

Role of the Board Chair

Community Leadership Forum

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- What Makes Leadership in a Nonprofit at this Time Unique?
- Leadership Styles
- Role of the Board Chair
- Building a Strong Partnership
- What to do when?
- What Now – Questions and Discussion?
- Thank You



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What makes leadership in a
nonprofit unique?
What makes leadership unique at
this time?



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What is leadership?

A leader of a nonprofit organization is a person
who marshals
the people, capital and intellectual resources
of the organization
to move it in the right direction.

Burt Nanus and Stephen M. Dobbs



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Roles of Nonprofit Leader

- **Visionary** – dreaming the dream
- **Strategist** – finding the way
- **Politician** – advocate, troubleshooter, spokesperson
- **Campaigner** – maintaining the lifeline
- **Coach** – building the team
- **Change Agent** – transforming the organization



Leadership Styles?



- **Superman**
- **Wonder Woman**
- **Spiderman**
- **Kermit the Frog**

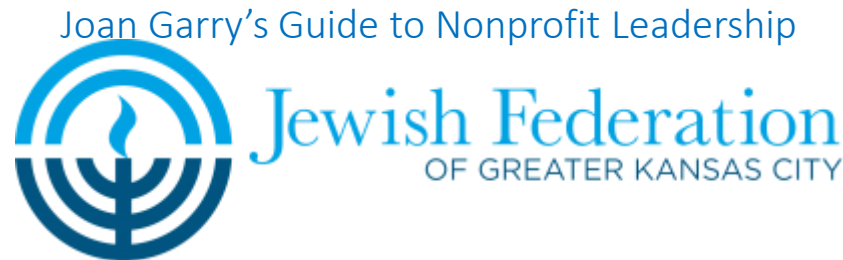


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Leadership Superpowers

- **Conviction**
- **Authenticity**
- **Learn to Tell a Good Story**
- **Be Bold**
- **Be Joyful**



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A leader without followers is
just someone taking a walk.



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Board of Directors: Eight Easy Responsibilities

- Final responsibility for determining mission and objectives
- Select (recruit) Executive Director/CEO
- Evaluate CEO and provide appropriate compensation
- Establishing short-term objectives and long-range goals
- Make certain the organization has the necessary financial resources to meet its mission
- Provide proper funding (give and/or get)
- Manage the institution's resources with great care and effectiveness
- Stay out of the way! (your job is not to manage)

Jerry Panas



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Board Chair Checklist

1. Interest
2. Passion for the Mission
3. Time
4. Schedule Autonomy
5. Diplomacy
6. Asking Tough Questions Well
7. Serve as a Fundraising Champion
8. Motivate Volunteers to Deliver
9. Recognize the Value of Appreciation

Joan Garry



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Building the Relationship



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Communication

No surprises

Communicate regularly about things that matter

Always have an agenda

Sample agenda:

- updates and follow up from previous meeting
- issues that require attention
- pending
- next steps
- calendar

How are you doing?



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Roles and Responsibilities

Board Chair - CEO Partnership

- Strategy and Vision
- Supervision of CEO
- Governance – Board Building
- Staffing
- Program
- Finance



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