PARENTING OPTIONS FOR EUROPEAN GAY MEN

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Delphine Lance
Delphine is a PhD candidate in anthropology, and teaches gender studies and Health at the University of Paris XIII. Delphine also produced an ethnographic documentary on surrogates’ experiences titled “Talking with Surrogates” (Paroles de femmes porteuses). A short clip from the documentary will be presented during this session. Delphine will bring to the panel her experience from interviewing surrogates in several countries, including 8 American surrogate mothers with various careers and journey experiences. It provides an insight to their motivations, their perceived involvement in this journey, the way they define parenthood, and the relationships they have with the intended parents and the child which they carried.

Fabien Gaudry
Fabien and Mario are a Belgian couple who had their daughter through gestational surrogacy. The couple and their surrogate were featured at a French show “Les maternelles”.

Rachelle Nelson
Rachelle is a surrogate mother who helped two different gay couples from Italy. She delivered a singleton boy in April 2013 and twin boys in March 2015. Rachelle is also a member of MHB’s advisory committee, recently gave several media interviews to Italian media during their political debate on civil unions and gay parenting and has served as an advocate and public speaker on matters including surrogacy, gay marriage and gay parenting.

Jens Landwehr
Jens and his husband are a German couple who had their daughter and son in two different surrogacy journeys in the USA. The couple are among the first gay German couples to have had children from surrogacy, and were featured in a documentary by ARD, Germany’s public broadcasting corporation.

Melissa Rahe
Melissa and her husband Bill have six children including some which were adopted. She has been a gestational carrier three times and has completed a sibling journey for a same sex couple from Belgium. Melissa is a member of MHB’s advisory committee, and has served as an advocate, trainer and public speaker on a variety of subject matters including surrogacy, adoption and the foster care system.

Coffee break: 19:00–19:15

Ethical and Effective European Surrogacy Solutions — the need, the vision, and the path forward: 19:15-20:30 (Ballroom Floor, rooms 8)

Representatives of several European LGBT parenting associations will discuss the currently limited fatherhood options gay Europeans have, and our joint vision for ethical and effective European surrogacy parenting options. This vision is informed by ethical parameters for the use of surrogacy that were devised by MHB in collaboration with an advisory committee of surrogates, two of whom will take part in the discussion. We will also have a panel of experts to discuss the societal and legal obstacles towards achieving this vision, and evidence from studies about the way surrogacy affects the involved parties. Lastly, we will discuss what prospective parents can do presently, until the laws change in Europe. For this purpose we will discuss how they can identify ethically reputable providers, and “ethical best practices” for the best possible surrogacy journey today.

Moderator:
Anthony Brown, Esq., MHB board chairman.

Representatives of LGBT family associations:
Jean-Raphaël Brault, surrogacy coordinator of APGL, France
Didier Disenhaus, board member of Homoparentalités ASBL, Belgium.
Yuri Guialiana, representing the organizations Famiglie Arcobaleno, Certi Diritti and Luca Coscioni, Italy.
Boyan Kirchev, board member of Meer dan Gewenst, The Netherlands.

Panels:
Laurence Brunet, PhD, Specialist in family law and bioethics, research associate at the University of Paris.

Henny Bos, PhD, Associate Professor, Research Institute of Child Development and Education, University of Amsterdam.

Steve Snyder, Esq. / Immediate Past Chair of the Reproductive Technology Committee of the American Bar Association (ABA).

Rachelle Nelson, surrogate mother and a member of MHB’s surrogates advisory committee.

Ron Poole-Dayan, MHB board member / executive director

SUNDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 2016

Registration: 9:00–9:30 (Ballroom Floor, foyer)

Overview of surrogacy and adoption options in the USA: 9:30-10:00 (Ballroom Floor, room 8)
Introductions and an overview of surrogacy and adoption options for European gay men.

Planning your parenting journey: 10:00 –11:00 (Ballroom Floor, room 8)
Surgacy fathers from the USA and Europe will lead a comprehensive surrogacy workshop that was developed based on the accumulated knowledge of hundreds of gay men who have already gone through the process. In the first part we will go over the various surrogacy arrangements available for gay men, and prepare you to make the basic decisions regarding your surrogacy journey. Topics covered will include:
- Basic terminology, types and components of typical surrogacy arrangements.
- Typical sequence and timeline for gestational surrogacy journeys.
- Major decisions that shape the surrogacy journey.
- Considering your family vision, financial constraints, risk tolerance and ethical preferences.
- Known vs. anonymous egg donations.
- Ethical best practices.

