

# Programme Participants



## Nechama Atlas

Nechama is the Rebbetzin at Cheadle Yeshurun Hebrew Congregation. She was trained at the Yahel Institute as a marital life counsellor and is a Tanach teacher. She worked as an educational counsellor in Israeli primary and high schools and was Rebbetzen at the Port Elizabeth Hebrew Congregation in South Africa, and at the Birmingham Central Synagogue. Nechama, born and raised in Israel, is married and a mother of five.

## Leanne Binstock

Leanne is the Associate Rebbetzen of Hendon United Synagogue. Born and raised in South Africa, she went to Beis Yaakov High School in Johannesburg, Bnos Chava and Moreshet Seminaries in Israel, and has a BCom in Industrial Psychology from the University of South Africa. She worked in Jewish Education in South Africa and then moved to London to take up a position in Jewish outreach at the JLE. She moved to Jerusalem and was the 'Em Bayit' at Be'er Miriam Seminary and studied in the ladies programme of the Jerusalem Kollel while her husband obtained Semicha there. Since returning to London, she has enjoyed working in the thriving Hendon United Synagogue community together with her husband Rabbi Yisroel Binstock, particularly focusing on programming for young families. She is the proud mother of two little boys, Motti and Didi.



## Jacqueline Feldman

Jacqueline is the Rebbetzen of Belmont United Synagogue (soon to be Bushey United Synagogue) and also works in Tiferes High School for Girls as a SENCO supporting any students with learning difficulties or extra needs. She attended Hasmonean High School in London, Bnos Chava Seminary in Jerusalem and received a BSc in Neuroscience from Kings College London. She is a graduate of the Kol Soroh Suzie Bradfield Program. Jacqueline is passionate about working with children with special needs and education, combining her love for Medical Science and Judaism. She plays the harp, loves arts and crafts and spending time with her wonderful family.

## Raisel Freedman

Raisel Freedman is a graduate of Michlalah College Jerusalem and the Susie Bradfield Course at the London School of Jewish Studies as well as holding a Masters in European Jewish History from Queen Mary University of London. She currently works as Executive Assistant to the Director of PajeS, and handles a portfolio of wide ranging Special Projects. Always active in communal and educational endeavours. Raisel teaches Jewish studies to sixth formers and Bat Mitzvah students and handles the education portfolio on the Alei Zion Board of Management.



## Joanne Greenaway

Joanne has the privilege of working in the London Beth Din as Get Caseworker in a newly created role focusing on difficult divorce cases, working with the Dayanim and the Registrar. She is also involved with child protection in the United Synagogue. Prior to this she worked as a lawyer in private practice for 12 years, in the field of international arbitration. Outside work she enjoys learning and teaches regularly in various Jewish settings. She is a graduate of the Susie Bradfield Educational Leadership programme and the Gamechangers programme for senior Jewish community leaders and in 2015 was nominated as one of the '40 under 40'. She has 4 children aged 9, 7, 5 and 2.

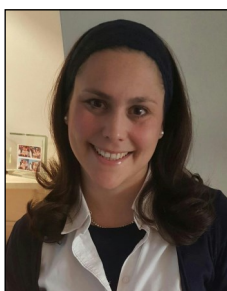


### **Abigail Kurzer**

Abi grew up in Kingsbury and attended Hasmonean before studying in Michlala Jerusalem College and she earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology from UCL. Following this Abi worked in the informal education department at JFS. Following marriage to Rabbi Ben Kurzer in London, Abi & Ben moved to New York where she completed her Master's degree in clinical social work at Wurzeiler School of Social Work while teaching part-time in the Hebrew School of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. Abi worked for 2 years as a counselor at the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services in Brooklyn, New York. During this time she and her husband also trained as presenters for the Shalom Workshop, a seminar for engaged and newly married couples. Abi also did a course in Taharat Hamishpacha with the Young Israel and the OU. In June 2014 the Kurzers took up a post as assistant rabbinic couple at Edgware United, and at the same time Abi began working as a social worker and children's counsellor for Norwood where she is currently employed.

### **Shoshana Landau**

Brought up in Australia, Shoshana's involvement in community education started early, teaching for the NSW Board of Jewish Education. In London, Shoshana has worked as Youth Director for Northwood US, then as part of the youth Rabbinic team for Kehillat Netzach Yisrael in Edgware. Shoshana is now employed by Kingston, Surbiton & District Synagogue, sharing the role of Rabbinic Team with her husband Rabbi Samuel Landau. Shoshana runs regular educational & social programmes, has created and implemented a curriculum for the local Cheder, delivers shiurim and lunch & learn groups, and speaks regularly for local colleges, universities & high schools.



### **Lisa Levene**

Lisa is the Assistant Rebbetzin of Hampstead Garden Suburb, a certified MEP teacher and has been trained in Taharat Hamishpacha under the auspices of Rebbetzin Tehilla Abramov. With over 15 years professional experience in Human Resources, business development and consulting related capacities across both profit and non-for-profit sectors Lisa brings to her communal role a unique combination of professionalism and innovation. She is a graduate of the Ner L'Elef training programme and also the Bradfield programme run by LSJS. Possessing a Masters and knowledge base routed in business psychology Lisa seeks to utilise this

knowledge for the benefit of Anglo Jewry and is currently involved in a few different projects to do just that, changing visions into realities.

### **Sarah Proops**

Sarah together with her husband James currently serve as the Assistant Rabbinic couple at Mill Hill United Synagogue. During which time she has also completed a qualification in counselling. Previously Sarah was Head of Female Education for the Genesis Programme on campus and lived in Leeds with her family servicing the student community for Aish UK. Sarah and James spent five years in Israel which culminated with them living in the Old City of Jerusalem. Having previously attended there herself, Sarah went on to teach and serve as Head of Welfare at Midreshet Moriah Seminary.



### **Emma Taylor**

Emma is the Community Rebbetzen at Western Marble Arch Synagogue in Central London where she teaches and organises a range of events for women and young families. She has an undergraduate degree from Kings College London in History and a master's degree in Education and Special Education from Touro College in New York. Emma also teaches history at Beth Jacob Grammar School in Hendon.