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THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY ELECTS TWO NEW MEMBERS TO ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Museum Board welcomes Scott K. Akman and Phyllis Finkelstein

PHILADELPHIA—The **National Museum of American Jewish History** (NMAJH) announces the election of two new members to its Board of Trustees: **Scott K. Akman** and **Phyllis Finkelstein**. The Board is committed to supporting the Museum’s mission and ensuring the institution has a lasting impact for future generations—for all Americans and for all people who appreciate religious liberty and the freedoms to which Americans aspire.

“We are so fortunate to have Scott and Phyllis join the Board. Scott has spent his august career solving business problems and thinking about management issues. Combined with his passion for the community, he is an invaluable addition to our board. Phyllis brings a deep knowledge and experience of the Museum. She already knows us inside and out – serving as a docent, member of the Education Committee, and longtime supporter.” says **Ivy Barsky**, Museum CEO and **Gwen Goodman** Director.

Scott K. Akman retired from Deloitte in 2017 after 31 years. Akman will be instrumental in guiding the Museum as it enters strategic planning development. As a senior partner for over 20 years, Akman served in numerous leadership positions within the company, including Managing Partner – Philadelphia; National Director, Operations Consulting; Global Supply Chain Management Practice Leader; and National Managing Director – US Manufacturing Practice. Akman was the lead executive responsible for Deloitte’s relationship with Lockheed Martin, which is



one of the largest in the Firm. Akman graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and received his MBA from Wharton in 1986, after spending the first five years of his professional career with Aerospace Division of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation. Retired from Deloitte, Akman remains involved in various business and philanthropic passions. He volunteers at the Philadelphia Chapter of SCORE, whose mission is to continue the traditions started by the nation's forefathers by growing small businesses by helping entrepreneurs and existing businesses solve problems through mentoring and support programs, and at Vare-Washington Elementary School in the Bella Vista neighborhood of Philadelphia. He and his wife, Terri, live in Center City Philadelphia. The couple have three grown children, and a daughter-in-law.

Phyllis Finkelstein is a longtime member and supporter of the Museum. Finkelstein has volunteered as a docent since the Museum opened in its new location in 2010. She has served on NMAJH's Education Committee for the past six years, and along with her husband Dr. Gary Finkelstein, Phyllis is a *1654 Society* member. NMAJH 1654 Society members agree to deepen their commitment to NMAJH by making a four-year pledge to the Museum, making a powerful statement about their commitment to the preservation and interpretation of American Jewish history. Finkelstein has served on the board of Women of Vision, whose mission of making grants to benefit Jewish women and girls in Philadelphia and Israel, and was the president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia's Women's Philanthropy affinity. She and Gary remain active in the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and the Abramson Center for Jewish Life. The couple have two children.



To view all members of NMAJH's Board of Trustees, visit [NMAJH.org/BoardofTrustees](https://www.nmah.org/BoardofTrustees).

About the National Museum of American Jewish History

The National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH), located on historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia, brings to life the more than 360-year history of Jews in America. Tracing the stories of how Jewish immigrants became Jewish Americans, the Museum invites visitors of all backgrounds to share their own stories and reflect on how their histories and identities shape and are shaped by the American experience. An open door for all, NMAJH honors the past and contributes to a better future by sharing the power of imagination and ideas, culture and community, leadership and service, in ways that turn inspiration into action.

NMAJH is located at 101 South Independence Mall East at the corner of Fifth and Market Streets in Philadelphia. Museum hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. Museum admission is \$15.00 for adults, \$13.00 for senior citizens and youth, free for children 12 and under, Museum Members, and active military with ID; reduced prices available if purchased online. The Museum offers free admission in February. Connect with the Museum on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/nmah), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/nmah), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/nmah), and [Pinterest](https://www.pinterest.com/nmah). For more information, visit [NMAJH.org](https://www.nmah.org) or call 215.923.3811.

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