

# Alei Tzion Leadership Team 2018/19



## Eliot Kaye - Chair

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Eliot and his wife Susie were among the founders of Alei Tzion back in 2004 and have been active members of the community ever since, naming each of their four children in Alei Tzion. Eliot is a governor of Noam Primary School and a former chair of Limmud, trustee of Chaplaincy and board member of UJIA. In his spare time, he is a director of Shore Capital, an investment banking group, and looks after a series of funds investing in UK small businesses and lending to UK property developers.



## Nathan Woodward – Vice-Chair

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Nathan is a solicitor specialising in property and has been davening at Alei Tzion since 2005. Nathan is married to Sarah and has two wonderful children, Sophie and Benjamin. During those precious moments away from the office, Nathan enjoys watching re-runs of those episodes he appeared in Bergerac and spending time with his family, (although not necessarily in that order).



## Ari Stern – Financial Representative

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Brought up in Manchester, Ari rose up to achieve greatness, to serve as Alei Tzion's Financial Representative. Before moving to London, he learnt for two years in Gush. Now he lives a quiet life married to Deborah with one baby daughter but his experiences on the tough streets of Salford made him a perfect candidate to chase money owed and incentivise people to donate generously. In his professional life Ari is known as his alter ego Anthony and works as an investment analyst. If you find yourself with money burning a hole in your pocket and wish to make a donation, don't be shy as you will find him very welcoming!



## Rachel Baigel – Older Children's Engagement and Women's Engagement

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Rachel is excited to be continuing on the Leadership Team with responsibility for Older Children and Women's initiatives. Her wonderful children, Shoshana and Betzalel, keep Danny and her on their toes and when she gets the opportunity she likes to re-enact the Great British Bake Off in her kitchen! She has also recently qualified as GP.



## Samantha Aarons – Younger Children's Engagement

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Samantha is a physiotherapist working in the NHS. She lives in North Hendon with her husband, Gidon, and 18 month old son, Natan. Samantha will be running the younger children's events this year. She has been a member of Alei Tzion for five years.



## Yehudit Bauernfreund - Education

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Yehudit is an aspiring psychiatrist who joined Alei in 2013 together with her husband Simi. A graduate of Midreshet Lindenbaum, she is passionate about the involvement of women in the community and Jewish educational events. She is leading the Education Team with Miriam and is also a familiar face as one of our women's gabbaites.



## Brett Bernstein – Communications and Social Media

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Brett is an aspiring cardiologist who, together with his wife Sarah, joined Alei Tzion in May 2017. A year later, he has stepped up to join the Leadership Team taking responsibility for Alei Tzion's communications and social media departments! A chorister in the Neimah choir and trained sexual health expert, he loves nothing more than an afternoon in the Lord's pavilion wearing his MCC tie.





## Charles Braunstein - Hospitality

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Originally from Manchester, Charles moved to Hendon four years ago. He is currently a Project Manager at Network Rail and previously studied Politics at the University of Leeds (Graduating in 2013). In addition to his love of Hashem, he is an avid Manchester United Fan and enjoys general political chat. Charles is co-leading our Hospitality Team with Jemma this year so looks forward to being looked after!



## Ben Freedman - Gabbai

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Ben has been a member of Alei Tzion for the past six years since moving to Hendon in 2012 and was a regular visitor before then. He currently teaches Economics at Immanuel College and has previously studied in Yeshivat Har Etzion and the LSE. He is one of Alei Tzion's regular baalei tefillah and is now one of our gabbaim.



## Gideon Glass - Chesed

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Gideon has been a member of Alei Tzion since 2014 and joined the Leadership Team in May. He is responsible for organising chesed activities at Alei. He aims to make organised chesed accessible to the community and is looking forward to hearing suggestions from the membership for activities that they would like to partake in. Outside of shul, Gideon works for Deloitte as a management consultant and in his spare time enjoys running, reading and following the trials and tribulations of the England cricket team. He is married to Gabriella and they have one son, Joshua.



## Alastair Goldrein – Membership and Fundraising

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Alastair Goldrein, married to Gemma with 3 girls, Rebecca, Olivia and Lucy, was born and raised in Liverpool. He plies his trade as a solicitor, specialising in international financial restructuring and insolvency. Alastair is the Shul's membership secretary and Gabbai of the Chevra Kaddisha. True story: A couple are stranded on an island in the middle of the south pacific. The Husband is desperately trying to build a bonfire, whilst the wife sits on a log and watches. "C'mon and help me build this fire or they will never find us!" pleads the husband. The wife replies, "Listen, I still haven't paid for shul membership. Believe me, they'll find us!"



## Jemma Jacobs – Hospitality and Events

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Jemma has been a member of Alei Tzion for 11 years. She is passionate about Alei Tzion and making the community a welcoming shul for all. Jemma is co-leading our Hospitality Team with Charles and is also working with Shoshi on the Events Team. She lives with her husband Ben and their two girls, Aya and Lyla.



## Jake Pater - Property

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Jake is proud to have joined the Alei Tzion Leadership Team to assist with the Property related matters and to act as Alei's representative at The Board of Deputies. He has been married to the amazing Clare for 10 years and they are blessed with 3 fantastic children; Ava, Asher & Amelie. Jake is a director of a firm of chartered surveyors based in Clerkenwell close to the City of London. When not working or with the family, he enjoys following Tottenham Hotspur and the Middlesex and England Cricket Teams.





## Miriam Seitler - Education

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Miriam Seitler joined the community nearly 3 years ago and is responsible for Alei Tzion's Educational programming, together with Yehudit. Miriam is property barrister and has no hobbies whatsoever, dividing her time between working, eating and sleeping only. She is married to David Shaw.



## Benji Silverblatt - Gabbai

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Benji and his wife Shoshi have been members of Alei Tzion since 2014. Benji's main involvement in wider shul life to date has been the running of the security rota and he has now ventured into the gabbanut. He studied Economics at university and is currently a Transfer Pricing specialist with a keen interest in data and analytics. Outside of shul and work, Benji enjoys sport, travel and food.



## Shoshi Silverblatt - Events

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This is Shoshi's second year on the Leadership Team, She has been organising a lot of the Events and will continue to do this - any new ideas are always welcome! Outside of Alei Tzion, Shoshi is a workplace interior designer and when not at work enjoys running and all things design. She is married to Benji.



## Alan Weider - Operations

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Alan has been a member of Alei Tzion for four years, since moving to Hendon after marrying Anoushka. Alan is responsible for communications and marketing for the shul, as has been for the past two years. Professionally Alan is a portfolio performance analyst. Alan enjoys exploring the countryside, photography, sports, and is currently training for the Royal Parks Half Marathon.