



# *Voices* FOR *Good Fellowship*



## *Tanir Ami* / LEADERSHIP COACH

A seasoned health services executive and professional coach, Tanir Ami is the founding CEO of the CARESTAR Foundation, a recently established statewide funder working to ensure that all Californians experience an emergency response system that is equitable, unified, and compassionate. Prior to her current role, she was the CEO of OLE Health, an eight-site Federally Qualified Health Center that provides comprehensive primary health care to over 30,000 patients.

Tanir has more than 20 years of experience providing leadership to non-profit healthcare organizations including community clinics, advocacy organizations, and the Blue Shield of California Foundation, where she initiated several successful collaborative programs to advance health and safety for vulnerable Californians. She holds an MBA with a certificate in Health Services Management from the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley. Tanir is also passionate about leadership development, particularly for people who are traditionally underrepresented in executive roles. She brings this passion and her experience in non-profit leadership to her coaching practice. In 2016, she was recognized as the Outstanding Non-Profit Leader of the Year in Napa County by the Center for Volunteer and Non-Profit Leadership. She lives in Berkeley with her family and enjoys yoga, reading and her role as a Trustee for the Berkeley Public Library system. [Learn more and connect with Tanir on LinkedIn.](#)



## *Natalie Boskin* / JEWISH TEXT STUDY

Natalie Boskin fell in love with the Talmud when they first cracked open a *mesechet* [volume of Talmud] at SVARA's 2017 Queer Talmud Camp and has been a dedicated Talmud learner ever since. This love for Torah and Talmud has brought Natalie to pursue a Masters of Jewish Studies at the Graduate Theological Union after working for nine years as a teacher and administrator for Kehilla Synagogue. Natalie is passionate about cultivating tools that allow us to remain present when we encounter thorniness in our sacred text, because they believe those encounters can be transformational and empowering.



## ***Dr. Imani Chapman*** / CHANGE & SYSTEMS THEORY

Dr. Imani Romney-Rosa Chapman, the founder and director of imani strategies, llc, is a powerful, dynamic, faith-filled, compassionate, change leader for equity. She has more than 30 years of experience developing curriculum, organizing, and educating for social justice. As her name suggests, Imani/Emunah [faith], her faith drives her to co-create brave and inclusive environments for learning, growth and justice. Her work with stakeholders in religious communities, secular communities, schools and non-profit organizations has helped root their efforts for sustained change.

Imani currently serves on the Board for the Roger L. Wallace Excellence in Teaching Award and Jewish Studio Project . Additionally, she was the founding co-chair of the Steering Committee for the New York Metro Coalition of Faith/Spiritual/Ethical Communities for the People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond, and The Race Working Group at Kolot Chayeinu Synagogue.

Dr. Chapman holds an ACC coaching certification from the International Coaching Federation. She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, her Masters from Middlebury College, Madrid, Spain and her Doctor of Ministry degree in Interfaith Clinical Education for Pastoral Care at HUC-JIR (NY), where she was UJA Federation Graduate Fellow. She teaches “Race, Racism and Jews” at the University of San Francisco.

Imani works for a world in which her children and the young people in your lives can live wholly and safely into their full humanity in an equitable world where race is not a major determinant in health, wealth, legal, and educational outcomes. [Learn more and connect with Imani on LinkedIn.](#)



## ***Mara Kassoff*** / FISCAL LEADERSHIP

Mara is the Director of Strategic and CFO Services at Abilene Partners. She has 20 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, specializing in human-centered program design, operations, and financial management. Mara began her career as an educator, with a focus on designing social justice programming to meet the needs of Bay Area vulnerable communities. Her experience as an executive leader includes previous positions as Chief Operating Officer, Deputy Director, and Interim Executive Director.

Mara believes that relationships are everything and that networks and connections are key to creating healthy, transparent, and productive organizations. Bringing a human-centered approach to the operations side of nonprofit organizations, Mara is uniquely positioned to provide nonprofits of all sizes with tools and coaching that create effective and efficient communications between the programming and operations sides of any organization. [Learn more and connect with Mara on LinkedIn.](#)



## *Jenni Mangel* / EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Jenni Mangel believes passionately that Jewish education positively impacts the Jewish identity of children and their families. Her work reflects a commitment to connecting learning, community involvement, and leadership with personal and spiritual development. While she has been engaged in Jewish education since 1993, her work has focused on professional development, program design, and evaluation since 2006.

