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## ASF-HARTMAN LEADERSHIP Summer Retreat 2018 – Participants Bios



**FACILITATOR**

**DORIT PRICE-LEVINE:** An attorney and mediator, Dorit is currently the Deputy Director of Resetting the Table, an organization dedicated to building meaningful communication across political divides. Dorit leads skill-building workshops, facilitates communal forums, and consults with leaders on how to build a culture of dialogue across differences in communities across the country. Dorit has worked in the field of conflict resolution for over a decade with extensive experience on the ground in the Middle East. She worked on Middle East policy in Washington DC and clerked in The Hague at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. Dorit holds a J.D. from Berkeley Law where she was awarded the Prosser Prize in Refugee Studies. She graduated magna cum laude from University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in Political Science and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. She is a member of the New York State Bar.



**ADAM BASCIANO** is the Coordinator of Strategic Partnerships & Initiatives at the Israel Policy Forum, based in New York City. In this role, he directs IPF Atid - a national network of young professionals working to advance support for a viable two-state solution - as well as oversees local and national partnerships with other Jewish and foreign policy-oriented organizations. Previously, he interned at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Mayor of Tel Aviv's International Relations department, and AIPAC. He received his B.A. in International Relations from Colgate University, where he was a member of the Benton Scholars program.



**ELISHEVA GOLDBERG** is a graduate student at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs. She formerly served as a close advisor to Former Israeli Foreign Minister and co-opposition leader Tzipi Livni. She is the Chairwoman of the Center for Jewish Nonviolence board, an organization brings Diaspora Jews to participate in on-the-ground nonviolent activism with Palestinians in the West Bank. She moving to Israel in 2012 to join the progressive Jerusalem think tank "Molad: The Center for the Renewal of Israeli Democracy" as an analyst, and in 2014 participated in the Dorot Foundation Fellowship for social justice and leadership. Prior to her work in Israel she was the Assistant Editor of Open Zion, a Newsweek-Daily Beast blog edited by Peter Beinart focused on issues of Israel, Palestine and the Jewish future. She has lived at various points in Israel, Egypt and Morocco. She holds a Masters of Journalism from Columbia University and a Bachelors in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from the University of Pennsylvania.

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**JONATHAN KAMEL** works at Teads, a global ad technology platform that powers branding efforts for the world's largest companies. He is pursuing a Masters Degree in Integrated Marketing & Communications from Northwestern University and also received a Bachelors degree in Political Science from Northwestern (Go Cats!). Jonathan is deeply involved in the Chicago Jewish community, serving as the Chair of IPF ATID, the young professional arm of the Israel Policy Forum. He is also active in the networks of Israel Bonds, AIPAC, AJC, and the Chicago Federation. In August 2017, he was recognized as a member of "Oy Chicago's 36 under 36" influential Jews in Chicago. Jonathan is passionate about securing a Jewish & democratic Israel, one that lives up to its own constitution and is secure for all future generations.

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**JOSH KRUG** earned a B.A. with Honors and Distinction from Yale and an MDiv from Harvard. His doctoral work at NYU engages how traditional and contemporary Jewish sources can animate and inform the lives of young adults. He has taught high school and college courses, and designed and facilitated adult educational sessions, modules, and retreats.

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**JUDAH ISSEROFF** is a PhD candidate in the Religion Department at Princeton University. His research focuses on Jewish politics, specifically the role of religion in the Jewish people's most contentious political debates. Before Princeton, Judah spent time at Yeshivat Hadar and worked in campaign politics in Massachusetts. He received his B.A. in Government and Legal Studies from Bowdoin College in 2013. Judah loves to cook, watch baseball, and find the humor in politics—ideally all at the same time.

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**MICHELE FREED** is the Associate Director of Young Leadership at the Anti Defamation League, where she seeks to engage and empower young people across the country in the mission of stopping hate, addressing anti-Semitism, and securing fair and just treatment for all through a number of programs including the Glass Leadership Institute. Through her work she also advises organizational leadership on best practices in reaching new, growing audiences across America. Prior to her time at ADL, Michele spent two years at the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation in Washington DC. While in the district, Michele lived as a resident in the Capitol Hill Moishe House creating meaningful experiences for the local young adult Jewish community of DC. She served as co-president of the Board of Jewish Women's International Young Women's Leadership Network, whose goal is to bring together Jewish professional women in their 20s and 30s to grow as leaders in their workplaces, their communities, and their personal lives. Michele organized and volunteered with HIAS in efforts to grow their local DC action network and was involved in a variety of inter-community and multi-faith actions. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in Psychology and Judaic Studies and a minor in Community Action and Social Change. While attending U of M, Michele served as Chair of Michigan Hillel, President of the University's Women's Club Soccer team and a facilitator for the Program on Intergroup Relations. Growing up, Michele was involved in the Young Judeaea youth movement. In New York, she serves as a board member of the Park Slope Moishe House and has been trained by Resetting The Table in facilitating conversations across divides and difference. In addition to empowering young people to realize their full potential, Michele loves to be outside exploring, on a bike ride, or playing soccer.

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**PAMMIE SHAPIRO** is the User Experience Specialist at OneTable. In her position, Pammie works both behind the scenes to improve and add new features to the OneTable platform and directly with users to ensure an excellent experience for everyone. She is also pursuing a master's degree in Jewish Education focusing on Experiential and Israel Education from Hebrew College and as part of her field experience, she is managing OneTable's partnership with Birthright Israel to elevate the Shabbat experience in Israel. Prior to working at OneTable, Pammie served on several different teams at Hillel International including the Birthright Israel: Hillel team where she had the opportunity to staff five trips. Pammie is originally from Florida and graduated from the University of Florida with a BA in International Studies with a focus in the Middle East.

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**YONI SAADI** is the San Francisco & North Bay Associate Director for AIPAC. Having worked at AIPAC for nearly seven years, Yoni has served in a variety of roles, most recently managing the organization's work throughout Silicon Valley. In his current capacity, Yoni is responsible for community engagement from San Francisco to Napa Valley – including, but not limited to – promoting political activism, leadership development and fundraising.

Born in Israel, and raised in Minnesota, Yoni is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, where he earned a B.A. in Political Science and a B.A. in Psychology. Having lived in San Francisco for nearly seven years, he has taken on leadership opportunities within local organizations – the Jewish Community Federation, Jewish Family & Children's Services and Tipping Point Community.

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**JUSTIN HEFTER** is the founder and CEO of Bandura Games, a company he created with Israeli and Palestinian partners, which develops video games and social networks for NGOs that work to connect people from diverse backgrounds and encourage intercultural cooperation. Justin serves on the board of directors of Stanford University Hillel, The AMEL Project, and AJC San Francisco. Prior to starting Bandura Games, Justin worked for several years as a management consultant with the Avascent Group in Washington, D.C., helping develop business strategy for Fortune 500 companies that operate at the intersection of government and technology.

Justin's work promoting peaceful and inclusive societies has led to the rescue of over 100 people from violence in the Middle East and Africa (MEA). In March of 2015, Justin co-led a successful operation to help the interfaith activist Mohammed Al Samawi escape from the civil war in Yemen, and he continues to assist those who bravely advance human rights around the world. In 2016, Justin was part of the international team that launched the African Middle Eastern Leadership Project (AMEL), which trains the next generation of human rights activists from the MEA region. Justin is a graduate of Stanford University.

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