On the second part of this session, a representative of “A New Way” will offer a presentation about the possibility of adopting children from the USA.
Coffee break: 11:00–11:15

Picking providers, budgeting and financial assistance: 11:15–12:30 (Ballroom Floor, room 8)

Peer advice will be offered on selecting ethically reputable surrogacy service providers, cost saving tips, and resources for financial support. Topics covered will include:

- Where to start (agency, clinic, surrogate or donor)
- Selecting an agency and clinic
- Estimated costs, and factors that affect costs
- Cost saving best practices.
- Financial help through the Gay Parenting Assistance Program.

Lunch / Gay Parenting Resource Fair: 12:30–14:00 (Ballroom Floor–foyer, rooms 10-11, and 1st Floor–L’Epicerie)

Enjoy a buffet lunch (foyer and L’Epicerie room), and explore the resource fair of Gay Parenting Services (rooms 10-11)–twenty tables where you can meet and receive information from leading clinics, surrogacy and adoption agencies, lawyers and supporting community organizations. The fair will continue until 18:00.

Lunch is sponsored by Worldwide Surrogacy Specialists

Country-specific expert panels: 14:00–15:15 (France: room 8, Belgium: room 2, Netherlands: room 1, Germany / rest of Europe: room 14–first floor)

This session will provide in-depth advice for prospective parents in four different groups: Belgians, Dutch, French, Germans and European in general (from the UK, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, etc.). The sessions will be facilitated by experienced surrogacy parents from the various countries. The first part will be a review of the medical aspects of the surrogacy process by a fertility specialists, which will also be available for questions. The second part will include American and European legal experts to discuss how parental rights can be established in the USA, and specific legal arrangements needed for each country in order to bring the babies back, and to secure residency and parental rights in each country.

**MEDICAL EXPERTS**

Dr. Brandon J. Bankowski / Oregon Reproductive Medicine (ORM)
Dr. Melvin Thornton / CT Fertility
Dr. Said Daneshmand / San Diego Fertility Center
Dr. Mark Leondires / RMACT–Gay Parents to Be

**ATTORNEYS**

Attorney Wilma Eusman / The Netherland
Attorney Clélia Richard / France
Mandy Pecher, LL.M., MBA / Germany
Victoria Ferrara, Esq. / Worldwide Surrogacy Specialists

Coffee break: 15:15-15:30

BREAKOUT SESSIONS–Come meet the sponsors: 15:30–17:10 (Ballroom Floor and First Floor–see table)

Attendees will have the opportunity to take part in up to 5 introductory 20-minute group consultations with the various providers. Take advantage of this opportunity to get to know these agencies and clinics more closely. See the “Breakout Sessions” table for a list and schedule. The Gay Parenting Resource Fair will also continue to be available during this period.

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Mixer reception / Gay Parenting Resource Fair: 17:10–18:00 (Ballroom Floor–room 10-11)

Prospective parents, parents (&children!), activists, psychologists, social workers, researchers and other professionals are invited to network and exchange perspectives over light refreshments. The Gay Parenting Resource Fair will run in parallel.
SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY & MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS

Other upcoming events:

**BRUSSELS 2017**:
September 2017

**NEW YORK CITY 2017**:
November 2017

www.menhavingbabies.org
PANELISTS:

Brandon J. Bankowski, MD, MPH
Dr. Bankowski is one of the most-respected and experienced physicians helping LGBTQ intended parents build their families through donor egg surrogacy in the USA. He is a board-certified reproductive endocrinologist with extensive experience in IVF, egg donation, surrogacy and genomics. He has practiced at Oregon Reproductive Medicine (ORM) since 2005. He and his partners at ORM have helped LGBTQ intended parents from across the world build their families. Dr. Bankowski is passionate about providing ORM’s patients the best care and the highest chance for success on their first attempt, while looking after the genetic health of their family. His vision lead to the formation of ORM Genomics, ORM’s industry-leading reproductive genomics program and in-house genetics laboratory, as well as the integration of advanced genetic screening of all donors in the ORM Donors program. He is committed to helping LGBTQ intended parents using donor egg surrogacy benefit from the latest advances in genetic screening to help them have the best chance of a healthy baby on their first attempt.

