

Foundations

Shomrei Adama

The foundation wants to guarantee a healthy and safe Jewish future for their kids. They do that by supporting medical and environmental research/conservation. They also support Jewish continuity through Jewish education and culture and providing an accessible education for all Israeli citizens.

Dr. George Weiss – Dr. Weiss is 70 years old and lives in an apartment in central N.Y. with his wife, Mrs. Jackie Weiss. He is a retired gastroenterologist and now spends all his time playing tennis. Dr. Weiss grew up in Russia where, under communist rule, was not able to practice his Judaism openly and only was taught what his parents remembered. He never wants anyone else to have to experience what he had to. Dr. Weiss also has very bad hearing and so he tends to yell.

Mrs. Jackie Weiss – Mrs. Weiss is 65 years old and grew up in Brooklyn. She is a diehard Yankees fan and she can be considered the stereotypical “New York Jewish Mother” complete with the accent. Mrs. Weiss loves to hike and has always loved the great outdoors, aka, Central Park. Dr. and Mrs. Weiss have seven children including Ms. Naomi Weiss.

Ms. Naomi Weiss – Ms. Weiss is 32 years old and single. She is the 4th of the seven Weiss children and the only child that is still single. Her mom constantly bugs her about getting married which is the cause of many of their fights. Ms. Weiss is currently studying in Israel to become a doctor.

Darkei Shalom

This foundation is dedicated to correcting injustices and building cultural connections through youth led projects. They support interfaith causes and organizations with creative approaches to peaceful existence in Israel and the rest of the world. They recognize that peace will not come until people have a good quality of life with food in their stomach and a roof over their heads.

Sunshine Happy – When Sunshine was 13 years old she inherited 30 million dollars. Sunshine is a complete hippy and still believes it is the 60s. She will not give out her age but says she is 15 years old at heart. Sunshine is the daughter of an Israeli father and Buddhist mother. She lives at the corner of Haight and Ashbury with her lover and daughter.

Shamrock Peace – Although Shamrock has been dating Sunshine for 20 years but doesn't believe in marriage. Shamrock works at Stanley Morgan and received a MBA from Duke, he found his true inner peace though, through meditation. During his free time he helps other find their “inner peace.”

Apple of Our Eye – Apple is a 17 year old who people describe as “emo.” She thinks her parents are the weirdest people ever and wants to change her name to Chelsea. Her parents have no rules for her because they believe in the strengths of the young mind. She is interested in helping fulfill basic human rights for everyone but doesn’t want to do it with her parents and their foundation.

Jewish Community Federation

The Jewish Community Federation works to protect and enhance Jewish life in our community through fundraising, strategic planning and providing funding for programs that care for those in need; that strengthen and secure the safety of the Jewish people; and that foster Jewish renaissance at home, in Israel and in other Jewish communities.

Mr. David Finklestein – Mr. Finklestein is a 42 year old father of 3. All of his children attend Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School. He graduated from Stanford undergrad and Berkeley graduate school. He is a real estate agent in Palo Alto and is a self described “workaholic.” Mr. Finklestein is loud and opinionated and believes we need to help the local community before helping the greater Jewish community.

Mrs. Sarah Cohen – Mrs. Cohen is a 68 year old grandmother of 10. She is a retired education director for Beth Emeth Congregation. Although none of her grandchildren live in the Bay Area, she considers all the kids at Beth Emeth her children. Mrs. Cohen is very soft-spoken and everyone treats her with great respect.

Mrs. Ada Keren – Mrs. Keren is 38 years old and recently got married to her high school sweetheart. Mrs. Keren moved to the United States from Israel two years ago when her then fiancé got a job at Yahoo. Mrs. Keren has very conservative and strong views on Israel and is relentless about funding Israeli programs. Mrs. Keren goes home to Israel every other month.

Pikuach Nefesh

The Pikuach Nefesh Foundation focuses international development organizations motivated by Judaism’s imperative to pursue justice. They are dedicated to alleviating poverty, hunger and disease among the people of the developing world and recognize that they are developing sections of Israeli society that also need our attention.

Simon Schwartzman – Simon is 47 and the eldest of the three Schwartzman siblings. The Schwartzman kids are Army Brats and spent their childhoods traveling around the world. He has a woman in every port and visits them frequently. Simon graduated from Princeton with a Masters in Public Policy. Simon is what you could call a “lady’s man” and has a great style and fashion sense.

Josh Schwartzman – Josh is the middle child and is 45 years old. He went to the University of New Zealand and graduated with a degree in art history. Josh married a Mormon from New Zealand who loves to surf. Josh is very jealous of Simon. He is flaky and thinks he has a New Zealand accent when he really doesn’t. He hates to read the

newspaper because he can't stand the inequality in the world. He feels that everyone should have equal opportunity to basic human rights.

Rachel Schwartzman – Rachel is the baby of the family and is 41 ½ years old. No one in the family ever listens to Rachel even if she has the best ideas. She graduated from Brown with a Masters in International Relations. Every summer during college she worked in a developing country.

Dor L' Dor

The Dor L' Dor Foundation focuses on local issues of poverty, and hunger. They believe through education and youth empowerment we can fix the problems that plague our local community.[empowerment description expanded]

Chamishim Agurot – Chamishim along with Stu Bronfman and Shlomo Abramowitz started a music label company after they met each other near their homes in Oakland. Chamishim is a rapper although he retired when he was 29 years old; he is now 32. He grew up in rural Mississippi and still has an accent. On top of that he only talks in rhyme. He believes we have to solve the problems in our own trailer park before helping others. He was shot five times when he was 10 years old.

Stu Bronfman – Mr. Bronfman is the producer of the music label. He is a 45 year old, divorcee. He got married when he was young but divorced three years later when he realized he was gay. He did not receive custody of his 17 year old daughter and only sees her once a year. Mr. Bronfman has a temper problem and gets mad really easily. Every time Stu sees children on the street or begging for food, he tears up because he realizes if he hadn't become financially stable, that could have been his daughter.

Shlomo Abramowitz – Stu is the 39 year old marketing director for the record label. It was his idea to start a foundation with some of the money the record label made. He grew up as an orthodox Jew but is now and atheist with 5 tattoos. As a part time job he bartends and is disgusted by the deteriorating affects alcohol and how it can lead to such things as domestic violence and illegal drug use. He also hates when people judge him on his looks.

Writing the Simulation Foundation Characters

Use the following as a recipe for writing:

- Include name and basic information
- One random fact about themselves and how they ended up with a foundation board position
- One story or fact that connects them to their mission statement
- Character trait.

2 family foundations

2 community foundations

One foundation with board members (original donor deceased)