

## **BIOS OF NEW BOARD MEMBER NOMINEES (2020-2021)**

### **NICOLAS GENTIN**

Nicolas has been a member of Temple Isaiah since 2013. He grew up in New York and lives in Westwood with his wife Olivia and their three children. His twin daughters and son all attended the Preschool and are in the Religious School.

Nicolas holds a BA from Brown University and an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He is an executive at First Republic Bank.

Nicolas has served on the Preschool Advisory Committee (PAC) and is a member of the Isaiah East Planning Committee which is developing plans for the future of the Isaiah Campus.

### **HEIDI SHERMAN GREY**

Heidi Sherman Grey joined Temple Isaiah with her husband, Lawrence, when her oldest child started Teddy Bears in 2012. Their two children, Snowden & Jaxson, have since graduated preschool and are in the religious school.

As a preschool parent, she became very involved- most recently serving as chair of the Preschool Advisory Committee. She was also active in the Preschool Parent Association - having held positions of treasurer and social chair.

Heidi is a former film executive turned screenwriter and a graduate of the University of Maryland Merrill College of Journalism. She was born & raised Columbus, Ohio.

### **LILLI LEE**

Lilli Lee was born and raised in Los Angeles, attending Kenter Canyon Elementary, Paul Revere Jr. High and Palisades High School. After graduating from UCLA with a degree in Art History, Lilli worked as a writer/producer in reality television, starting with Hard Copy in the early 1990's and ending at the TV show Extra in 2004. She left television to raise her three sons, ages 15, 13 and 10 and currently works with her husband Ben, as marketing director for his real estate business.

The Lees live in Cheviot Hills and have been members of Temple Isaiah since 2013. All three of the Lee boys have attended the religious school and the youngest is looking forward to having his bar mitzvah in two years. Lilli has enjoyed being a part of Rabbi Dara's monthly religious class as well as serving on the membership/outreach committee.

## **HARRIS SMITH**

Harris and his wife, Jill, have been members of Temple Isaiah for 15 years. Harris currently serves on the Temple Budget Committee.

Harris is a retired Partner with Grant Thornton (an International Accounting Firm) where he spent his entire 40 year career, the last 30 years as a Partner. He started his career with Grant Thornton in the Baltimore office in 1976 then transferred to the Los Angeles office in 1989 and in 1998 transferred to San Francisco as the Office Managing Partner for the Bay Area offices. In 2002 Harris became the West Region Managing Partner and relocated back to Los Angeles in 2005 and in 2009 transitioned back into a client service role.

In retirement, Harris joined the faculty of University of Southern California, Leventhal School of Accounting, in the Spring of 2016 as an Adjunct Professor of Accounting. Harris is also the Chairman of the Board of JVS SoCal. Previously he served as Chairman and Director of the Association of Corporate Growth (ACG) Global, President of the San Francisco Chapter of ACG, Director of Meals and Wheels, Santa Monica and Director and Treasurer of Boys and Girls Club of Pacoima.

## **JERRY WITKOW**

Jerry and his wife, Sue Shachar, joined Temple Isaiah in 2016 when they returned to their Westside roots after living in the valley for many years. Since joining the Temple Jerry has become involved with the Green Team, participated in the interview process of candidates for the CFO position. Jerry and Sue's trip to Israel with Rabbi Dara, Mike Diamond and an incredible group of Isaians in January triggered Jerry's decision to become more actively involved with the Temple's lay leadership team.

Jerry is a native Angeleno with a BA in Political Science from Cal State Northridge and a JD from Loyola Law School. He is currently President and General Counsel of Shapco Inc., a privately owned company involved in manufacturing, fabrication and distribution of steel pipe products together with the ownership and management of a nationwide industrial real estate portfolio.