

MICHALEE & MARK MERRITT



MICHALEE has been deeply involved in the Greater Hartford Jewish community for over two decades. She has held numerous leadership and volunteer positions at The Emanuel Synagogue and currently serves as Vice President of Membership and Engagement, where she headed up our latest Strategic Plan Initiative. A passionate believer in giving back, Michalee currently co-chairs The Emanuel Social Action Committee.

Michalee has also served on the Board of the Mandell JCC, holding roles as Executive Board Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. She was Vice Chair of the JCC Book Festival and was honored with The Emerging Leader Award at the JCC Biennial. She also co-chaired the Federation's Jewish Leadership Academy's Advancing Leaders Initiative and was part of its Community Leadership Initiative cohort.

Michalee currently serves on the Board of the Jewish Historical Society and a member of the finance committee of The Jewish Community Foundation. Professionally, she owns a background in accounting and works with Chai Mitzvah – The Resource Center for Jewish Engagement.

MARK currently serves on The Emanuel Synagogue's Endowment Investment Committee and the Board of the Jewish Community Relations Council, where he is co-chair of the Government Committee. A dedicated youth coach, Mark headed up the Mandell JCC's Maccabi Games delegation and led teams in West Hartford Little League, Girls Basketball and Youth Soccer

His civic involvement includes serving as past chairman of the West Hartford Republican Party and A Connecticut Party of West Hartford, and was a candidate for State Senate District 5. As a Financial Service enterprise leader, Mark advises financial firms on annuity, life insurance and asset management for product and distribution strategies

Michalee and Mark have lived in West Hartford for 30 years and have three children, Hannah, Benjamin and Adam.