

Biographies of Participants
SYMPOSIUM ON INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE: ART, EDUCATION, AND ADVOCACY
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Nechama Bakst, is the Senior Director of the Family Violence Services Program at Met Council. She has spent nearly twenty years providing clinical and case management services to individuals and families. Prior to joining Met Council, she supervised staff and treated clients at The Jewish Board. She also co-chairs the UJA Task Force on Family Violence. In December 2020 she was nominated as one of NYC's Advocates of the Year by the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence.

Cynthia L. Cooper is an award-winning playwright, journalist, and author who uses the theater to illuminate the personal dimensions of human rights. Her one-woman play, "All Databases Are Incomplete," focuses on intimate partner violence. Her plays have been produced across the country, including at Primary Stages and the Women's Project in New York City, as well as at Remember the Women Institute's events. Her plays are in seventeen publications.

Joan Dean serves as a consultant to Remember the Women Institute. She worked in government and politics in New York and California for more than 35 years, including as California's Deputy Secretary for Trade and Commerce and as Senator Dianne Feinstein's Deputy State Director. She was president of the American Jewish Committee in San Diego and served on AJC's New York Board. She holds a master's degree in Public Administration from SUNY Albany, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy.

Artist/Activist Cat Del Buono creates videos, installations, and public happenings that focus on social issues. She has shown in the US and abroad, including Bronx Museum, Microscope Gallery, MoCA Miami, and Shiva Gallery at John Jay College, among others. Her work has been featured in Huffington Post, Brooklyn Rail, Miami Herald, and on PBS. She recently received a Fulbright to do a project on domestic violence in Italy.

Dr. Shoshannah Frydman is the Executive Director of Shalom Task Force. She is a trauma informed therapist and advocate and has worked in the field of domestic abuse and family violence within the Jewish community for twenty years. In addition to serving in several community leadership roles, she is the co-chair of the UJA Task Force on Family Violence and serves on the advisory board of the New York City Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence.

Keren Goldstein, creator of the international art installation *She's gone*, is an Israeli documentary film director and activist. Her installation has been shown throughout Israel, in Greece, and as part of a mini-exhibition in Washington, D.C., organized by Remember the Women Institute. She is leading a number of collaborations with government and private institutions to raise awareness about gender-based violence, including the Israeli Ministry of Education and the Israeli Police Force.

Bea Hanson is currently Senior Advisor at the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence, and has been an advocate for victims of violence for most of her career. She was the New York City Anti-Violence Project's HIV-Related Violence Program Coordinator in the 1990s and then the Chief Program Officer for Safe Horizon. During the Obama administration, she served as the Principal Deputy Director of the US Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women. She was then the Executive Director of the New York City Domestic Violence Task Force. She has a MSW from the Hunter College School of Social Work, and a PhD from the City University of New York.

Alayne Katz is a family law attorney in Westchester County, NY. Eradicating domestic violence became her life mission, after her sister Gail was murdered by her abusive husband in 1985. For more than 25 years, she has partnered with the Pace University School of Law's Women's Justice Center, the largest provider of free legal services for victims of Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse in Westchester and Putnam Counties, as the Chair of their advisory board and the founder of Gail's Fund, which supports the Center's efforts to promote justice for women and families.

Judge Judy Harris Kluger, Executive Director at Sanctuary for Families, has secured substantial new funding and launched programs to address the unique needs of specific groups of survivors of sexual assault and gender violence. Under her leadership, the organization has expanded its innovative Economic Empowerment Program, launched the first worker co-op initiative for current and former clients, realigned its clinical practice, and increased client accessibility via virtual platforms. She had served for 25 years as a judge in New York State. Among other activities, she is on the Advisory Council of the Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence.

Adi Levy, a designer, musician, and photographer, works with Keren Goldstein to support the *She's gone* installation as creative advisor and designer. He is a cultural entrepreneur and social activist, working between Berlin and Tel Aviv. He is a founding member of Alfred Cooperative Institute for Art & Culture, an NGO that promotes young contemporary Israeli art

and artists, and co-founder of the Artist-Run Alliance, an online platform supporting and empowering artist-run initiatives worldwide.

