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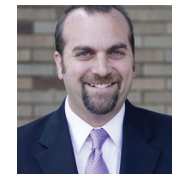
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Hillel Skolnik

Senior Rabbi, Tifereth Israel

[RABBIHILLELS](#)

Rabbi Hillel Boaz Skolnik was ordained at Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 2011. After serving as the rabbi of the Southwest Orlando Jewish Congregation for seven years, Skolnik and his family moved to Columbus in the summer of 2018 where he now serves as Senior Rabbi of Congregation Tifereth Israel.

Skolnik enjoyed many summers at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires first as a camper, then as a counselor, Rosh Edah (Division Head), and Operations Manager. Skolnik has also completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education, acting as a chaplain at Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan. In addition, Skolnik served for a year as the Rabbinic Intern and Hebrew School Principal at the Shelter Rock Jewish Center in Roslyn, NY.

Skolnik earned a Bachelor's Degrees in Politics and Near Eastern Judaic Studies from Brandeis University.



Earl K. Fernandes, Ph.D.

Bishop, Diocese of Columbus

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Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes was ordained and installed as the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus in 2022. He was serving as pastor of St. Ignatius of Loyola Church in Cincinnati, Ohio from 2019 until his ordination and installation. Previously, he was a member of the Staff of the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, D.C., the Dean of the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount Saint Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati, and an associate professor of moral theology.

He is a member of the Board of Trustees at the Pontifical College Josephinum and also on the board of Cristo Rey Columbus High School. Fernandes has published articles in three collections of essays published by the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, which also published a book authored by him in 2014.

He holds a Doctorate in Moral Theology from the Alphonsian Academy in Rome.



Abdurrahman Justin Wood

Youth Director, Noor Islamic Cultural Center

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Abdurrahman Justin Wood served as a director and chairman of Noor Islamic Cultural Center, and currently leads Qableet Mujaddad, AlMaghrib's Columbus volunteer team. He leads Friday prayers and teaches at mosques around Central Ohio and other communities. He also leads and mentors a youth group and works with various organizations doing community outreach.

He also works as a Product Support Engineer at Veeva Systems.

Wood attended both The Ohio State University and Strayer University, and completed his American Imam certificate course with Shaikh Khalid al-Halawani.



Victor M. Davis, DMin

Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church

[3BCHURCH](#)

The Reverend Doctor Victor M. Davis has served as the Pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio for 25 years. Trinity is a growing diverse ministry that is committed to the transformation and growth of Christians. The church is presently in partnership with National Church Residences with plans to build "The Scarborough," an 86-unit senior housing community. Davis also serves as a Chaplain with National Church Residences.

Prior to accepting the call to serve Trinity, he served as Pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church, in Smithfield, North Carolina.

Davis earned his Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree of Divinity from Shaw University. He studied at Southeastern Theological Baptist Seminary, and earned his Doctor of Ministry Degree from the United Theological Seminary.

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Jerry Revish

Senior Pastor, Unity Temple Church of God in Christ

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Pastor Jerry Revish was ordained as an Elder in the Church of God in Christ in 1981. He served under the leadership of Pastors Ernest and Ruth Jordon at Hall's Memorial Church of God in Christ and Greater Works Ministries for 37 years. In 2011, Revish and his wife, Danielle, co-founded Unity Temple Church of God in Christ. He also serves as a Chaplain for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

He retired from WBNS-TV November 2019. His reporting skills led to numerous Emmy Awards and have taken him around the world.

Revish attended Youngstown State University and Chapman University.

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Starlab Is A Cosmic Win for Ohio

Featuring **John M. Horack, Ph.D.**, Neil Armstrong Chair in Aerospace Policy, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, The Ohio State University, **Jeffrey Manber, Ph.D.**, President of International and Space Stations, Voyager Space Holdings, and Founder, Nanoracks, and **Scott Shearer, Ph.D.**, Professor and Chair, Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, The Ohio State University, with host **Frederic Bertley, Ph.D.**, President & CEO, COSI.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Licking County Plans Its Ideal Intel Future

Featuring **Jennifer Roberts**, Executive Director, The Thomas J. Evans Foundation and Neutral Convener for FRAMEWORK, **Jamie Greene**, Principal, planning NEXT, and **Rick Platt**, President & CEO, Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority, with host **Benjamin Lanka**, Business Editor, *The Columbus Dispatch*.

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Corner Offices to Condos: Columbus Skyscrapers

Featuring **Tracy Hadden Loh**, Fellow, The Robert M. Bass Center for Transformative Placemaking, The Brookings Institution, and **Philip Aftuck**, Director, Investments, The Bernstein Companies, with host **Sam Rosenthal**, Principal, CEO, and Architect, Schooley Caldwell. Opening remarks by **Marc Conte**, Executive Director, Capital Crossroads and Discovery Special Improvement District.

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Building Safe Spaces for Color

Featuring **LC Johnson**, Founder & CEO, Founder & CEO, **Danielle Sydnor**, CEO, Rise Together, and host **Alison Marker**, President and CEO, Marker Construction.

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Laying Track for Amtrak's Expansion

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