

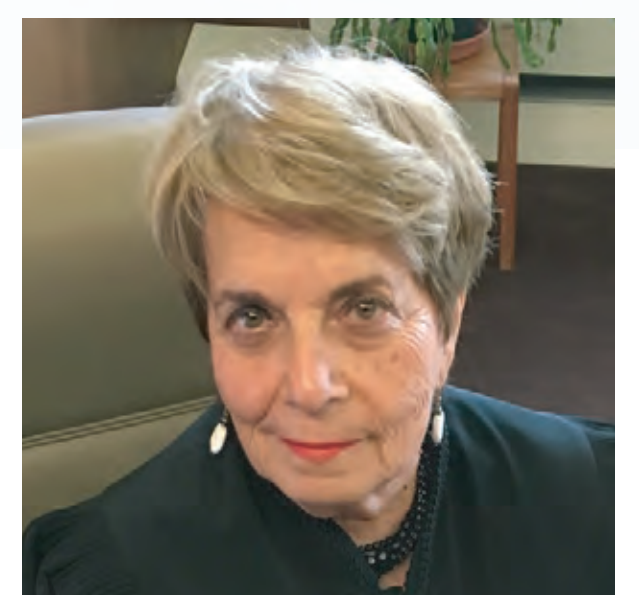
# Agents of Change

## 20 Remarkable Jewish Women of Washington State

Every Day, the world around us is changing in countless ways, and we in turn are changing the world. In that way, we are all agents of change, and the twenty women we have chosen to honor in the Washington State Jewish Historical Society's 50th anniversary exhibit "Agents of Change: 20 Remarkable Jewish Women of Washington State" are representatives of us all as they make changes great and small. To take just one example, on the decidedly great side of the scale, as we put the finishing touches on this exhibit in September, 2018, agent of change Sue Bird was at the center of a city-wide parade, celebrating the Seattle Storm, the team Sue had just led to a WNBA Championship for the third time in her magnificent career.

From our perspective, all of the women in this exhibit deserve parades in their honor. They're all busy doing the hard work of making our world a better place, from the State Capital in Olympia, where Tana Senn is fighting for pay equality and common-sense gun laws, to Rwanda, where our youngest agent of change, Jessica Markowitz, is helping poverty-stricken African girls stay in school and learn a trade so they too can be agents of change in a part of the world where change is desperately needed.

We hope you'll take the time to hear all their stories—here and at our website, **[WSJHS.org/AoC](http://WSJHS.org/AoC)**; in print; in podcasts; and on video—and that they will inspire you to be the agents of change our people have always aspired to be, taking the spirit of tikkun olam out into our communities and doing the hard work it takes to repair the world.



## Activist Hilary Stern

Founder and Executive Director,  
Casa Latina, 1994-2016



*"What I'm most proud of is lifting up the voices of a group of people who had no voice in Seattle before. Immigrant day laborers were seen from the outside as objects, as a public nuisance. We created an organization where they were able to gain a voice, figure out how the system works, and learn how to advocate for themselves. The biggest thing is helping people share their perspective—not just the perspective of somebody like me representing them, but their own perspective—to bring about change and make things better for their community."*

**B**orn in Los Angeles, Hilary Stern spent her early years in Maryland before her family moved to Seattle when she was seven years old. The daughter of a University of Washington physics professor, she spent formative years in Israel as a teenager and Nicaragua after college, and has worked her entire adult life to make a difference for underprivileged and undocumented immigrants in Seattle. Since she founded Casa Latina in 1994, the vibrant worker rights organization has helped thousands of day laborers find work, learn English, and fight for their rights, bringing them off the streets and into a three-building campus in Seattle's Central District. In addition to directly serving the Latino community in King County, Casa Latina has also had national impact, providing programs, curricula and operations models for day worker centers throughout the country.



*Growing up; protesting immigration policy; spa day at Casa Latina.*

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## Advocate Janet Varon

Founder and Executive Director,  
Northwest Health Law Advocates

*"My father was a dentist who would see anybody - payment was secondary. My parents both inculcated the values of serving the community and repairing the world. Many of my friends and peers had similar values. In the Jewish community I grew up in, Jewish values were integrated into daily life."*



*Her wedding to husband; marching for health care access; speaking in support of Planned Parenthood.*

A New York native, Janet Varon grew up in the Bronx before attending Harvard as both an undergraduate and a law student. Finishing law school in 1983, she accepted a job at Seattle's Evergreen Legal Services, where she primarily represented clients who had lost their health coverage and other public benefits. After 13 years at Evergreen, she founded Northwest Health Law Advocates and has served as its executive director for nearly two decades. She also coordinates the statewide legal advocates' Medical Assistance Work Group; serves on the Healthy Washington Coalition Steering Committee; and is a member of the boards of the National Health Law Program and the Washington Medical-Legal Partnership. She previously chaired the state's Medical Assistance Advisory Committee, and served on the Governor's Certificate of Need Task Force and on the Low-Income Populations Advisory Group to the Joint Select Committee on Health Care Reform Implementation.