Representative Carolyn B. Maloney is Chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. She is the Chief House Sponsor of the Equal Rights Amendment and a major proponent of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, which was recently signed into law. First elected to Congress in 1992, her accomplishments include authoring the Debbie Smith Act, which increases funding for law enforcement to process DNA rape kits. She has authored and helped pass legislation that targets sex trafficking and is co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Human Trafficking.

Theresa Mapes founded and is president of Sissy's Angels, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping to end domestic violence and to supporting anyone who is abused. She is the mother of domestic violence victim Simeonette (Sissy) Mapes, a Staten Island teacher who was murdered by her husband in 2012. The organization has presented educational programs for schools and the New York City Police Department.

Jessica Neuwirth, the Rita E. Hauser Director of the Human Rights Program at Roosevelt House, is an international women's rights lawyer and activist. She is one of the founders of Equality Now, an international women's rights organization, and the founder and Director of Donor Direct Action, which supports women's rights organizations around the world. She is also a founder and Co-President of the new ERA Coalition, mobilizing to get the Equal Rights Amendment into the United States Constitution. She is the author of *Equal Means Equal, Why the Time for the Era is Now*.

Lisa Pelikan, who portrays a victim of domestic violence in "All Databases Are Incomplete," is an award-winning actor who has appeared on stage in New York and Los Angeles, and in television and feature films throughout her accomplished career. Her performance in this play was featured at Remember the Women Institute's exhibition on intimate partner violence at the Strongin Collection, Washington, D.C., in December 2021.

Rosemonde Pierre-Louis, a public sector leader known for driving social and economic change, serves as Chief Operating Officer at the McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research at New York University. From 2014-2016, she served as Commissioner of the NYC Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence. An attorney by profession, she also served as Manhattan Deputy Borough President from 2006-2013 and taught for six years as an adjunct professor at Fordham University School of Law. She is also the host of season two of the podcast Black Men and Boys: Changing The Narrative.

Marjorie Puyol is a motivational speaker, life coach, mentor, leader, and entrepreneur. She is currently working toward earning her doctorate in organizational leadership. She has dedicated her life to encouraging and helping others to learn the tools necessary to make positive lifestyle transitions. As a survivor who has experienced intimate partner violence, she is determined to stand strong and support others who have experienced violence to take back their lives and regain their power.

Aryn Quinn is the founder of the nonprofit WeCare and a leader in using education to prevent abuse. She is also the creator of the globally presented That's Not Ok workshop, the S.A.I.L.S. model for dismantling systemic abuse, and Share The Eight: the fundamental warning signs translated into multiple languages. Her forthcoming book, *Dying For Love*, is the synthesis of her personal life story and career, combining research, testimonials, professional experience, and life lessons to shine a light on abuse.

Dr. Alana Morgan Ramjit is a postdoctoral researcher and Computing Innovation Fellow at the Clinic to End Tech Abuse (CETA) at Cornell Tech, where she is exploring strategies to expand trauma-informed interventions of tech abuse in various contexts that include intimate partner violence. She received her PhD in Computer Science from UCLA in 2020. She has also worked as a survivor advocate and consent educator with Columbia University's Rape Crisis and Anti-Sexual Violence Center, as well as RAINN, The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network.

Dr. Rochelle G. Saidel is the founding executive director of Remember the Women Institute, which for 25 years has been integrating women's stories into history through research, publications, events, and exhibitions. Her focuses are women during the Holocaust and violence against women. She is the author or editor of eight books and the curator/coordinator of art and history exhibitions, most with a focus on women during the Holocaust.

Lily Sanders is an award-winning author and domestic violence expert who specializes in helping young adults learn how to identify the disguises behind domestic violence. She is also a survivor with a powerful story. Her mission is to help break the mold for positive generational change. Lily is the author of "Truth To Triumph" and an expert on intimate partner violence. She has been consecutively named one of the Top Ten Coaching Experts in NYC and featured in various media.

Adva Vilchinski, Consul for Public Diplomacy, is responsible for engagement with civil society across the Israel Consulate in New York's five-state jurisdiction that includes New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Delaware. She also develops crucial relations with various leaders as a representative of the State of Israel. Appointed in summer 2019, she came to the Israel Consulate from India, where she had served as Political Advisor at the Israeli Embassy in New Delhi.