

## THE ANNUAL JULIUS ROSENWALD MEMORIAL AWARD

*Honoring the memory of Julius Rosenwald, who did so much for Chicago's Jewish community and its institutions, this award is presented each year to the individual selected as the one who has achieved most in the advancement of the purposes of the Jewish Federation and the welfare of the Jewish community. The Award was established in 1962.*

## MICHAEL H. ZARANSKY



Michael H. Zaransky is the immediate past chairman of the board of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Chicago, chair of the Jewish Community Relations Council, board member of Michael Reese Health Trust, and a longstanding leader both at JUF and across Chicago's Jewish community.

He chaired the 2013 JUF Annual Campaign, which raised more than \$81 million. Michael has also chaired a wide range of JUF committees, including Resource Development Policy, Facilities Corporation Steering, and the Synagogue/Federation Commission, as well as the Trades, Industries & Professions Division and its Real Estate & Building Trades Division.

He is a past president and lifetime board member of Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook, where he has been a member since 1990, and is a board member of the National Multifamily Housing Council and member of the National Apartment Association, Urban Land Institute,

and the Young Presidents Organization (YPO-Gold Chicago). In 2009, Zaransky received the Community Leadership Shin Award from the Jewish Theological Seminary, and he is a graduate of the Wexner Heritage Foundation program for Jewish Communal Leaders.

Professionally, he is the founder and managing principal of MZ Capital Partners and the co-chief executive officer of Prime Property Investors, specializing in multifamily property investment nationwide. MZ Capital Partners has been recognized by *Inc.* magazine as one of the fastest-growing private companies in America by placement on the Inc. 500 list. He is also an author of two best-selling books on commercial real estate and a well-known industry speaker on real estate investment.

A James Scholar graduate of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign who earned his J.D. at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Michael and his wife Barbara live in Northbrook. They are proud of their two children, son-in-law and daughter-in-law, and five precious grandchildren.

## THE DAVIS, GIDWITZ & GLASSER YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD

*Each year, we honor those young leaders who represent an ideal of dedication and service to the Jewish community with the Chicago Jewish community's Young Leadership Awards. These awards are presented in recognition of outstanding communal service and devotion to the causes which comprise the Jewish Federation. They are made possible through funds established by Esther P. and Abram D. Davis, Emily and Joseph L. Gidwitz, and Beatrice D. and Morris Glasser.*

## KATIE BERGER



Katie Berger was born and raised in Kansas City, where she attended the local Jewish day school. She earned her BA in Communication and Honors in Multimedia Scholarship from the University of Southern California. After graduation, Katie moved to Chicago and began working at Harpo Studios—on the final three seasons of *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. She continued to work at Harpo as

a writer/producer in their on-air/off-air marketing department until they closed their doors in 2015. At that point, she began her freelance career producing projects for OWN (Oprah Winfrey Network), United Airlines, McDonald's and Course Hero, as well as some small businesses and nonprofits.

Katie is a member of the JUF Board of Directors and served as the JUF Young Leadership Division Campaign Chair in 2017. She sits on several JUF committees and has been a part of the Jewish Women's Foundation for several years. Recently, Katie launched the Ben-Gurion Society Advisory Council with Sally Kudert in an effort to engage more of her contemporaries in JUF's work. Katie chaired the Economic and Legal subcommittee for JWF in 2019. Along with her husband J.R., she is a member of the Next Gen board for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She was also a part of Chicago's Wexner Heritage '17 cohort, completing the program in 2019.

Katie lives in Lincoln Park with her husband, J.R., and her sons Max and James.

## THE SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

*Named for the man who led the Jewish Federation of Chicago as its chief executive officer from 1930 until 1966, this award was inaugurated in 1987. The Award is presented each year at this time to a young person under 35 who has served with professional distinction in a Jewish communal agency in the metropolitan Chicago area for a period of one to five years. It recognizes and sustains the qualities of dedication and devotion to the Jewish community and the Jewish people, which marked Samuel A. Goldsmith's outstanding career. The award provides a cash grant to help defray expenses for participation in a continuing education program, which will advance and enhance the awardee's professional career and skills and/or enrich his or her Jewish knowledge.*

## ELYSE SARETSKY



Elyse Saretsky has been the director of the JUF Young Leadership Division since the summer of 2018. In this role, Elyse oversees the management of the YLD Board, donor cultivation and stewardship processes, as well as events and programs—all to create positive Jewish experiences for young adults in Chicago.

Elyse's career began as a Teach for America corps member in Chicago before joining the JUF Campaign department in 2014 as a campaign associate on the Trades, Industries & Professions team. In 2016, Elyse moved to YLD as the assistant director. Born in the Metro Detroit area, Elyse graduated from the University of Michigan in 2012 with a dual Bachelor's degree in American Culture and Art History.

## EMILY WHITE



Emily White is the Director of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Chicago's Israel Education Center (IEC). She oversees the IEC's programming and activities for high school and college students across Illinois, encouraging constructive engagement with Israel. With an eye toward political trends, Emily strives to create and provide resources for the Jewish community

that integrate a global perspective with Jewish values and deep understanding of Israel. While an undergraduate student at the University of Montana, she was co-founder and president of the university's Hillel. Emily earned a BA from DePaul in Art Media and Design, as well as an MSW with a certificate in Jewish Communal Leadership from the University of Michigan.