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Agent of Tomorrow

## Jessica Markowitz

Founder, Richard's Rwanda

*"For me, being Jewish means being part of something bigger than yourself. People interpret that in different ways, but for me that means trying to leave a mark on the world, not for myself but for the benefit of humanity. There are so many incredible young Jewish leaders who have already done that and I would hope to follow in their footsteps."*

At 23 years of age, Jessica Markowitz is our youngest agent of change, but what's more remarkable is that she's been making change for more than half of her young life. Jessica was just 11 years old when, in 2006, she founded Richard's Rwanda, inspired by Richard Kananga, a representative from the National Unity and Reconciliation Commission in Rwanda who stayed with Jessica's family in Seattle in 2006. In addition to the history of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, Richard told sixth-grader Jessica about the difficulties Rwandan girls her age had staying in school, and Jessica was moved to create a nonprofit that has gone on to fund scholarships for more than 85 girls in the East African country. As of 2017, the organization has started focusing on a metalsmithing vocational program to help young women find sustainable employment. Now an NYU 2018 graduate, Jessica is spending the next year as a JDC Entwine Global Jewish Service Corps fellow in Budapest, Hungary, where she'll be working with the local Jewish community acting as an adviser to the BBYO Hungary chapter and working in the local JCC.



Jessica in a classroom in Rwanda; with her parents at her bat mitzvah; meeting the Dalai Lama.

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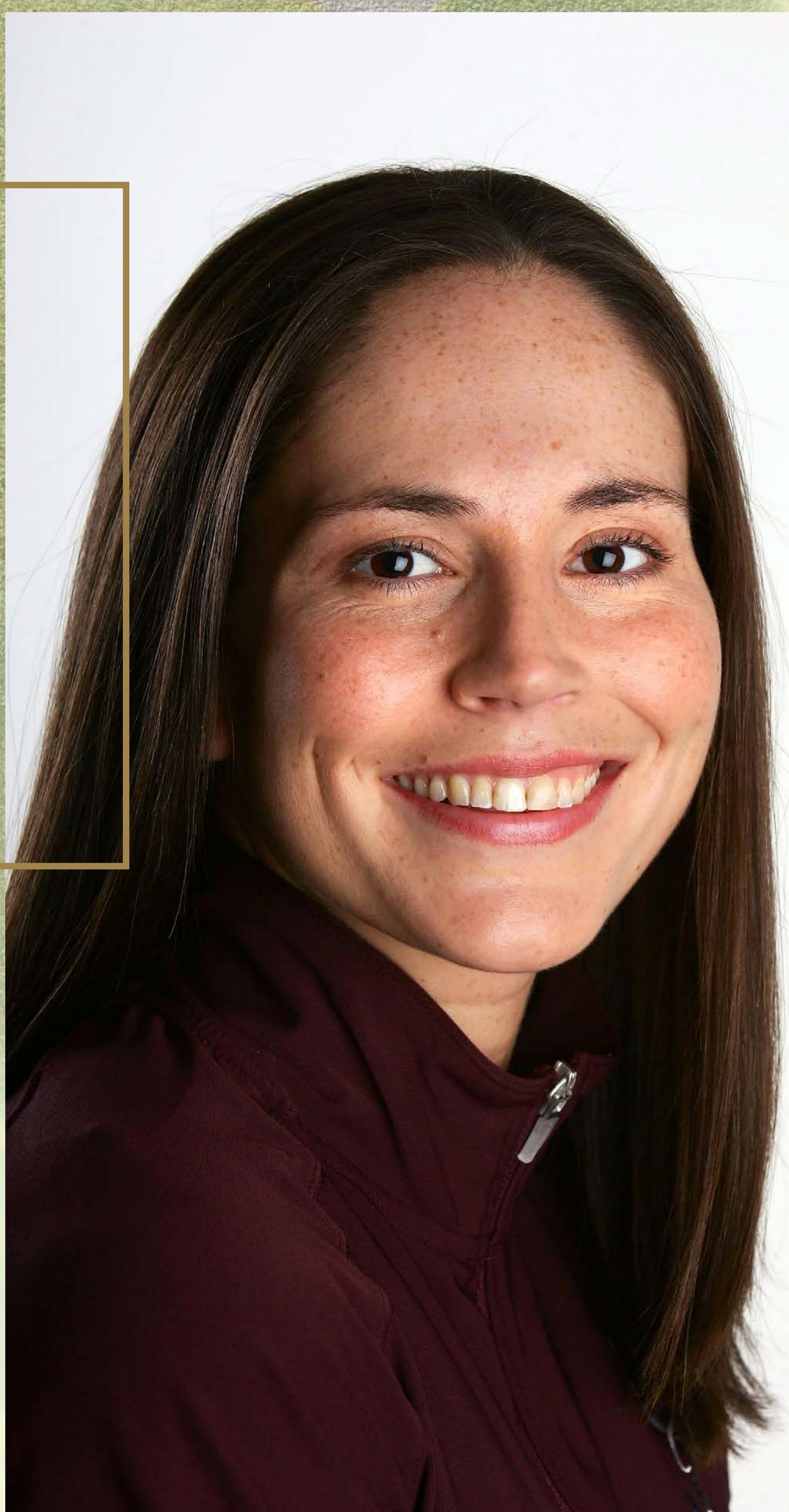
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## Baller Sue Bird

Point Guard, Seattle Storm  
and Team USA

*"In my mind, there was no need to come out. Everyone who knows me knows, so what's the difference? But Megan showed me the other side of that: because it's not the norm, you do have to say it, to be a role model for younger generations. So I definitely hope that my coming out has helped give other people the confidence to be who they are."*



