

My dear friend Rabbi Camille Angel has been a trailblazer for many decades in many ways. Currently, she is the Rabbi in Residence at the University of San Francisco—yes, a Jesuit institution of higher education. At USF, Rabbi Angel has created a course entitled “Honoring our LGBTQ Elders,” which does just that. It has become one of the most popular classes on campus. Additionally, she has initiated The Al Baum Memorial Lecture series at USF. Last year, Dr. Marcy Adelman, a psychotherapist, advocate, and founder of Openhouse, an LGBTQ+ senior serving nonprofit, was the first speaker. On March 26th I will have the privilege of following her in that honor.



Mark Leno

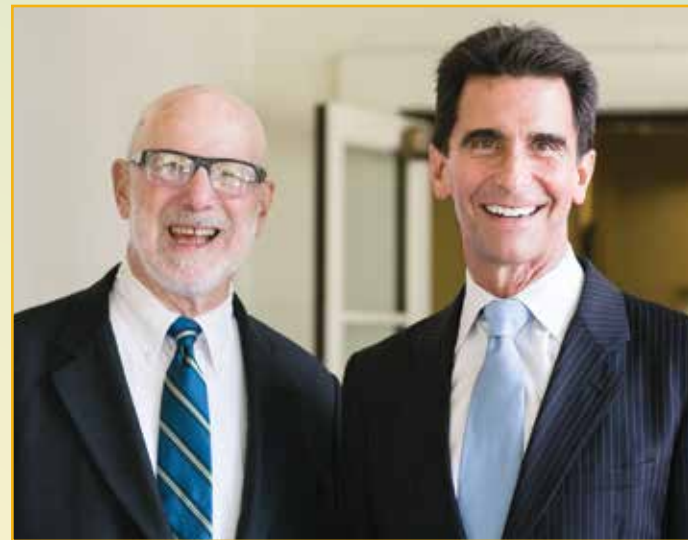


ous about and deeply engaged in human rights issues, city and regional planning, environmental conservation, mental health, LGBTQ+ equality, the Jewish community, travel, and the arts, Al pursued leadership roles in each of these disciplines.

With a law degree from Harvard, Al moved to San Francisco, joining a legal firm in the late fifties. By 1963, Al enrolled at UC Berkeley to follow one of his interests, which led to a master’s degree in city and regional planning. With that credential in hand, Al joined the SF Bay Conservation and Development Commission, where he helped craft novel regulations to protect the Bay’s health. From there, Al opened his own law office to further engage in local planning issues.

In the early years of the AIDS epidemic, Al returned to UC Berkeley to earn another master’s degree, this time in psychotherapy. Sensing the need in our community for quality and accessible mental health counseling, Al thrived for decades offering his services in some of our darkest and most challenging times. I know that Al felt compelled to do what he could to ease some of the emotional suffering that he saw all around him.

Somehow, despite the many professional responsibilities that Al so readily and successfully embraced, his sense of tikkun olam, the Hebrew expression for the repair of the world, drove him to extensive community service and philanthropy. Al served on countless nonprofit boards including Lambda Legal, Jewish Family and Children’s Services, the New Israel Fund that advocates for equal-



Al Baum and then State Senator Mark Leno

ity and democracy in Israel, the ACLU of Northern California, and the Jewish Community Federation. Clearly, Al’s twin identities of Gay and Jewish were at the core of his leadership and generosity. Additionally, for many years Al was the only queer representation on the board of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco.

Always out and proud, Al was blessed in his last decades to meet the love of his life, Robert Holgate. Together, they were greater than the sum of their parts. For nearly 20 years, Al and Robert were everywhere in the community, attending events and fundraisers, traveling worldwide, pursuing their common interests in theater and art, and focusing on their ever-growing philanthropy.

Al Baum was my friend, mentor, and someone I greatly admired. With each new office I considered Al was my sounding board, wise counsel, and major supporter. I miss him greatly. It gives me great pleasure to see Rabbi Angel honor him so appropriately at USF and to offer me the honor to participate in the lecture series named for him.

*Mark Leno has been a small business owner in San Francisco for 45 years. He is also a community activist and was a public official for 18 years, having served as San Francisco City Supervisor, State Assemblyman, and State Senator.*



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Mark Leno officiated the wedding of Robert Holgate and Al Baum. (2013)

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Grand Marshal Al Baum in the San Francisco Pride Parade (2013)

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Al Baum and Mark Leno at Openhouse for the unveiling of artwork honoring Openhouse founders Dr. Marcy Adelman and Jeanette Gurevitch

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**Dr. Marcy Adelman, a psychologist and LGBTQ+ longevity advocate and policy adviser, oversees the Aging in Community column. She serves on the California Commission on Aging, the Board of the Alzheimer’s Association of Northern California, the California Master Plan on Aging Equity Advisory Committee, and the San Francisco Dignity Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee. She is the Co-Founder of Openhouse, the only San Francisco nonprofit exclusively focused on the health and well-being of LGBTQ+ older adults.**



Alegre Home Care is proud to support Dr. Marcy Adelman’s Aging in Community column in the San Francisco Bay Times.



The Second Annual  
**Alvin H. Baum, Jr. Memorial Lecture**  
Honoring Mark Leno, our  
**2023 LGBTQIA+ Jewish Social Justice Activist**



Pictured: Al Baum Jr. z'l, Mark Leno, and Robert Holgate

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**  
**6:30-8:00 p.m.**  
**Maraschi Room, Fromm Hall**  
**University of San Francisco**

This year’s lecture will be delivered by the Honorable Mark Leno, former Supervisor of the City and County of San Francisco, and former State Assemblyman and Senator. Mark was a close friend of Al’s and remains close to Robert. His life in service, first as a community volunteer and then as an elected official, is an exemplary model for all of us.

This annual lecture preserves the legacy of Alvin H. Baum, Jr. z'l (1930-2021), a monumental Bay Area figure who fought passionately for the inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in the Jewish community and beyond. A lawyer, urban planner, social worker, and strategic philanthropist, Mr. Baum was a pillar in the Jewish, civil rights, and gay communities.

This lecture series also honors Rabbi Camille Shira Angel, the first LGBTQ+ rabbi-in-residence at a Catholic university in the United States. Rabbi Angel provided significant pastoral support to Mr. Baum and the late Cheryl Lazar. Their spouses, Robert Holgate and Pam David, have helped organize this lecture series in their beloveds’ and the rabbi’s honor.



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