



# Meet the Faces of Our Emerging Bay Area Jewish Community

Short presentations followed by community conversations

Where We Are Heading: Voices From Our Community — Imagining What's Next

Sunday, February 26

Oshman Family JCC  
3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto  
1 – 5 pm



Bob Hsiang Photography

Presenters pictured top to bottom: Zelig Golden, Shayna Gelender, Kim Carter, Robi Feliz Saphyra, and Lori Rosenstein

**Kim Carter:** I was born black and Jewish. Why do people keep asking me how I got to be Jewish?

**Marc Dollinger:** I have been a long-time supporter of Jewish organizations. What will their role be in the coming decades?

**Shayna Gelender:** I am a secular Reform Jew who just turned 30. How do I live my Judaism to advance social justice in my community?

**Patricia Hellman Gibbs:** My family came here in the 1850s. What do I do now with this legacy?

**Zelig Golden:** I was an environmental lawyer, and now I co-lead Wilderness Torah. How can we revitalize Jewish life by reconnecting Jewish traditions to the cycles of nature?

**Eliron Hamburger:** I was born a girl, but matured as a man. Is there a place for me in the Jewish community as transgender?

**Abi Karlin-Resnick and Andy Cheng:** We are an Asian-Jewish couple raising our kids as Jews. How compatible have our traditions been?

**David and Mira Peretz:** We were born in Israel, immigrated to the U.S., and raised our children here. Why did our son and daughter enlist in the Israeli army?

**Angela Privin:** I was born in the Ukraine and raised in San Francisco. Where is my generation going?

**Heather Richman:** I was raised Christian, married a Jew, and am building a Jewish home. How have I been seeking my place in Judaism?

**Ava Sayaka Rosen:** I am part Japanese and a whole Jew since birth. How can I be called half-Jewish or not technically Jewish at all? Where does my Japanese heritage fit into my identity?

**Lori Rosenstein:** I was born in Korea, dipped in the Mikvah, and raised Jewish. What did I do with it?

**Robi Feliz Saphyra:** I am an observant, educated, involved, and networked Jewish woman employed by the larger Jewish community and active in the smaller Orthodox community. Why do I feel like I have a foot in two different worlds?

**Henry Schreibman:** I was in the center of Northern California Jewish Day School life and now I am a Jewish professor in a Catholic university and a public university. What is my new interfaith life like?

**Rona Teitelman:** I am a single Jewish mother. Where do I find support in the community?

Wrap up by Prof. Ari Y. Kelman

Jim Joseph Chair in Education and Jewish Studies at Stanford

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