One of the greatest basketball players of all time, Sue Bird has won two NCAA championships at the University of Connecticut; four Olympic Gold Medals with Team USA; and three WNBA titles with the Seattle Storm. At age 37, she's still at it: the oldest player in the WNBA and the league's all-time assists leader, she led the Storm to victory in the 2018 WNBA Finals despite breaking her nose for the fifth time earlier in the playoffs. Born in Syosset, New York, Sue actually has dual American and Israeli citizenship, thanks to her father, Herschel, an Italian-born Russian Jew. Sue was a dynamic athlete from an early age, and after leading UConn to a 39-0 record her senior season, winning both the Wade Trophy and the Naismith Award as the College Player of the Year, she was chosen as the first overall pick in the 2002 WNBA draft by the Storm. The rest has been history, including her decision in 2017 to come out as gay, and her joint appearance with her girlfriend, soccer star Megan Rapinoe, on the cover of ESPN Magazine's 2018 Body Issue.



*Sue playing for the Storm; getting a taste of one of her gold medals; with girlfriend Megan Rapinoe of the Seattle Reign.*

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Catalyst

## Suzi LeVine

U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein, 2014-2017

*"I wake up every single day thinking about how to make the world a better place. If you were to crack open my arteries and do an analysis of my blood, you would see Tikkun Olam flowing through me. It's who I am, it's what I do. It's what motivates me. I've had a very nonlinear course over my career, but that has always been my North Star."*



Photos: Suzi and her family with Vice President Biden at her swearing in, 2014; with husband Eric and President and Mrs. Obama at the White House Hanukkah Party, 2010; in Israel, 1975.

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East Coast native Suzi LeVine moved to Seattle in 1993, fresh from earning degrees in Engineering and English at Brown University, the last marketing person hired to work on the MS-DOS team at Microsoft. That led to a position on the team that launched Windows 95, an executive role at Expedia, and an exciting and nonlinear career working in both the private and public sector, while also volunteering for a wide variety of nonprofits and political campaigns. Self-described as a “Wife, Mom, Citizen, Apprenticeship Advocate, and Catalyst,” Suzi is the co-founder of the cooperative Jewish community Kavana, was a key volunteer on the Obama For America campaign, served as the United States Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein from 2014 to 2017, and is now Commissioner of the Employment Security Department for the State of Washington.

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Citizen

## Doreen Alhadeff

*First U.S. Ambassador to Red de Juderias of Spain*

*"When it became possible to regain Spanish citizenship, I remember getting up at four o'clock in the morning to see the news, to see if the legislation passed. The gesture was important, to recognize that a wrong had been done. It was something that had been taken away from my family, and although clearly I have no idea who that family was or where they were exactly, I wanted it back. I felt that it was important to take it back for all of them."*

The granddaughter of the first Sephardic woman in Seattle, Doreen Alhadeff, like her grandmother, is a pioneer. A Seattle native, Doreen grew up in the city's vibrant Sephardic community, which inspired an interest in Spanish culture that led her to study Spanish language and literature at the University of Washington. After graduation, she married, raised a family, and co-founded with partners a successful real estate company, which she owned for fifteen years. When the Spanish legislature passed a statute in 2014 to give Sephardic Jews the right to regain the citizenship their ancestors lost in 1492, Doreen became one of the first people to take advantage of the new law, becoming a Spanish citizen in 2017. The co-founder and first president of the Seattle Sephardic Network, Doreen was recently named the U.S. Ambassador to the Red de Juderias, a network of Spanish cities with historic Jewish roots. She has also served on the boards of Jewish Family Service, Hillel at the University of Washington, and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and is a current board member of the Washington State Jewish Historical Society.



*Doreen signing Spanish citizenship papers in Malaga, Spain; her wedding, with husband Joseph and her parents; with Joseph and their sons, Loren and Mitchell.*

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Igniter

## Michelle J. Goldberg

Venture Capitalist,  
Ignition Partners

*"Being in venture capital and funding early-stage technology companies, you have to believe in change—change in the world, technological change, but also societal change and economic change. You have to be an optimist for change. All while still balancing the risk, and not necessarily pessimism, but realism. I like thinking about risk and opportunity. I like venture because it's not hands-off investing; it's hands-on, where you're really involved with the team and doing the best you can to give advice and be a mentor."*

The granddaughter of a New England rabbi, Michelle J. Goldberg grew up in the town of Durham, New Hampshire, and earned a Bachelor's degree from Columbia University and a Master's degree from Harvard University, both in East Asian Studies. When her husband got a job at Microsoft in 1997, they relocated to Seattle, and Michelle shifted her focus to finance. She worked as an investment banker in mergers and acquisitions before joining the venture capital firm Ignition Partners in 2000. Since then, she has helped raise more than \$1 billion for Ignition's investment fund and more than \$100 million in financing for startup companies, focusing much of her attention on mentoring new executives with exciting ideas. She has also served on the boards of a variety of companies, including the public global asset management firm Legg Mason, and is an active fundraiser and adviser for several educational nonprofits.



Michelle with her husband and kids; in Switzerland with fellow Agent of Change, Ambassador Suzi LeVine; speaking at a technology forum.

