

## TOURO SYNAGOGUE FOUNDATION

### REPORT OF THE 2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee, composed of Andy Teitz (Chair), Beverly Bavly, John Grosvenor, Larry Sheftel, Rita Slom, Louise Ellen Teitz, and Laura Freedman Pedrick (*ex officio*) is pleased to present the following slate of officers and board of directors.

Andy Teitz, Chair, Nominating Committee  
August 20, 2023

#### **Proposed Officers:**

Laura Freedman Pedrick, Chair  
Pamela Elman, Frist Vice Chair  
Andy Teitz, Vice Chair  
Richard Rudick, Vice Chair  
Keith Stokes, Vice Chair  
John Laramée, Secretary  
William Stern, Treasurer<sup>#</sup>  
Jay Ross, Assistant Treasurer<sup>#</sup>  
VACANT, Immediate Past Chair

#### **Class of 2026:**

Beverly Bavly  
Emily Colbert Cairns\*  
Jonathan de Sola Mendes  
Kimberly Dumpson  
Michael Feldberg  
Gretchen Markert  
Jed Rakoff  
Shirley Saunders  
Sam Shamoon  
Elliott Slom

\* New Member

# New Position for Existing Member

#### **New Member**

##### **DR. EMILY COLBERT CAIRNS**

Emily Colbert Cairns is an Associate Professor of Spanish at Salve Regina University. She lives in Newport with her husband and two children. She grew up in a reform community in New York and attended Hamilton College and the University of California, Irvine. In her research she explores conversos in the Iberian world and the Sephardic diaspora in addition to practices related to breastfeeding and early modern mamas. Her interest in identity as created by the diaspora comes from her own family's personal stories of the same. Having collaborated with Touro Synagogue Foundation over her tenure in RI, she already serves on the Education Committee, and has been instrumental in bringing dynamic speakers and helping launch the 360 virtual tour.