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Esther Netter, CEO

Esther Netter is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Zimmer Children's Museum. Esther is also the founder of youTHink, a California arts education initiative which uses the power of art to foster critical thinking, engage diverse learners, promote literacy and serve as a tool for social change.

Esther received her Bachelor's degree in Jewish Studies from UCLA and her Master's degree in Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York.

She began her career at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Los Angeles over 25 years ago working in teen outreach at public schools, and she has been involved in the community ever since. She currently lectures and teaches about museum education and informal education in North America, Europe, and Israel.

Julee Brooks, Museum Director

Julee Brooks has spent her career dedicated to cultural programming for young people. Julee joined the Zimmer in February 2011. Before moving to LA, Julee served as Director of Education at Nashville Children's Theatre, where she developed an inclusive, process-based theatre curriculum for ages 3-18, job corps and internship programs for high school and college students, and professional development programs for educators and teaching artists. In her six years with NCT, educational programs grew four-fold with demand greatly exceeding capacity. Additionally, Julee has directed dozens of shows for professional and educational theatre across the country and has developed arts programming for organizations in Massachusetts, North Carolina, Kentucky and South Dakota.

Shifra Teitelbaum, youTHink Director

For over 25 years, Shifra has worked as an educator with youth and adults in schools, universities, businesses, camps and a range of co-curricular settings. She has been the director of youTHink, a program of the Zimmer Children's Museum, since its inception in 1999 and has developed it into a comprehensive education and youth development program anchored in social justice.

Shifra served as adjunct faculty at Antioch University, Los Angeles from 2005-2009 in the graduate Education Department. Prior to her work at youTHink, she directed OPTIONS, a wellness and leadership program at California State University, Long Beach. Shifra has a doctorate in education (EdD) from Fielding Graduate University, a Master's degree in Educational Psychology from UCLA, and a Bachelor's degree from Antioch University, Los Angeles.