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Journalist

## Marcie Sillman

Arts and Culture Reporter,  
KUOW

*"Art, at its best, is a spiritual thing, the same as religion. To me, it is my religion. It forms communities and it's a place where we can find solace and a shared something: shared vision, shared grief, shared joy. And I don't think that it gets that acknowledgment in this city, or anywhere else in the United States, for that matter. And that's what I want to see."*



Marcie with food writer Sara Dickerman; at a KUOW event; with the Reverend Jesse Jackson.

Marcie Sillman has been a mainstay at KUOW, Seattle's NPR affiliate, since 1985, helping create and host the daily programs *Weekday* and *The Beat* before settling into her current role as a full-time cultural reporter. Born and raised outside of Detroit, she is a graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in Chinese and completed a certificate program in Indonesian language at Cornell University. While at Cornell, she started working at the student radio station, fell in love with broadcast journalism, and decided to pursue it as a career. In her thirty-plus years in public radio, she has been a strong advocate for the arts community and women's rights, and her voice has been heard across many of NPR's national programs as well as The Voice of America. In 2016, she and photographer Angela Sterling collaborated on the book *Out There: Jonathan Porretta's Life in Dance*.

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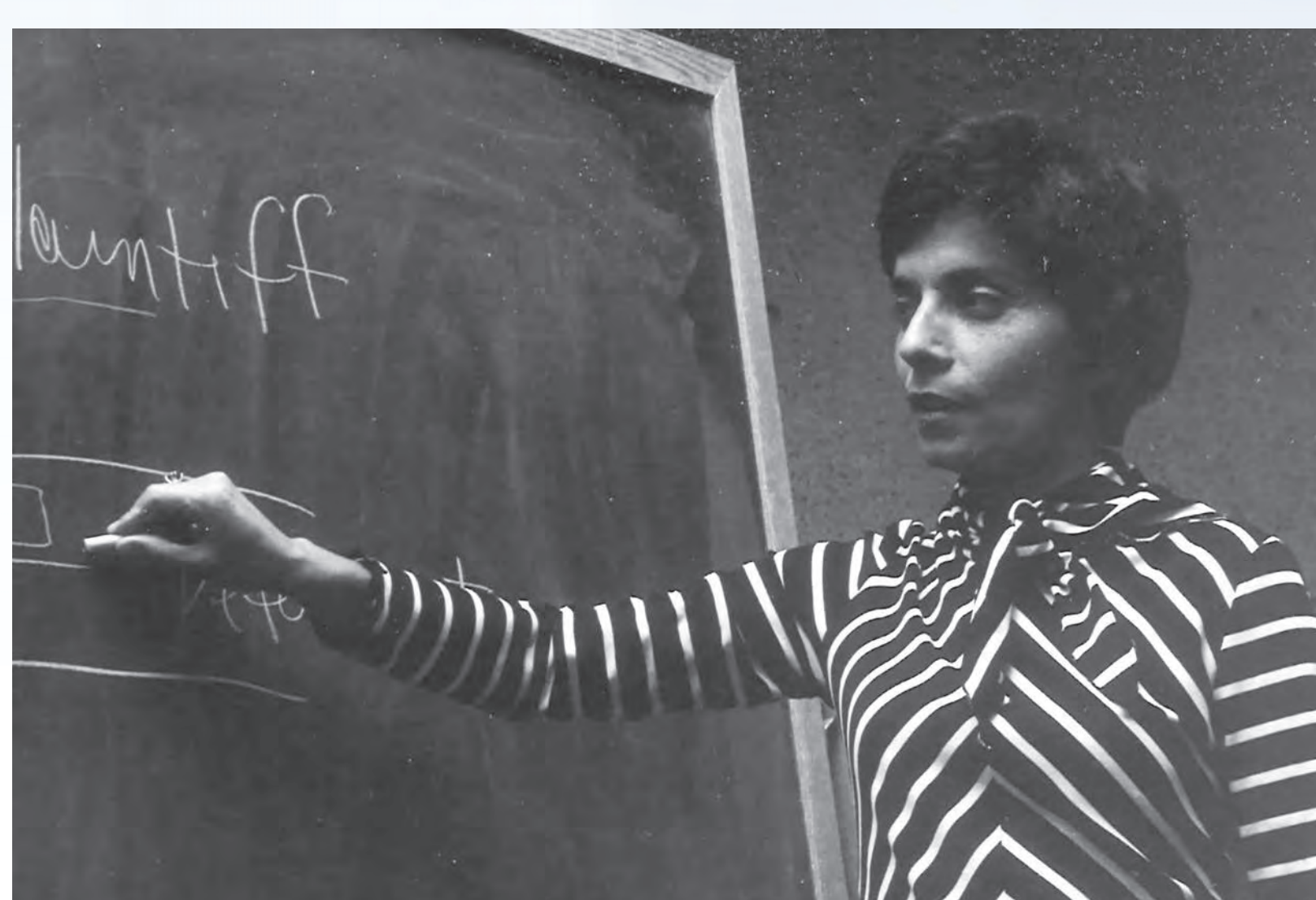
## Judge Barbara J. Rothstein

Senior Judge,  
United States District Court

*"Working in the Attorney General's office was wonderful. We were representing people who never got into court, because nobody would represent them. They had no money. And, for the first time, they experienced the fact that the court system was there to help them. And having the opportunity to serve my country as a federal judge has provided me with untold satisfaction. Deciding important cases in a fair and just manner furthers the rule of law, which is so essential to our democracy."*



