

Schnitzer Family Campus

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Dear Members of the PJA and MJCC Community,

On behalf of the Boards of Directors of the PJA and MJCC, it is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Steven Albert as our new Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, effective November 1. As you know, the Search Committee conducted a nationwide search for an Executive Director, and we are grateful to the members of the community for their input and participation in the process.

Steve comes to us with considerable training and experience in education and non-profit management. Originally from Boston, Steve earned his B.S. in physics from Haverford College and his Ed.M. from Harvard University. He completed his M.S. in physics from Portland State University during a sabbatical that he spent in Portland in 2001-2002. During that year, he volunteered in the Portland Public Schools and was a member of Congregation Beth Israel.

Steve has taught students from kindergarten through adults in a wide variety of formal and informal educational settings, and he has many years of high school coaching experience. He began his career as a middle school science teacher at Germantown Friends School in Philadelphia, and he subsequently held teaching and administrative roles at Hartwick College, Harvard University and The Hotchkiss School. While at Hotchkiss, Steve served as Dean of Faculty and Associate Head of School. This position allowed him to focus on recruitment of teachers and coaches, professional growth of faculty, oversight of the athletic department and program development. During his 17 years at Hotchkiss, Steve was actively involved in his synagogue, Hevreh of Southern Berkshire, where he taught Sunday school and served on both the Building Committee and the Education Committee.

Most recently, Steve has served as the Head of School at Sandia Preparatory School in Albuquerque, New Mexico. His oversight of the campus encompassed institutional advancement, community outreach, marketing, enrollment management, program enhancement, management of afterschool and summer programs, and facilities rentals.

Steve is looking forward to getting to know the PJA and MJCC community and to working with us to further strengthen our programs and offerings. In his first few months, Steve plans to meet as many of you as possible, and the Board intends to facilitate this process with a number of special events which will give you the opportunity to meet him. His goal is to develop a shared vision for the future of PJA and MJCC – one with which we can grow and thrive. The Board is excited to partner with Steve and is committed to supporting his work.

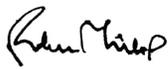
Steve is excited about his return to Portland. He will be joined by his wife, Janie Goldenberg, and their two-year old golden retriever/yellow lab mix, Lola. Their blended family includes five children – Jason, Drew, Brent, Helen and Mitch - who range in age from 14 to 26 and who live and work/attend school in five cities in four different states.

Again, thank you for your strong support of the search process. We know you will all reach out to Steve and Janie upon their arrival and help them to get better acquainted with our wonderful community.

Sincerely,



Barry Benson
Co-President



Bob Philip
Co-President

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