

# Meet Kedem's Co-presidents!



Sara Sterling is a lifelong Kedem member, and perhaps the first person at Kedem to both have her Bat-Mitzvah there AND sit on the board! Sara currently works at Volunteering Victoria and has been motivated to join the board to bring some of her professional experience supporting volunteer organisations to a community that she loves. Volunteering within the Jewish community is nothing new – Sara is a former member of Hashomer Hatzair and an NIF fellow. Outside of Kedem and work Sara lives with her partner and enjoys walking around her local neighbourhood with her adopted greyhound and searching for the best cup of Melbourne coffee!



Ra'anan Ben-David (sometimes known as "Ron") joined Kedem with Lauren Levin and their 9 month old baby, Rachel, just weeks after Kedem first formed. After years of religious stalemate where they just couldn't agree on which type of congregation suited them, their lifelong friend, Katrina Kolt, invited them to Kedem for its first High Holydays services. And, as the saying goes, "That was that." Ra'anan served on the board a few years ago but was called out of retirement in late 2020 by Andrew Gelbart. "We just need an 'interim president' for three weeks," Andrew assured him. A Special General Meeting six months later saw Ra'anan elected as one of Kedem's first co-presidents along with the fabulous Sara Sterling.