Barbara Jacobs Rothstein grew up in Brooklyn, New York, graduated from Cornell University in 1960, and enrolled at Harvard Law School at a time when women were a relative rarity in the prestigious institution. She graduated in 1966, and after a brief stint as the first female attorney at a small Boston law firm, joined her husband to Seattle, where he was completing his medical residency at the University of Washington. She worked in the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division of the Attorney General's office from 1968 until 1977, when she received her first judicial appointment, to the Washington State Superior Court. In 1979, she was nominated by President Jimmy Carter to a seat on the United States District Court, and has since served on the federal bench in both Washington State and Washington D.C. From 2003–2011, she was also Director of the Federal Judicial Center.



*Dr. Ted Rothstein; teaching at the University of Washington School of Law; at work in her chambers.*

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## Justice Bobbie Bridge

Founding President and CEO,  
Center for Children & Youth Justice



*"A great mentor for me, my mother-in-law, Shirley Bridge, told me to stop thinking about the job and just think about what I'm interested in and what I would like to accomplish. Of course, she was exactly right. I wrote down a list of things and she looked at it and said I should be a judge. And I loved every minute of my work as a trial court judge. I felt very blessed to have that opportunity."*

**B**obbie Bridge is a former Associate Justice of the Washington Supreme Court, and a dedicated volunteer and philanthropist who has been honored with numerous awards for her civic involvement and service to children and youth. Justice Bridge was appointed to the Washington State Supreme Court in 1999 after serving 10 years as a King County Superior Court Judge. In 2006, she retired her judgeship to assume the role of Founding President and CEO of the Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ), a private nonprofit organization that works to create better lives for children by reforming the child welfare and the juvenile justice systems in Washington State.



Justice Bridge with Gov. Christine Gregoire and Michelle Obama; on the bench; with Gov. Jay Inslee.

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## Lawmaker Tana Senn

Member of the Washington State House of Representatives from the 41st District, 2013 - Present

*"When people say, why are you in public service, I think about things that we read during Yom Kippur. They talk about the sins that we have committed against you by being xenophobic, by not taking care of the poor, by not looking out for the widow and the orphan—those things really resonate with me, that we are always encouraged to look out for those who are less fortunate than us."*



As a working mom with two kids, Tana Senn brings an important perspective to legislative issues. Her grandparents were Holocaust survivors who emigrated to Kenya before coming to the United States. Tana was raised in the Los Angeles suburb of Pacific Palisades and went on to earn a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration from Columbia University in 1996. After graduate school, she was hired by Hadassah, rising to the position of National Domestic Policy Director. Moving from New York to Washington State in 2000, Tana worked in communications and government relations for nonprofits and foundations, including the Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle. Tana served on the Mercer Island City Council before being elected to the State House of Representatives in 2013, where she has led legislative efforts to close the gender pay gap and to establish common sense gun laws.



Photos: Tana speaking in the WA State Capital Building; supporting Mom's Demand Action; with family at a Mercer Island rally.

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## Librarian Nancy Pearl Author, *Book Lust*

*"Librarians were the nicest, kindest people to me in my childhood. I remember them with great fondness, and I became a librarian because I saw how reading could open your world, that it gave you the chance to be anyone, to go anywhere, and to do anything. I wanted to do good in the world, and I wanted to give that gift of books and reading to other children."*



The first librarian ever to inspire her own action figure, Nancy Pearl was born and raised in Detroit, where her love of reading was encouraged by Miss Whitehead, her local librarian. She chose her career at age ten and earned a master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan in 1967. Following a long stopover in Oklahoma (where she earned another master's, in history, while raising a family), she moved to Seattle in 1993, becoming executive director of the Seattle Public Library's Washington Center for the Book and founding the much-imitated "If All Seattle Read The Same Book" program. A regular book reviewer for NPR's Morning Edition, Nancy is also the author of the *Book Lust* series and published her first novel, *George & Lizzie*, in 2017.



Nancy with her husband Joe Pearl and Tom Hanks; in the library; with Costco co-founder James Sinegal and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

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Musician

## Mina Miller

Founder and Artistic Director,  
Music of Remembrance

*"I wanted to see what I could do that would make a difference. In all my years of performing and being a music educator, I always felt that music had to reach a greater cause of humanity. I didn't feel music was for entertaining. I felt that I wanted to do something that would make a difference and that would speak to me and use my art in a way that would have a voice."*



*Mina at home in New York; and performing with Music of Remembrance.*

The daughter of Lithuanian refugees who arrived in New York City as the Nazis were moving across Europe, Mina Miller was born into a world irrevocably shaped by the Holocaust. But faced with that tragedy of inconceivable proportions, she has created an ongoing memorial to its victims in the form of Music of Remembrance, which pays tribute to the artists who were lost to the Holocaust and the artwork they both created and inspired. Mina's musical journey began alongside her mother, a talented pianist in her own right, and continued at the Manhattan School of Music and New York University, where she earned her Ph.D. Thereafter, she divided her time between academia, as a tenured professor at the University of Kentucky, and performance, playing concerts across North America and Europe. Moving to Seattle in 1997, she founded Music of Remembrance the following year, and has continued to lead the organization as Artistic Director ever since.

