A Portrait of Bay Area Jewish Life and Communities

**Julie Golde**
Senior Director of Community Impact, Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund

Julie has been working for the Federation in planning and community impact for 12 years serving in a variety of roles, including developing strategy and guiding a substantial portion of the Federation’s direct grantmaking in partnership with an incredible team of program officers and lay colleagues. Julie was the lead professional on the Federation’s recent study of the Jewish population of the 10-county Bay Area, “A Portrait of Bay Area Jewish Life and Communities”. Julie’s passion for working professionally in the Jewish community began after living in Israel many years ago. She has a B.S. in Speech and Hearing Science from Arizona State University and an M.A. in Special Education from San Francisco State University.

**Ilana Rabin**
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Ilana Rabin is a Bay Area native and currently works as the Centennial Campaign Manager and Research Analyst at the Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund. Prior to JCF, Ilana worked at the USC Shoah Foundation with their Executive Director to develop their international partnership model. She holds a Master’s in Communication Management from USC and a Master of Arts in Nonprofit Management from Hebrew Union College.
Day of Learning Panelists

Dr. Tobin Belzer, Ph.D.
Contributing Fellow / Center for Religion and Civic Culture, USC

Dr. Tobin Belzer is an applied sociologist whose research and program evaluations have focused on young adults and teens, experiential education, leadership training, organizational culture, congregational studies, Jewish identity, character development, gender, inclusion, media and technology, arts and culture, and education.

Dr. Belzer has been a visiting scholar at the Taube Center for Jewish Studies at Stanford University and a research associate at the USC Center for Religion and Civic Culture. She came to USC as a post-doctoral fellow jointly appointed at the Casden Institute for the Study of Jewish Role in American Life and at CRCC.

She has worked with and for numerous organizations and foundations including: Jim Joseph Foundation, the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, The John Templeton Foundation, California Community Foundation, Koret Foundation, the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University, the Lily Endowment, and the Covenant Foundation. Belzer served as the Senior Project Director at Rosov Consulting, LLC, a strategic consultancy that helps foundations, philanthropists and non-profit organizations meet their goals, assess progress, and enhance impact.

Dr. Belzer earned her Ph.D. in sociology and master’s degree in women’s studies from Brandeis University. As a doctoral candidate, she was awarded the Joshua Venture Fellowship for Young Jewish Social Entrepreneurs. This grant funded her research on the intersection of young adult Jewish identity and Jewish organizational culture. Dr. Belzer was a 2007-08 Fellow of the Congregational Studies Team’s Engaged Scholars Program, funded by the Lilly Endowment. She was awarded the Hadassah Award for Excellence in Writing about Women from the American Jewish Press Association. With Rabbi Julie Pelc Adler, she is the co-editor of Joining the Sisterhood: Young Jewish Women Write Their Lives (SUNY Press, 2003).
Dr. Denise L. Davis  
Clinical Professor of Medicine at University of California San Francisco

Dr. Denise L. Davis is a general internist, Clinical Professor of Medicine at University of California San Francisco. She serves as Associate Director for Faculty Development for the San Francisco VA Center of Excellence in Primary Care Education. Dr. Davis teaches faculty development workshops locally and nationally on communication skill in healthcare. She consults and has provided medical staff training for medical groups across the country. Dr. Davis’ topics include improving doctor-patient communication, obtaining informed consent, negotiating cultural differences in clinical relationships, and giving effective feedback.

She is a past recipient of the prestigious Kaiser Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching for her work with students at UCSF School of Medicine and was recognized by the UCSF Academy of Medical Educators as an outstanding teacher in 2013. Dr. Davis was elected to the UCSF Academy of Medical Educators in 2015 and was elected to the Gold Headed Cane Society for “true physicians” at UCSF in 2017. In 2018 she was awarded the UCSF Chancellor’s MLK Leadership Award related to her work in designing and leading a unique 2-day intensive curriculum on communication and equity for all first-year medical students.

Dr. Davis presented the 2013 Marjorie S. Sirridge M.D., Outstanding Women in Medicine Lectureship at the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Medicine on, “Pride and Presence: Narratives of Women Physicians and their Daughters,” looking at women’s physicians lives from the vantage point of their daughters and the impact that professional role has on women doctor’s personal relationships with their daughters.

Dr. Davis enjoyed a wildly successful private practice for 20 years based on relationship centered care principles. She has consistently received awards from patients as an outstanding primary care physician and has received many Patients’ Choice Awards.

Denise is an involved member of her Conservative synagogue and has served on the Be’chol Lashon Advisory Committee and at Camp Bechol Lashon both as a Co–Director and as a Torah reader. Denise has extensive experience on the boards of Jewish nonprofit organizations. She lives in the Bay Area with her daughter, Aviva Ruth, who is attending her sophomore year of college.
Dr. Myra Strober, Ph.D.
Professor Emerita at Stanford Graduate School of Education / Professor Emerita of Economics at Stanford’s Graduate School of Business

Dr. Myra Strober is a labor economist. She is Professor Emerita of Education at Stanford’s Graduate School of Education and Professor Emerita of Economics (by courtesy) at Stanford’s Graduate School of Business. She is the author of articles on occupational segregation, the economics of child care, feminist economics, discrimination, the value of unpaid labor, and bringing women into management, and coauthor of The Road Winds Uphill All the Way: Gender, Work, and Family in the United States and Japan (MIT Press).

Dr. Strober was the founding director of Stanford’s Center for Research on Women (now the Clayman Institute for Gender Research) and President of the International Association for Feminist Economics. She has been an expert witness in legal cases involving sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and the valuation of unpaid caring work, and has consulted with several corporations on improved utilization of women in management and work-family issues.

Her most recent book is a memoir: Sharing the Work: What My Career and Family Have Taught Me About Breaking Through (and Holding the Door Open for Others) (MIT Press).