



Heilicher Head of School Search Committee Members

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Esther Goldberg-Davis (Co-Chair): Esther has been a Heilicher parent since 2006, with three alumni students and a current eighth grader. Aside from volunteering in many roles at Heilicher, she is also involved in several other Jewish community organizations. Professionally, Esther is in between nonprofit roles that have focused on philanthropy, development, and program management, most recently serving as Interim Executive Director of Social Venture Partners MN.

Michele Kaplan Clinard (Co-Chair): Michele is the proud parent of a Heilicher second grader, and has worked both within the Washington, D.C. and Twin Cities' Jewish communities. She has held positions with AIPAC and the Embassy of Israel (D.C.) and was a Board Member of the JCRC of Minnesota and the Dakotas. She currently works as the Global Director for Third Party Risk Management at TransUnion.

Mark Appelbaum: The father of three adult alumni of Heilicher, Mark has served as Heilicher Board President and as a member of the Heilicher Executive Board and Board of Trustees. Professionally, Mark was an investment banker at Piper Sandler (formally Piper Jaffray) for over 20 years. For the last 10 years, he has been a real-estate developer focusing on creating meaningful senior living and urban apartment communities. Mark is also currently a member of the Executive Board of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation and serves as the head of the steering committee for the Partnership between the Jewish community of Minneapolis and the City of Rehovot IL (P2G).

Sarah Gollust: Sarah is an associate professor of Health Policy at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health and is a parent of two Heilicher students. Her sons have been at Heilicher since kindergarten and are now in second and fifth grade.

Rose Horovitz: Rose is a current parent of a second grader and a fifth grader at Heilicher as well as a member of its Board of Trustees. She is a Senior Vice President at Wells Fargo, heading up the Consumer Lending Employee Listening Program, and she also sits on the Executive Committee for the Minnesota JCC.

Benjie Kaplan: A parent of twin kindergarteners, Benjie has spent the last 20 years working as a Jewish communal professional and volunteer in the Jewish Federation, camps, schools, and JCCs. For the last eight years, he has served as the Executive Director of Minnesota Hillel. As a past student of Jewish schooling, a current parent, and a deeply invested communal professional, Benjie brings multiple lenses to the search committee.

Elena Levitt: Elena (a.k.a. HaMorah Esther) is the proud parent of two Heilicher students in seventh and second grades. In her 15 years as a teacher at Heilicher, Elena has taught subjects including Jewish Studies, General Studies, and Hebrew, and she has taught in every grade level in the school. She is looking forward to being a part of the school's continued growth and success.

Robyn Schein: Robyn is the President of the Heilicher Board of Trustees where she leads the governance of the school and works in close partnership with school leadership. She is a proud mom to three Heilicher students currently in third, sixth, and eighth grades. Robyn is also on the board of Camp Ramah in Wisconsin and is an alumna of the Harry Kay Leadership Institute of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation and St. Paul Jewish Federation. Professionally, Robyn is with a non-profit consulting firm that works on multigenerational and next generation philanthropy.

Becka Steinberg: Becka is a third-grade General Studies teacher at Heilicher. She has been at the school for 21 years as a teacher in the third and fourth grades. She is also the proud parent of two Heilicher alumni who are now in high school.

Michael Zis: A Heilicher Board of Trustees member since 2016, Michael has been a professor of Political Science at Macalester College for 18 years. He has two children attending Heilicher (fifth and eighth grades), as well as a Heilicher alumnus who is now a sophomore at St. Louis Park High School.