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Obliterider

Amy Lavin

Executive Director,  
Obliteride, 2012–2017

*"I believe in living with intention. That is core to the decisions I make and the way I choose to spend my time. I try to pursue things that create meaning for myself, my family, the community, and hopefully leave the world better than I found it."*



At her Bat Mitzvah; at the JCC; with other rider on an Obliteride

When Amy Lavin was 18 months old, her father's medical residency brought her family from Chicago to Mercer Island, where she attended daycare at the Stroum Jewish Community Center. Forty-odd years later, her life came full circle when she became the SJCC's CEO in 2017. In between those two milestones, she grew up steeped in the Seattle area's Jewish community before heading back to her native Chicago to get a degree in civil engineering from Northwestern, followed by an MBA from Duke. Returning to Seattle and then Mercer Island, she settled in for a ten-year stint at Microsoft, eventually becoming Director of Marketing for the Health Solutions Group. In 2012, she joined Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center to create what eventually became Obliteride, an annual bicycle ride to raise funds for cancer research. She led Obliteride for five years before taking over as the CEO of the SJCC.

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## Philanthropist Becky Benaroya

Donor, The Benaroya Wing,  
Tacoma Art Museum

*"My grandfather was my biggest influence. He taught me to read Hebrew, tell time, tie my shoes, ride a bike, make his Turkish coffee. He had wonderful values: live and let live; your name is the most important thing; wealth is just a gift; you can't take money with you. As a child, he tried to relate to me in a way that I could understand. One story was, if you pull a strand of hair from your head can you put it back? And I said, no poppa. He said, that's your reputation. Once it's gone you can never repair it. After all this time, I still quote him."*



*Becky at the Dreambuilders'; with husband Jack during WWII; the Benaroyas' 50th anniversary celebration.*

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Born January 14, 1923, Becky Benaroya is the grand dame of our Agents of Change: the 95-year-old matriarch of the Benaroya family, which has given so generously to so many in the state of Washington. Her parents came to Seattle at the turn of the 20th Century, her father from the Island of Rhodes, her mother from Constantinople, Turkey. Becky grew up in Seattle's Sephardic Community and attended Garfield High School, where she met her future husband, Jack. They married on Valentine's Day, 1942, and he shipped out with the Navy for World War II later that year in July. After the war, Jack founded a real estate empire, and Becky raised their family. Together, they felt strongly about sharing their good fortune, and began a tradition of giving generously to countless worthy causes. Benaroya Hall, the Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason, and the forthcoming Benaroya Wing of the Tacoma Art Museum are just a few of the nonprofits that bear their name.

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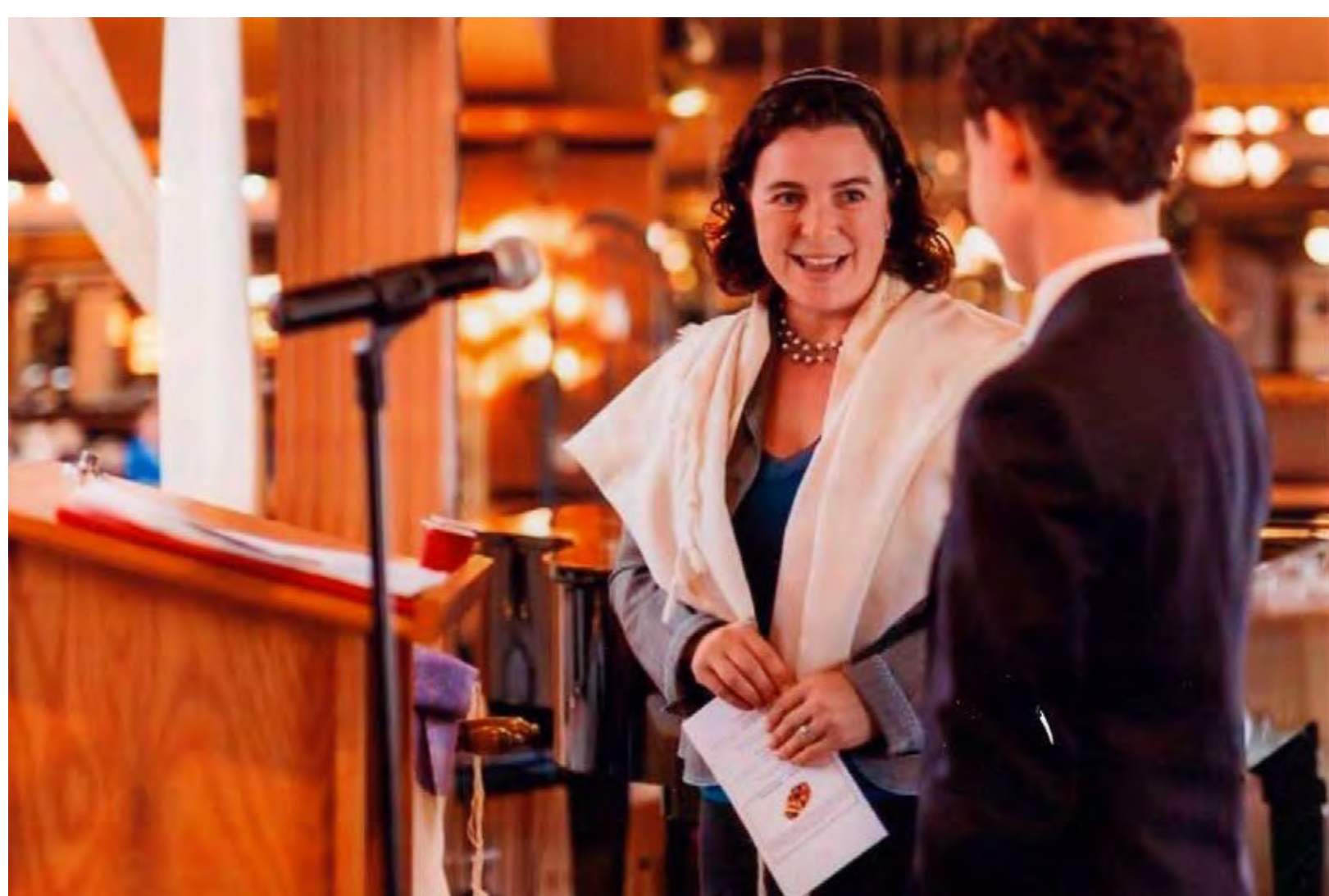