Jenni is a proud alumna of Mills College (MA, Educational Leadership) and the University of California Santa Cruz (BA, History; Minor, Education). Her academic work as an undergrad centered immigrant rights in France and multi-cultural education; in grad school she explored service learning as a tool for identity formation of college students.

Jenni serves as the Co-Chair of El Cerrito High School's parent-led Investing in Academic Excellence committee. When not engaged in teaching and learning, Jenni loves to be outside in her garden with her husband, two children and dog; to make greeting cards; and to connect with family and friends. [Learn more and connect with Jenni on LinkedIn.](#)



## *Dana Sheanin* / WOMEN & LEADERSHIP

Dana Sheanin is Jewish LearningWorks' first female Chief Executive Officer. She is the founder of Voices for Good, a Jewish LearningWorks initiative focused on amplifying the voices of women professional leaders. Her career has afforded her the opportunity to support a variety of Jewish organizations in the areas of strategic initiative design, organizational capacity building and professional development. Dana believes in the sustaining power of our community's legacy organizations, and is fortunate to have served two Federations — UJA Federation of New York and the Jewish Federation of the East Bay — as well as the Union for Reform Judaism.

Dana's professional writing regularly focuses on the need to recruit and invest in the community's talent pipeline and on the importance of advancing women in Jewish life. She is also the co-author of a chapter on social emotional learning in Reform Jewish education included in *Growing Jewish Minds, Growing Jewish Souls*. Dana is a proud graduate of the Hebrew Union College School of Nonprofit Management and the University of Southern California School of Social Work. She also trained as a coach at the CoActive Training Institute. She lives with her partner, Sue Bojdak, and four children in Berkeley. [Learn more and connect with Dana on LinkedIn.](#)



## *Dona Standel* / FELLOWSHIP BACK-OF-ROOM LEADERSHIP

Dona Standel (she/her) is a leadership enthusiast, program design expert, life-long learner, and mom to three. Dona is committed to creating spaces, experiences, and communities that foster learning, belonging, equity, and - joy! After 16 years in San Francisco, she now lives in Ventura County, California working at Camp Ramah in Northern California as the Director of Development. Dona has almost 20 years of experience working with the Jewish nonprofit sector focusing on leadership, education, governance, and development. She is an alumna of the inaugural cohort of Voices for Good, JFNA's NextGen Fellowship, Federation Fellows, and the Culture of Belonging Lab and graduated from the Zelikow School of Hebrew Union College with a Master's of Science in Organizational Leadership. You can get small glimpses of her thoughts by [reading this blogpost](#) for Jewish LearningWorks, and [her ritual in this Moon Manual](#) from At the Well. [Learn more and connect with Dona on LinkedIn.](#)



## *Amy Tobin* / POWER, RELATIONSHIPS & COMMUNICATION

Amy Tobin has worked in the arts, nonprofits, and Jewish community for almost 30 years. She served as CEO at the JCC East Bay and was the founding Executive Director at the David Brower Center in Berkeley, a landmark home for the environmental and social justice movement.

Amy now coaches and advises spiritual and communal leaders. Her approach integrates spiritual care and reflective leadership for people and organizations.

Amy believes that how we work when serving a community is as important as what we seek to achieve or create together. She listens closely, looking for opportunities to orient around respect, humanity and compassion, determining priorities guided by shared values and an honest assessment of an organization's capacity. Clients include clergy, executives, entrepreneurs, and educators.

A performer and vocalist, (The Esther Show, Lilith, A Little Friction) Amy plays and writes at the intersection of reverence and irreverence. She is on a winding path toward a rabbinate blending communal, artistic, and spiritual work. Amy holds an MA in Jewish Studies from the Graduate Theological Union, a BFA in Theatre from New York University, was a Joshua Venture fellow and is a current LABA fellow. She lives in Oakland with her spouse, dog, and beloved child who performs with a circus troupe.

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