

Rachel Levin

Rachel is a glass half full pragmatist who worked in philanthropy for 20 years before launching Fundamental in the summer of 2013. She began her career working in government and politics before joining Margery Tabankin & Associates, a philanthropic and political consulting firm. There she helped establish the Righteous Persons Foundation (RPF), a fund Steven Spielberg began in 1995 with his profits from the film Schindler's List. After a decade as RPF's executive director, Rachel now serves as a senior advisor to the foundation, while also managing a number of other private foundations and grant portfolios on a range of issues including democracy, civic engagement, racial and economic equity, and education. All of this work is grounded in the core value of human dignity; in a belief that the stories we tell ourselves about who we are, have been, and can be matter; and in the idea that better is possible—if we come together to do the essential work of justice and care.

In addition to serving on the board of the Jim Joseph Foundation, Rachel is an advisory board member of the International Refugee Assistance Project and former board member of the Alliance for Justice. Rachel is the co-founder of Reboot, a national effort to engage creatives and activists in an open examination of their Jewish identity. Rachel frequently lectures on philanthropy and generational change and was the first recipient of the JJ Greenberg Award presented to professionals who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in Jewish philanthropy. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and was a public policy fellow at the Coro Foundation.