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CENTER FOR SENIOR SERVICES

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Presenter Biographies

Bre Clark, Associate Director of Program Operations at Older Adults Technology Services (OATS)

Bre first joined OATS as a technology trainer in July 2018 and went on to lead OATS' Senior Planet program in Montgomery County, MD before assuming her current role.

Prior to joining OATS, Bre's experience focused upon supporting programming for older adults in Jewish communal settings and as the Senior Program Associate for B'nai B'rith Center for Senior Services, she was an integral part of the national programming for the network including developing staff and board trainings, programming for residents and advocacy. She received her Master's of Social Work in Community Organizing from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor's of Social Work from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. A passionate advocate, she enjoys the integration of research, policy, and programming as it applies to redefining the way we age. Bre is very invested in being an older person in training and resides in Nashville, TN with her husband and dachshund.

B'nai B'rith Center for Senior Services Volunteer Board Members and Staff

Marvin Siflinger, Chair, Center for Senior Services

Marvin Siflinger, founding chairman of Housing Partners, Inc., has had over 45 years of experience in housing and community development. He is currently the chair of the Center for Senior Services and has previously served as B'nai B'rith International senior vice president and president of the B'nai B'rith Seniors Citizens Housing Committee.

Marvin is president emeritus of B'nai B'rith Housing in Boston, which is the owner corporation for Irving B. Matross Covenant House I, II & III, a B'nai B'rith-sponsored senior housing property in Brighton, Massachusetts. B'nai B'rith Housing in Boston also owns a Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) property in Sudbury and previously developed a mixed income condominium development located in Newton, Massachusetts. He was also a critical contributor to B'nai B'rith's successful efforts using the LIHTC for the recapitalization of the Adelstein Family-Project H.O.P.E. B'nai B'rith House in the Bronx, New York. Marvin holds a Bachelor of Arts from the City College of New York, and a Master of Public Administration from Syracuse University.





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Dennis Rice, Co-Chair, B'nai B'rith Housing Committee

Dennis Rice has served as vice president of the board of the B'nai B'rith Apartments of Deerfield Beach Florida for the past nine years. He has chaired two B'nai B'rith conferences on senior housing, in 2009 and 2017.

Dennis has been active in B'nai B'rith for over 50 years. He served as executive director of both the Michigan and Greater Detroit councils of B'nai B'rith for five years before becoming executive director of two large temples for almost 25 years. In addition, he has served as president of two B'nai B'rith lodges as well as serving as a member of the young leadership cabinet of B'nai B'rith in the 1970s.

Abbie Stone, Co-Chair, B'nai B'rith Housing Committee

Abbie Stone is President of the Board of Directors of Covenant House of Tucson. Abbie has served as a board member for over 10 years. She serves as vice chair to B'nai B'rith Senior Services.

Currently the Renew Retreat Facilitator for the Parkinson & Movement Disorder Alliance, she also recently served as a program director with Watermark Retirement Communities and brings years of experience and dedication in fields of gerontology and wellness. She is committed to providing affordable, safe housing and engaging opportunities for individuals to realize their potential intellectually, socially and physically, fostering lifelong independence.

Center for Senior Services Staff

Mark D. Olshan, Ph. D, Director, B'nai B'rith Center for Senior Services

Mark D. Olshan, is Associate Executive Vice President of B'nai B'rith International and director of the B'nai B'rith International Center for Senior Services. He has been responsible for creating two annual housing training meetings: one for the onsite staff and one for staff and board members that provides the B'nai B'rith housing community with critical programming for the successful operations of their buildings.

Mark presently serves on the boards of three B'nai B'rith-sponsored housing properties and was pivotal in using the Low Income Housing Tax Credit to recapitalize the Adelstein Family-Project H.O.P.E. B'nai B'rith House in the Bronx, New York. He holds a doctorate from the University of South Dakota, a Master of Arts degree from the University of California-Northridge, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University in New Jersey.





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Janel Doughten, Associate Director, B'nai B'rith Center for Senior Services

Janel Doughten has worked with the B'nai B'rith Center for Senior Services for over 28 years and is the associate director of the Center for Senior Services. Janel coordinates and is a speaker at all three CSS training conferences, the bi-weekly housing staff zooms and also provides training for the residents of the senior housing buildings and participants in the Resident Leadership Retreat, as well as at various national industry conferences: Leading Age, American Association of Service Coordinators, SPM Managers and Maintenance Trainings; and local conferences, such as Leading Age DC and other DC-based HUD-subsidized senior housing buildings. She also is part of the CSS advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill. Janel holds a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice from Old Dominion University. She currently serves on two Section 202 senior housing boards of directors.

Evan Carmen, Legislative Director for Aging Policy, B'nai B'rith Center for Senior Services

Evan Carmen is the Legislative Director for Aging Policy at the B'nai B'rith International Center for Senior Services. Since joining B'nai B'rith in February 2017, Evan has advocated on public policy matters including affordable housing, health care and income security, as these issues relate to seniors with limited means. Evan's advocacy work has encompassed meeting with congressional staff members on Capitol Hill, arranging visits for lawmakers and their staffs to B'nai B'rith-sponsored affordable housing buildings and working to amplify the B'nai B'rith Message across our media platforms. Evan holds a B.A. from American University in political science and a J.D. from New York Law School. He currently serves on one Section 202 senior housing board of directors.

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