Rabbi

# Rachel Nussbaum

Executive Director,  
Kavana Cooperative

*"What we're trying to do is build a different model for a Jewish community, where people are empowered to create the Jewish lives that they want for themselves. I don't have one preconceived notion of how that has to look; it can be a little bit different for everybody. But what we know from twelve years of doing this work is that the deeper people get into being a part of a Jewish community, the more positive outcomes you're going to see."*



Rabbi Rachel at her rabbinical ordination with husband Noam Pianko; carrying the torah during a bat mitzvah (courtesy Meryl Schenker Photography); officiating a bar mitzvah.

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Rachel Nussbaum was born and raised in Charleston, South Carolina, where she was one of three Jewish children in her class at an Episcopal school and often found herself explaining Judaism to her classmates. Originally planning to pursue a medical career, she was inspired in high school when she met her first female rabbi, and in college decided to pursue rabbinical studies. She moved to Seattle in 2004 shortly after being ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. In 2006, she co-founded the Kavana Cooperative, which takes its name and mission from the Hebrew word for "intention" and encourages members to fully engage in their nondenominational community. As one of seven members of the nationwide Jewish Emergent Network, Kavana, under Rachel's leadership, is at the forefront of creating a new paradigm of communal organization for American Judaism.

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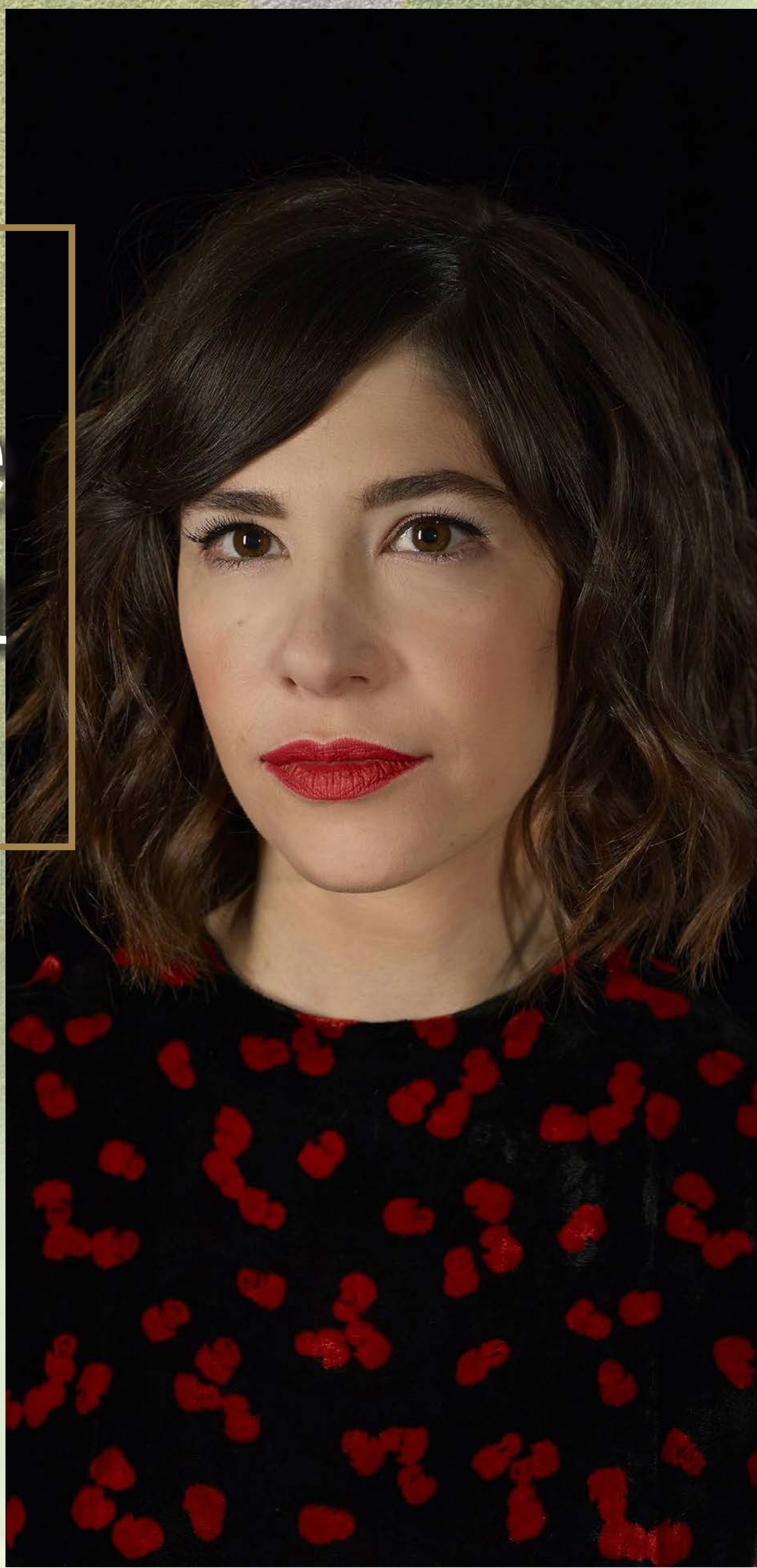
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## Rock Star Carrie Brownstein

