

Our Team

Dr. Shoshannah Frydman, PhD, LCSW

Contact

Executive Director

Dr. Shoshannah Frydman, PhD, LCSW is the Executive Director of Shalom Task Force. Dr. Frydman is a trauma informed therapist and advocate where she has worked in the field of domestic abuse and family violence within the Jewish community for close to 20 years. Dr. Frydman co-chairs the UJA Taskforce on Family Violence, a collaboration of community agencies and leaders that work collaboratively to best provide support and recourses to vulnerable populations effected by family violence. She serves in several community leadership roles and was recently appointed to the New York City Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence COVID-19 Response Group. Dr. Frydman lectures regularly about intimate partner abuse, sexual abuse, trauma and culturally informed practice where she has published on this and related subjects. Shana has been honored by the Jewish Communal Service Association and the New York Board of Rabbis for her

Rebecca Saleman , LMSW

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Director of Hotline Services

Rebecca Saleman, LMSW joined Shalom Task Force as the Director of Hotline Services in December 2020. While earning her BA in psychology at Brandeis University, Rebecca held internships with JFSA Cleveland's KNOW Abuse Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program, The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, and JF&CS Boston's Journey to Safety, TeenSafe Teen Dating Violence Prevention Program. Through these experiences, Rebecca discovered her passion for the prevention and intervention of dating and domestic abuse and pursued her Masters of Social Work at Columbia University School of Social Work. Rebecca completed fieldwork at SCO Family of Services in their foster care department and at Sanctuary for Families, providing therapy to children impacted by domestic violence. After graduating with her MSW in 2015, Rebecca spent two years working as a foster

Violence Program. In this role, she brought greater awareness to the intersection of poverty and domestic violence with a focus within the Jewish community. Dr. Frydman served as one of the first case managers at the New York City Family Justice Centers where she provided and supervised a range of services to diverse survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and sex trafficking.

Dr. Frydman graduated with her MSW from the University of Maryland School of Social Work with honors and earned her PhD at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York/Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work.

Dr. Sarah Chana Silverman, PhD

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Director of Program Development and Evaluations

Sarah Chana Silverman has been working in non-profit grant writing, evaluation and administration for over 30 years. She completed her undergraduate work and received her BA from the University of California at Berkeley. As a graduate student,

high school, through Sarah Health Center. Rebecca is passionate about ensuring access to quality support for survivors of domestic violence and ensuring that everyone has a safe place to ask questions about their relationships.

Kim Susser, ESQ

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Managing Director of Sarah's Voice

Kim Susser, Esq. joins STF as a Consultant and Managing Director of Sarah's Voice, the Legal Project of STF. Ms. Susser's expertise will ensure a smooth transition as we strengthen and grow Sarah's Voice to a fully independent Legal Project. Ms. Susser is considered an expert in domestic violence throughout NYS and has more than 25 years of non-profit managerial, educational and legal experience. As the Former Director of the Matrimonial & Family Law Unit at the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG), a leading NYC non-profit legal services program, she created Project Eden, a forerunner in providing culturally-specific legal services to the Jewish Orthodox community and raising awareness of domestic abuse in that community. Ms. Susser will provide strategic planning and direct supervision as we work to expand

Highways and the American Foundation for the Blind in New York City. Between 1985 and 2006, she worked as an evaluation consultant for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, and as an Associate at Ukeles Associates Inc. (UAI). As a UAI Associate, she worked on strategic planning teams for Jewish communal organizations including The Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, Gratz College in Philadelphia, Yeshiva University, and The United Jewish Federations of New York, Pittsburgh, Detroit, and New Haven. As a consultant to Shalom Task Force, she helped organize two grass-roots women's organizations focusing on domestic violence in the Bukarian and Persian communities in New York, joining STF's staff in 2006. As Director of Program Development and Evaluation, Dr. Silverman writes and manages STF's foundation, federal, NY State, and City grants. She also acts as Project Director on federal grants, develops and implements program evaluation plans in conjunction with the staff, and has a role in financial management for STF. She also works with community partners to expand STF's victims' services and prevention education programs.

Rebecca Weller

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**Associate Director of
Hotline Service**

University of Illinois Chicago. Becca has long been an advocate for women, volunteering with Chicago Volunteer Doula's and the Loyola Sexual Assault Crisis Line. She has previously worked with Between Friends as the DV Adult Education Intern, and EZRA Service Center as a Case Manager Intern. At Shalom Task Force Becca contributes to overseeing the hotline and chatline volunteers, assists with grant reports, and creates hotline/chatline policies and procedures. In her free time Becca enjoys taking hikes with her dog, camping, and cooking.

