

# Virtual Summit: National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism in K-12 Schools

## SPEAKERS

### Deborah L. Coltin



**Deborah L. Coltin (MEd, MJS)** is the President and Executive Director of Lappin Foundation, where she has worked since 1997. An award-winning educator, Deborah creates programs that enhance Jewish identity and teach about Jewish history, heritage, Israel, the Holocaust, and antisemitism. She is an award-winning Jewish educator who has a particular passion for teaching about the Holocaust, so its memory is not forgotten, nor its lessons lost. Deborah holds certificates in coaching and teen mental health first aid, and is studying for a Leadership Certificate in Combating Antisemitism from Spertus Institute.

### Aliza Elias



**Aliza Elias** directs the Institute for Curriculum Services and is responsible for internal operations, external relationships, resource development, and the creation of new initiatives to strengthen K-12 education. Aliza joined ICS as its first full-time staff person at ICS in 2006 and has served as Director since 2013. She completed a Master's degree with distinction in Modern Jewish Studies at Oxford and a B.A. Hons in Psychology from the University of Calgary.

### Maddie Katzen



**Maddie Katzen**, a senior at Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School and class valedictorian, serves as the class treasurer and captain of the varsity lacrosse team, and she is a competitive dancer in various styles. Maddie is co-chair of Lappin Foundation's Teen Antisemitism Task Force and is an active member of her temple's teen youth group. Maddie will continue her studies in the fall at UMass Lowell on a full scholarship in exercise science on an accelerated track toward a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

### Josh Kraft



**Josh Kraft** is the President of the New England Patriots Foundation and is responsible for the Kraft family's many philanthropic initiatives. Prior to his full-time commitment as the President of the Kraft Family Philanthropies, Kraft spent 30 years with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB), including 12 as the Nicholas President and CEO. Kraft also serves on the boards of Brandeis University, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Herren Project, and is a co-chair of the Hate Crimes Task Force for Massachusetts. He received his bachelor's degree from Williams College and his master's in education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

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## Robert Leikind



**Robert Leikind** has been director of American Jewish Committee (AJC) New England since 2008. A child of parents who survived Hitler's Europe, he grew up with a deeply rooted regard for the opportunity that American democracy affords Jews and other vulnerable minorities. Throughout his career, Rob has been a passionate defender of civil rights, an ardent advocate in the fight against antisemitism and other forms of bigotry, and a vocal proponent of a just and secure future for Israel and its neighbors. Rob began his career working with Holocaust survivors in Brooklyn, New York. A lawyer by training, he served as an Assistant District Attorney before going on to be Director of ADL's Connecticut and Boston offices and Senior Vice President of Hebrew College. Rob has been a contributor to various media on topics ranging from Israel and antisemitism to intergroup relations and civil rights. He received his Bachelor's degree from Vassar College, a Master of Science from Columbia University and his J.D. from the Boston College Law School.

## David Magen



**David Magen**, a freshman at Marblehead High School, actively advocates against antisemitism. His mission is to empower other teenagers to recognize, speak up, and change antisemitic curriculum in their schools. His advocacy led to a change of the inaccurate and antisemitic curriculum at his school. David presented to the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, appeared on TV stations, has been featured in newspapers and at speaking engagements. An outstanding soccer player and the only freshman on the varsity soccer team, David is a highly ranked chess player, a musician, a fisherman, and has danced in the Boston Ballet Nutcracker.

## Tracy Perrelli



**Tracy Perrelli** is Senior Advisor to the U.S. Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. where she develops and implements policy regarding restitution or compensation of property in Europe to Holocaust survivors and their heirs and ensures that the Holocaust is remembered and commemorated appropriately. Prior to joining the Department in 2012, she served at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow representing the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and before that she worked on U.S. - Russia trade issues at the U.S. Department of Commerce. Tracy holds an MBA from the University of Massachusetts.

## Jeffrey Riley



**Jeffrey C. Riley** served as Massachusetts' Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education from 2018-2024. A Massachusetts native, Mr. Riley's experience spans urban and suburban districts and includes teaching in Baltimore, MD, being principal of Tyngsboro Middle School, and being principal of Boston's Edwards Middle School. In January 2012, Commissioner Riley was appointed Superintendent/Receiver of the Lawrence Public Schools. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Pomona College in California, a master's degree in counseling from Johns Hopkins University in Maryland and a master's degree in school administration, planning and social policy from Harvard University.

## Peggy Shukur



**Peggy Shukur** serves as Vice President of Anti-Defamation League (ADL) East Division where she is engaged in all aspects of ADL's mission to "stop the defamation of the Jewish people, and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." In this role, she leads ADL's impact and strategy through the work of four ADL Regional offices: Connecticut, New England, New York/New Jersey and Philadelphia. Previously serving as Deputy Regional Director and Interim Regional Director of ADL New England, she continues to be actively involved with ADL's work to empower and engage our community in the fight against hate and antisemitism through education, incident response, community outreach and advocacy initiatives that advocate for justice, equity, and fair treatment for everyone.