

Settled Rabbi Search Committee (last revised 5/2025)

Eleanor (Abraham) Charles



Ellie has been a lifelong part of Temple Solel, with deep community roots —her grandparents were among the founding members and her father, Andy Abraham, is a past president. She began at Solel's preschool and became Bat Mitzvah here. Rabbi Langowitz married her, and Rabbi Linder named all her children. Her children have attended The Solel Preschool and now our religious school. The family participates in Family Promise. Professionally, she works at a software development firm supporting both non-profit organizations and various government contracts. Ellie, her husband, and their three children live in Phoenix.

Diana Charlesworth



Originally from Atlanta, GA, Diana moved to Phoenix in 2016. As a Senior Manager with The Practice Growth Institute, she consults mid-market companies worldwide focusing on organizational and change management. Her daughter attended The Solel Preschool from 2020-2024 where Diana stayed actively involved in the Solel Preschool Parent Association. She enjoys participating in various aspects of the Solel and Jewish community, and most recently served as Co-Chair for Solelebration 2025. Judaism and Temple Solel are the heart of her family. Diana, her husband Tristan, and daughter Merritt live in Uptown Phoenix and have been members for two years.

Ruth (Gubin) Gerstman



Ruth Gerstman grew up in Phoenix with her twin sister, Rachel O'Connor, and three siblings. Ruth has deep roots with Temple Solel. Her father, Stephen Gubin, was a past President and her mother, Helen Gubin, served on several Solel boards. She is married to Dr. Jacob Gerstman and has three children. Currently a Sr. CSM at Amazon, with a background in merchandising and project management. She specializes in delivering business value through organizational efficiency. Judaism and Temple Solel remain central to her family's life with many past major milestone moments and many future ones to come.

Adam Metzendorf



Adam is the Phoenix Mercury Director of Business Operations. He is a graduate of Indiana University's Kelley School of Business and a guest lecturer and advisory board member for its Sports Industry Workshop. Pursuing Tikkun Olam, Adam is a Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Phoenix board member, National Leadership Council for the Jewish Democratic Council of America member, the founder of the Valley Jewish Sports Professionals, and one of the first cohort of the Phoenix Jewish News 18 under 50. He also supports the community in the Phoenix Suns and Mercury mentorship program and as an overnight host for Family Promise at Temple Solel.

Adam lives in South Scottsdale with Falkor, his 9-year-old rescue dog.

Daniel Openden



Daniel Openden, Ph.D., BCBA-D is President and CEO of the Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center (SARRC) in Phoenix, Arizona. SARRC is an internationally recognized nonprofit organization dedicated to autism research, education, evidence-based treatment, and community outreach to support individuals with autism and their families throughout their lifetimes. Danny lives with his wife and 2 sons in Phoenix, Arizona and has been a member of Temple of Solel since 2014.

Robert Ransom



A native New Yorker, Bob spent the majority of his professional career at the helm of a diverse winery company. A temple member since 2018, he helps lead Temple Solel's involvement in Family Promise, sings in the choir and is an engaged member of other Social Action activities. Father to 4 children in his blended family, he enjoys music, reading, cooking and traveling.

Howard Rosen



Howard has been a member of Temple Solel for 9 years. During this time he has been a member of the Board of Trustees, served on the Executive Committee, was Vice President of Development, and was a member of the personnel, finance and interim rabbi search committees.

Howard is a retired managing partner of a mid-size CPA firm and has a passion for travel. In addition to his efforts at Temple Solel, Howard was on the board of Valley Beit Midrash where he also served as treasurer.

Judy Schaffert



Judy retired in 2020 as chief staff attorney of the Arizona Supreme Court. She is an alumna of the Wexner Foundation Heritage Program and the Women's Leadership Institute. She teaches with the AZ Bar Foundation and Islamic Speakers Bureau. A past president of Temple Solel, the Jess Schwartz High School, and the Jewish Tuition Organization, Judy also has co-chaired two earlier Solel rabbinic search committees, the book club, and the membership committee. She has taught numerous adult education programs at the temple and elsewhere. Members since 1988, the Schafferts raised their two sons at Solel and both became adult b'nai mitzvah here.

Reva Steinberg



Reva Steinberg has an M.S. in accounting and spent 40 years auditing large and small companies as well as not-for-profits. Reva served on several professional rule making committees including the Accounting Standards Executive and the Executive Ethics Committee of the American Institute of Public Accounting.

Since becoming a member in 2020, Reva has participated in many aspects of Solel life. She currently serves as Membership Vice President of the Board of Trustees, is a regular attendee at Shabbat services, and is a student in the 2025 Adult B'nai Mitzvah class.