

# MEET OUR *New Board Members*



**Steve Leberstien**  
**President**

Steve has been part of the OH community since 2009 when he reconnected with his high school sweetheart, Sandy Saull. He officially became a member in 2018, the year he and Sandy were married by Rabbi Josh. Steve is a graduate of Philadelphia's Central High School, and holds degrees in

mechanical and electrical engineering. He held various engineering and marketing positions with DuPont and Bayer before moving to the publishing industry as Director of Operations for U.S. Tech, a trade journal for the electronics industry. Steve now owns Keyrenter Main Line Property Management Company and was previously Building & Grounds chair and VP of Finance at Temple Beth El, a Reconstructionist congregation in Newark, Delaware. At OH, Steve served as VP Admin for two terms and has been Executive VP for the past year.



**Amy Gross**  
**Co-Vice President**  
**for Membership**

Amy and her family joined Or Hadash around 23 years ago. Her son Ezra Sacks is still a member. They live in Upper Gwynedd. Amy has been Hesed chair, Community Life Co-chair, a member of Spiritual Life and the Kitchen Committee. She has been a Mensch to Mensch participant for the past three years. Professionally, Amy has been a social worker- with Jewish Family and Children's Service; a Parent

Educator in the Early Intervention Program at Pa School for the Deaf; a sign language interpreter; a senior companion, and a proofreader. Amy has cherished being a member of the OH community. By being a Membership Co-chair, she hopes to work on retaining and gaining members for our special community.



**Barrie Mittica**  
**Co-Vice President**  
**for Membership**  
**& Immediate Past**  
**President**

Barrie, her husband C.J. and her two children, Sami and Ayla joined Or Hadash in the Fall of 2020 and could not be happier with the community! Barrie and her family live in Lafayette Hill where they can frequently be seen outside riding bikes, playing on the swings or walking with their dog Kali. Outside of the home, Barrie is the Director of Engagement at Kaiserman JCC. Before that, she was the Senior Regional Director of South Jersey Region BBYO. Over the summer, Barrie ventures to the outdoors at JCC Camps at Medford (NJ) where she serves as the Gesher LIT (leaders in training) Director. Barrie earned a Master of Arts degree in Nonprofit Management from Gratz College. Barrie just completed a term as president. She loves helping spread the word about what a wonderful community OH is.



**Nadine Canter**  
**At-Large**

Nadine came to Philadelphia from the midwest 37 years ago with her husband, a CPA and an MBA. After 10 years and 2 children, she started Beaver College to get a Masters in Math Education and taught middle and high school students for 6 years. She then started her third career in synagogue administration at TBI before coming to OH in 2016. After eight years as OH's Administrator, she is very excited to be part of Steve Lieberstien's board and continue working with the OH community. But she is actually more excited to be welcoming a second grandchild in September!



**Chava Hurley**  
**At-Large**

Chava, aka Middle Age Barbie, is a neuroscientist with a PhD from the University of Chicago. She currently is the Program Director for the MD - MS degree at Drexel University College of Medicine where she also teaches classes in neuroscience, physiology, biochemistry, molecular biology, and sensory physiology. In addition to being a scientist, Chava is a mom to two amazing, mostly grown humans: Darcy and Emma. Chava has warm memories of her youngest, Darcy, crawling around on the bimah of Or Hadash playing with Rabbi Josh. Darcy attended Hebrew school, choosing to become a b'nei mitzvah last year and is now finishing up her first year of college. Or Hadash has been an amazing community to our family who has welcomed, supported, and frankly sustained us over the years including throughout a long illness. So many important moments of our lives as a family have taken place within the walls of this building, with this incredible community. Now an empty nester, Chava looks forward to giving back to the Or Hadash community for years to come.



**Rabbi Erin Hirsh**  
**Executive Director**  
**& Education**  
**Director**

Rabbi Erin became OH's Education Director in the spring of 2021. She has an extensive history in congregational education- including having worked with Rabbi Alanna in multiple capacities over 20 years.

Rabbi Erin's leadership style, professional experiences and personality are a great fit for OH. In November 2023, Rabbi Erin accepted the additional role of Administrative Reorganization Director. Rabbi Erin has found it immensely satisfying to work fulltime at OH in this dual capacity.

In April 2024, the Board unanimously voted to create the role of Executive Director. Today, the Board asks the congregation to vote for Rabbi Erin to become OH's Executive Director in addition to being our Education Director.