

**Mark Kaiserman**, originally from Brooklyn, has been the rabbi of Temple Emanuel of West Essex in Livingston, NJ since July 2004. Mark loves to teach in a variety of different settings including; adults, youth group, teens, on trips to Israel, interfaith families and non-Jewish groups. Mark is an amateur film buff, a hopeful adventurer, and a die-hard New York Mets fan. He is a three-time NY Rider.

**David Hoffman** was on the first Hazon NY Ride in 2000 and has ridden with Hazon more than 10 times. He is an assistant professor in the Department of Talmud and Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary. He has taught widely in synagogues and Jewish institutions across North America. He recently completed his PhD in Talmud.

**Shuli Passow** is a second year rabbinical student at Jewish Theological Seminary. She has close to 10 years of experience in Jewish education, teaching at such institutions as Solomon Schechter School of Manhattan, Drisha Institute for Jewish Education, and the Teva Learning Center. She is a proud CSA member, a certified yoga instructor and on the Board of Directors for Hazon.

**Val Yasner** is the Co-coordinator of the Southern New Jersey Hazon CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Val organizes activities for the CSA including holiday celebrations, outdoor adventures, and cooking demonstrations. Val is a vegan and has a video blog with weekly cooking demonstrations. She is co-chair of the Hazon Philadelphia Advisory board and is a alumna of the NY, California and Israel Rides.

**Marc Melzer** is New York attorney working on corporate and commercial matters. Marc has a LLM in intellectual property and information technology law. He is active with Kehilat Hadar, an independent minyan on the UWS and enjoys singing in Jewish a cappella groups. While Marc was in graduate school he worked for Red Heifer, a sustainable kosher meat producer, selling their product at NYC Greenmarkets. Marc is a former member of the NY Ride Steering Committee.

**Jessica Haller** is an environmental entrepreneur who left corporate America in 2006 to pursue a more sustainable planet and landed briefly at Hazon. She is still in hot pursuit. Jessica hails from Riverdale New York, is mom to Leila, Avery and new baby Chloe, and is amazed by how many people she knows in Kosher Nation.