

### ***Nominees:***

**Yale Silverman** and his family joined Congregation Albert two years ago. Yale and his wife Lindsey have 3 children enrolled in the CASJS. In addition to serving on the Social Justice Committee, Yale has been active on the Family Committee through the religious school, encouraging young families to participate in congregational activities and services. Although Yale has no prior Board experience, as a regional manager for Office Depot/Office Max he believes his business experience and people skills can help the Temple in a variety of ways, including: Help turn the page on the embezzlement scandal, connect a new rabbi to our congregation, grow membership, and demonstrate to the younger families and older congregants how we can work together to make the temple a great place for children to grow up and preserve the future of our Jewish Heritage. Yale is very interested in the President-elect position. He is excited for an opportunity to help the Temple through a “very interesting time,” while also learning and developing his leadership skills through the mentorship of the current president.

**Simon Goldfine** is a dedicated father, experienced business leader, and is passionate about building community. Simon was born and raised New Mexico. He is married to New Mexico native Lydia Goldfine; they have four beautiful children (ages 8, 6, 3 and 3 months). Simon is the general manager of Sierra Peaks Corporation, a locally headquartered engineering and manufacturing company in aerospace and federal contracting. Simon graduated from Del Norte High School and then attended the University of New Mexico as a recipient of the Regent’s Scholarship. He graduated magna cum laude with a BA in political science and an MBA from the Anderson School of Management. Immediately after graduating, Simon joined the U.S. Department of State’s Diplomatic Security Service as a special agent. In that capacity Simon protected dignitaries such as the Secretary of State, the President of Afghanistan, and the Dalai Lama. He investigated federal crimes of visa and passport fraud, as well as counterintelligence cases within the State Department. Simon then served at the U.S. Embassies in Beijing and Belgrade. His final State Department assignment was as a graduate student at the U.S. Naval War College, where Simon graduated second in his class, with an MA in National Security and Strategic Studies. After eleven years in the State

Department, Simon and Lydia wanted to bring their young family back home to Albuquerque. They returned in 2015, when Simon joined Sierra Peaks. In addition to spending time with his family and working at Sierra Peaks, Simon has also been involved in community volunteering as a member of the Board of Directors of New Mexico Health Connections, a health insurance co-op, and the New Mexico International School Foundation, a nonprofit that raises money for a public charter school. Simon and his family are dedicated to participating in and building inclusive Jewish community. Simon is particularly interested in how to attract, engage, and retain children and young families in Jewish communal life. He has served on the Congregation Albert Board for one year and was appointed to the position of Vice President of Finance. He is seeking to complete his term on the Board in that position.

**Daniele C. Williams** “discovered” Judaism in 2015, and completed her conversion in 2016, adopting the Hebrew name Chava Tiqvah, meaning ““life,” and “hope.” Daniele is active in Congregation Albert’s choir, Zamir, and is enthusiastically involved in other creative and social endeavors at Congregation Albert. She is an avid learner of the Hebrew language “although nowhere near fluent yet”, and zealously pursues learning about complex Jewish culture and the compelling history thereof. She finds that her life has been re-energized by the Jewish faith, and by the community and clergy of Congregation Albert. She strives to contribute this rediscovered energy and exuberance back into her religious community. Daniele has served on the Congregation Albert Board for one year and was appointed to the position of Treasurer. She is seeking to complete her term on the Board in that position.

**Carol Spizman** has been a member of Congregation Albert for 11 years. She has one child who has attended both the ECC and CASJS. She has participated in Family Promise for many years as well as being a member of Sisterhood. She worked with the Disabilities Access committee and worked on the Congregation’s Gay Pride Parade float, representing the Congregation for 2 years in the Gay Pride Parade. She and her wife were the first gay couple to be legally married at Congregation Albert. She aspires to be a Challah Baker and be in Zamir someday.

Membership in Congregation Albert has been very meaningful to her. Her family joined when their son was born because Carol wanted him to know he is a Jew. “But I got more than I bargained on! As soon as we became members, I felt different, a part of something. I didn’t realize it would mean so much to me to make this commitment to being a member of my Jewish community. It took a while for us to feel a part of the community, actually. I still don’t quite feel that all my particular strengths have been utilized by the main players. Some of that is my fault but not all; I think we can be smarter as a community in inviting all members to share their strengths, and making it accessible for them to have buy-in. When I think of Congregation Albert going away, I feel that would be a terrible loss. So, I am putting my hand up to join those who want to keep it alive, a vibrant part of the Albuquerque Jewish Community!”