Co-founder, Sleater-Kinney; Co-creator, *Portlandia*

*"My entrance into music was motivated by wanting to change myself, to figure out who I was and who I wanted to be. But, especially with a medium like music, and playing in a band and being part of a music community, you quickly realize that it's not an individual experience, it's a collective experience. Your goals for wanting to change things start to exist outside of your own self. So I wanted to create space for other young women or people who felt marginalized to see themselves and hear themselves reflected in our songs, and to be part of a centering of narratives that had been sidelined."*

Born in Seattle and raised in Redmond, Carrie Brownstein was a legendary Washingtonian long before she put *Portlandia* on the map. She cemented her status while she was still a student at Evergreen State College, studying sociolinguistics by day and starting the seminal *riot grrrl* band Sleater-Kinney with classmate Corin Tucker by night. Sleater-Kinney released seven albums before going on hiatus in 2006, at which point Carrie turned her attention to writing and acting. She co-created the Emmy-Award winning comedy show *Portlandia* with Fred Armisen, and in 2015 she published her acclaimed memoir *Hunger Makes Me a Modern Girl*. She has also appeared in the Amazon show *Transparent* and the movies *Carol* and *Don't Worry, He Won't Get Far on Foot*. Carrie is an Emmy nominated TV director and developing her own show.



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Carrie playing with Sleater-Kinney; with her dog Buffy; with Fred Armisen on *Portlandia*. (photo credits: Chris Hornbecker/IFC; Brigitte Sire; courtesy Carrie Brownstein; Augusta Quirk/IFC)

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## TransActivist Rabbah Rona Matlow

Lieutenant Commander,  
U.S. Navy, 1979–2001

*"My mother, before she died, said to me she didn't really understand this whole business of my being trans, but she was my mother, and she was never going to turn her back on me, and she didn't understand how any mother ever could. But I have dealt with so many kids whose parents have rejected them. You know, the largest percentage of homeless kids are queer kids whose parents would rather see them dead than queer."*



Self-described as “the only nuclear-qualified, transgender rabbi” in the United States, Rona Matlow was born in Arcadia, California, in 1959. After serving 22 years in the Navy, she retired in 2001, at the rank of Lieutenant Commander. In 2003, she entered the Academy for Jewish Religion in New York as a rabbinical student and was ordained as a rabbi in 2009. Due to injuries suffered during her military service, she has not been able to lead her own congregation, but has worked with The Soldier’s Project to provide free counseling to veterans and Trans Lifeline to help transgender people in crisis. In 2015, she became aware of her gender dysphoria and, after discussions with her wife and family, began to transition to living full time as a woman. As an expert on transgender, military, and religious issues, she has spoken about transgender/religious law intersections, and is active as an advocate for the transgender community.



*In the Navy and at home; protesting in Olympia; testifying before the State Department of Health.*

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## Volunteer Extraordinaire **Michele Rosen**

Immediate Past President,  
Jewish Family Service of Seattle

*"My thinking has evolved over my years in volunteer life. I used to think the most important thing was to save the Jewish community. I still think it's important, don't get me wrong. But I do think that we are tapped on the shoulder, we are the chosen people because it's our job not just to help Jews but non-Jews as well."*



Michele Rosen has called herself a "professional volunteer," and that's a perfect description for her: she's a powerhouse fundraiser with the ability to bring people together and make great things happen. Born and raised in Los Angeles, her father died when she was five years old, and she and her mother moved in with her grandparents, Latvian immigrants who spoke Yiddish in their home. She went on to get a B.A. in History from U.C. Berkeley and a Master's degree in History and teaching credential from the University of Washington. Through the United Jewish Appeal's Young Leadership Cabinet, she learned the nuts and bolts of fundraising, which has enabled her to be a key player in Seattle's Jewish community. In recent years, she has chaired capital campaigns of \$30 million for Jewish Family Service of Seattle and \$13 million for the University of Washington Karen Mayers Gamoran Family Center for Jewish Life. She was recently the Chair of the Jewish Women's Archive, the Immediate Past President of Jewish Family Service of Seattle, and is a board member of the Washington State Jewish Historical Society.



Michele with Hillary Clinton; with Shimon Peres; with husband Stan at a Purim party.

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