

# LEADERS IN THEIR FIELD

## - Business

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business partners Most of my team have young children at home and the COVID workplace complexity was layered with a need to wear multiple hats within the home work environment: Mother/ Wife, Father/Husband, Educator, Leader and Online Grocery Shopper extraordinaire!

### **How have you innovated to overcome life challenges?**

We have all adapted to the challenges, I have seen my entire team implement changes to control the pace of work. Long before COVID we were Shomrei Shabbos, but never before has Shabbos been so important. A full day of rest, with no media, no work and time to focus on family is key to creating a healthy work-life balance in this “new normal”.

### **What did you study?**

I am a lawyer BA LLB (Bachelor of Law) LLM (Master of Laws) and currently occupy a Head of Legal Role at a large financial institution.

### **What work do you do and why did you choose this path?**

As far back as I remember, I always wanted to uphold the rule of law (maybe I just wanted to be in charge). I remember career day as far back as Standard One at KDVP, standing up in class and giving a speech about being a lawyer and enforcing the rule of law. Before that, I wanted to be a policeman, but growing up in a good Jewish home, my parents quickly persuaded me that I could uphold the law through other (more suitable) means.

### **How has this been impacted by Coronavirus?**

During the Coronavirus, my entire team was able to migrate immediately to remote (work from home) way of work, and to provide uninterrupted legal services and advice to our

I can only attribute this ethic to King David. Teachers always piqued my curiosity and supported and encouraged learning of difficult concepts. King David provided me with an exceptional foundation in Jewish values and knowledge and an exceptional level of Jewish pride and identity.

### **What drives you to make an impact?**

To try to make an impact, I attended a JLI adult learning series during last year called “toward a meaningful life”. This seemingly innocuous course has had the most tremendous impact on my life. I committed to impact the people in my life positively and I have used this as an opportunity cultivate great leaders

### **What you do you to relax?**

During lockdown, my happy places are: Binge-watching series (any series, the less serious the better); Playing guitar (there is so much sheet music available on the internet); Shabbos; and I have been known to enjoy a good whiskey from time-to-time

### **Tell us about your family**

During this time that could potentially have been extremely isolating, we have enjoyed a full, busy household. We are a nuclear family of four comprising of myself my husband, David, and our two children, Jonah (6) and Ezra (3). My mom, Peggy, lives on the property and my nanny, Glencina, her husband, Lucky, and her two children, Nicky (6) and Rachel (14), live in a structure adjacent to the house. When it comes to us, the saying “it takes a village to raise a child” certainly rings true.

### **My words to live by:**

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

### **What challenges have you faced as a woman?**

Never in my career have I ever felt that being a woman was a “barrier to entry.” I felt, for the first-time during Lockdown, that COVID poses very much more of a challenge to working moms (and probably women in general) and could be a barrier to entry in the workplace. I found myself trying to balance board meetings and speech therapy; executive committees and online grocery shopping; temper tantrums and work tutorials. A women’s role as wife and mother is undoubtedly the most important position held at the centre of the home. As women, we set the tone of the home.

### **What King David experiences or Jewish values motivate you?**

I am exceptionally blessed that I attended King David Victory Park from nursery school all the way to matric. People throughout my career have often remarked on my work ethic;