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**John Thomas Folkner** has been a member in good standing for 6 years. John has two adult children, Jack and Henry James. John has participated in Family Promise, Torah Committee, as well as some time with Religious Practices Committee. He regularly participates in Torah study and Shabbat services. John is eager to join the Board of Trustees because he believes he can work with anyone, has a willing ear, and will bring a balanced and rational perspective. John is a natural optimist. He believes he has benefited a great deal from his membership and wants to give back. John wants to make sure that Congregation Albert outlives his children and many generations to come. John wants to help “build the Army we want to serve in”, same as he told his soldiers in Kosovo.

**Jenny Moran** and her family have been members of Congregation Albert for almost 6 years. She was appointed to the Board of Trustees last fall to fill a vacancy and is asking to be elected for the remaining year of her term. She and husband Jason have twin girls who attended the ECC and are currently enrolled in the CASJS. During her years at Congregation Albert, Jenny served as the Soup and Challah chair for the Caring Committee for 3 years; oversaw the clothing donations for the Jewish Asylum Seekers Initiative; currently serves as the chair for Life and Legacy at Congregation Albert. Her career as a Strategy Manager, and earlier as a Program Analyst supporting the Defense industry, has provided Jenny

with a broad exposure to many business systems, sustainability practices, and organizational challenges. She has experience processing data in a critical manner, building various scenarios and outcome analysis, and weighing risk assessment before making recommendations to leadership. As important as her professional knowledge and skills is her ability to ask questions and communicate in a clear and transparent manner. “Over the past five years my family and I have found community and spiritual growth as members of Congregation Albert. I accepted the offer to join the Congregation Albert Board because I wanted to contribute to building an organization that will be sustainable and valuable to Jewish families in Albuquerque in the years to come.”

**Gila Yaniv** has been a member of Congregation Albert for about 6 years. She served one year on the Sisterhood Board and currently serves as the co-chair of the Security Committee, which she helped to initiate. “My educational background, a Bachelors in Accounting, a Masters in Human Resources and CPA certification, in addition to experience in mediation, will hopefully contribute to a ‘healthier’ congregation. I witness all the negativity and lack of trust within our congregation and it pains me. Being a minority, we should all stick together and get along, no matter what personal preferences we have.”

**Patrick P. Stewart** joined Congregation Albert in May 2019. “It would be an honor to serve on the upcoming Board as I strongly believe I have found a wonderful home to practice and worship my Jewish faith. I have been warmly welcomed by our Clergy, Rabbi Rosenfeld and Cantor Finn; as well as all of the members of Congregation Albert. I am drawn to this position of Trustee to the Congregation because I believe service is vitally important and an essential part of being a member of this Synagogue as well as the Jewish community as a whole.

As a new member, I am confident that I will bring a well-balanced perspective to the board, and I will represent those who are new to Congregation Albert while respecting the history, longevity and fundamentals of this thriving Congregation.

I am a lifelong native New Mexican. I graduated from the University of New Mexico and am United States Army Veteran serving as a Protocol Officer in

the first Gulf War. I am a proud public servant as I have worked in public service for over 30 years. I currently serve in the Office of the New Mexico Attorney General as a Policy and Program Advisor. Prior to my appointment to the Attorney General's Office, I was the Chief of the Special Investigations Division for the Office of the State Auditor. During my tenure at the Auditor's Office, I was responsible for some of New Mexico's biggest cases involving financial fraud, waste and abuse of public resources by government officials and employees.

Additionally, I was appointed by the New Mexico Governor to the New Mexico Public Accountancy Board as a Public Member and currently serve as the board Vice Chair. I believe this experience and knowledge will enhance the accountability, stability and confidence of all members regarding the financial oversight that is entrusted to the Board.

I graciously and humbly request and appreciate your consideration to serve. Shalom.”

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**Robert Rosenberg** has been a member of Congregation Albert for over 30 years and served on the Board of Trustees in the early 1990's. He and his wife, Jane, have two grown children who grew up in the congregation, attended the pre-school and religious school, and became B'nai Mitzvah and Confirmands. Robert has been the Religious Practices committee chairman since 1998. In the community, he is a Professor Emeritus at UNM having worked in the Department of Radiology for over 25 years, and currently works part time as a Radiologist for the Presbyterian Radiology group – Radiology Associates of Albuquerque. “I now have more time to contribute to Congregation Albert to help it continue its service to our community. The Congregation has been important to the lives of my entire family, and I understand personally and from others how important it is to our community. Reform Judaism has been part of my entire life, and it is a tradition I want to help continue. My longevity with the movement and connections my family and I have with it allow me to understand its core values as well as its evolution both in Albuquerque and throughout North America.”

