Fred Barnet

Rabbi Jonathan Brown

Jordan and Bonnie Saliman

Selma Cohan

Jerry and Marilyn Snyder

Bernice Dinner

Art and Terry Heller

Duke and Sandy Kaminsky

Toby Meyer

Gerard and Sheila Rudofsky

Steve and Barb Zimmerman

Joanne Eisenstat

Patty Lorie

Joe Elinoff

Jim and Ladeen Pluss

Stephen Engel

Dale and Linda Fingersh

Cecile Feiler

Marshall and Helene Abrahams

Chotin Foundation

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Steven Chotin

Gary and Terri Yourtz

Fay Finkelstein

Phyllis Goodman

Nancy and Mark Sims

Sandy Wolf

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Ginni Freedberg

Jack and Marsha Feuer

Sally Gass

Barbara Goldblatt

Renae Levin

Sheila Ginsburg

Gitti Weiss and Mel Coffee

Barbara Glaser

Charlene Shaffer

John Goetz

Bill and Susan McKinney

Dan and Judy Pepper

Zoni Pluss

Larry and Joan Rubenstein

Carol Goldstein

Sheila Heller and Sam Westbrook

Kathy Goldstein's father

Stan and Judy Kippur

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Lolo Heller

Sheila Heller and Sam Westbrook

Renae Levin

Arlene Mobell

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Shalom Park Board of Trustees Welcomes Five New Members



Lynn Geller is excited to be a part of Shalom Park's Board of Trustees. Lynn states that she felt quite honored to be considered and looks forward to bringing personal experience from other Boards and her corporate experience to assist with the success of Shalom Park. Lynn has had family members who received great care at Shalom Park, including the meaningful care her mom experienced.



Julie Gutman has worked for and is well versed in non-profits. Julie is excited to become an active member of Shalom Park's Board of Trustees and wants to support Shalom Park in achieving its mission and goals. Julie feels a personal connection to Shalom Park as she was involved with a nursing home where her grandmother lived.



Fran Simon first became aware of Shalom Park when asked to share results of the LGBTQ Health Survey which she conducted in partnership with One Colorado in 2012. Fran wholeheartedly agrees with Shalom Park's mission and goals and looks forward to working on the Board.



Erin Yourtz is passionate about Shalom Park and the idea of connection and community, and what helps human beings thrive and flourish in all stages of life. Erin is very committed to Shalom Park's mission and is honored to join the Board of Trustees and increase the involvement with the Eden Alternative.



JJ Slatkin understands the needs of our Elders and believes that a place like Shalom Park is essential in supporting the greater community. JJ believes in building bridges between generations; he is honored to be a part of the Board of Trustees and is happy to support the families and the Elders who call Shalom Park home.

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They Want to Make a Difference – for Good, Forever.

Bernice Dinner established a national nonprofit organization and was active in the Jewish community and many charities across the country. She was a listener, an active participant with many organizations, and was dedicated to giving back to others. Her family was the most important and valuable gift that she was given.

She was a Shalom Park Board member and supporter since 1992, dedicated to the Elders. She started the Elder dog program and had the vision to ensure a future for Shalom Park. She did all this and worked with those with developmental and other disabilities and founded the national nonprofit Hear Now. It was a huge loss for all when Bernice passed away earlier this year.

Bruce, Bernice's husband of 53 years, contacted Shalom Park and shared that his beloved wife had purchased insurance policies that named all the organizations she loved as beneficiaries. Upon her passing, she wanted to be sure each was taken care of. During the call from Bruce, one comment stood out:



L to R: Son Alec Dinner, daughter Tara (Dinner) Kaplan, Bernice Dinner and Bruce Dinner

how passionate he was about fulfilling Bernice's every wish. Bruce stated, "I am so proud of her for doing this!" His dedication is as strong as her desire in making a difference for good causes.

Shalom Park is grateful to Bernice, of blessed memory, for her leadership and foresight in sustaining a future for her cherished organizations and to Bruce for his unwavering support and commitment. ●

Today, Shalom Park is a thriving, vibrant community thanks in part to hundreds of individuals and families whose legacy plans — plans for giving after one's life — have created important endowments that provide meaningful and vital ongoing support. To be a part of Shalom Park's Life & Legacy Foundation, contact Rhonda Morrison, Director of Advancement, 303-400-2219.



Meaningful Events in a Beautiful and Special Place

The Rose and Jess Kortz Pavilion at Shalom Park is available for outdoor occasions. The beautiful, private walled garden area includes a covered patio, Bima and Ark, and picnic tables next to a water feature. The Pavilion includes a kitchen and restroom.

Events at the Pavilion accommodate up to 15 people, with masks and social distancing required. Wi-Fi for Zoom broadcast allows for a virtual service.

Please contact Cindy Silverman, Cindy.Silverman@ShalomPark.net, for information about reserving the Park. ●



Anna, Jeremy and Fran Simon celebrate Jeremy's Bar Mitzvah at the Shalom Park Pavilion. Photo by Evan Semón.



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Joyous Times at Shalom Park

The Activities Department continues to bring joy, foster talents, and engage the Elders who call Shalom Park home. ●



Activities Coordinator Ning Dixon
and Shalom Park Elder Sylvia



Activities Director San Baek and Shalom Park Elder Grace