Henny Bos
Henny Bos, Ph.D, is Associate Professor, Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences Graduate School of Pedagogical and Educational Sciences, College of Child Development and Education, Research Institute of Child Development and Education, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Dr. Bos has been conducting a longitudinal study of Dutch lesbian families, is co-investigator of the US National Lesbian Longitudinal Family Study (NLLFS; P.I. Dr. Nanette Gartrell) and the Dutch PI of an European study on gay fathers who became parent through surrogacy (P.I. European project: Prof. Dr. Michael Lamb).

Laurence Brunet
Laurence, a French specialist in family law and bioethics, is a research associate at the research center “Droit, sciences et techniques” (Law, science and technology) of the University of Paris. She is also a project manager at the Center for Clinical Ethics of Cochin hospital. Laurence served as the coordinator of the legal study on surrogacy commissioned by the European Parliament, and authored the report titled “A Comparative Study on the Regime of Surrogacy in EU Member States, Directorate General for Internal Policies, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs,” published on May 2013. In 2014 Laurence took part at the working group chaired by Irène Théry that presented a report to the French Minister for the Family titled “Offspring, Origins and Parenting” (“Filiation, origines et parentalité”).

Sanne Buursink-de Graaf
Mrs Sanne Buursink-de Graaf is one of the founders of A New Way, a Dutch adoption organization set up by experienced adoptive parents that have adopted from the USA. The USA is one of the only countries that allows same sex couples to adopt. Sanne and her husband adopted two children from Tampa Florida USA. She has a degree in social studies and she prior worked as a (business) consultant, was responsible for the department of Economical Development and international affairs at the Chamber of Commerce in The Netherlands and owned her own business during the time she and her husband became an adoptive family. One of her motivations to found ANW was that she firmly believes that same sex couples should have the opportunity to provide forever families for children in need. In het spare time she has always been actively involved in charity work.
Said T. Daneshmand, MD, FACOG

Dr. Said Daneshmand is an internationally recognized fertility specialist with extensive experience in providing third-party reproductive services. Dr. Daneshmand serves on the board of several surrogacy advocacy groups. He has collaborated to develop in vitro fertilization (IVF) protocols to improve pregnancy rates, including PTEC (post-thaw extended culture), which is one of the most successful IVF regimens currently available. These groundbreaking findings were published in the internationally respected medical journal, Fertility and Sterility, where Dr. Daneshmand also served as a reviewer. Dr. Daneshmand completed his fellowship and residency at UCLA. He is specialty board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and sub specialty board certified in Reproductive Endocrinology. Among his achievements, Dr. Daneshmand is the recipient of numerous awards including the Eileen Pike Medical School Valedictorian Award and the PCRS Fellowship and Practicing Physician Research Award. He has served as the President of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society (Iota Chapter) and is a member of the Decherney Society, the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) and the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE). Dr. Daneshmand speaks French, Spanish and Farsi.

Wilma Eusman

Wilma studied at the Free University in Amsterdam and graduated in Civil Law and in International Law in 1980. She became a Clerk at the District Court in Amsterdam in the Family Division and in the Division of the Court’s President. She was sworn in as a lawyer in 1987 and is partner at Advocatenkantoor De Binnenstad in Amsterdam since then. Her areas of expertise were immigration and asylum law as well as family law. In the last decade she became specialized in legal aspects concerning children born in non-traditional families, i.e. children of lesbian and gay couples and children born via ART. She also speaks at conferences and meetings regarding this topic. In 2014 she was nominated as a member of the Government Advisory Commission to Reconsider Legal Parenthood. The mandate of this Commission is to advise the Dutch Government on new regulations regarding multiple parenthood and custody and surrogacy. In May 2015 she will be one of the speakers on the ABA Spring Conference.

Victoria Ferrara, Esq.

Victoria Ferrara is the Founder and Legal Director of Worldwide Surrogacy Specialists, LLC, a successful surrogacy matching agency, through which she has helped many couples and individuals have children. One of her achievements is the landmark decision of Raftopol v. Ramey, 12 A.3d 783 299 Conn. 681 (2011), a Connecticut Supreme Court case that essentially created a new way to establish legal parentage in Connecticut, i.e., by being a party (Intended Parent) to a valid gestational agreement regardless of genetic connection to the child to be born to the gestational surrogate. Attorney Ferrara appears frequently in courts throughout the State of Connecticut for all matters involving assisted reproduction law, pre-birth orders, and adoptions, including co-parent and step-parent adoption matters. She is a member of the Academy of Assisted Reproductive Law Attorneys, the Family Law Institute, the National Gay and Lesbian Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Association, and the Greater Bridgeport Bar Association.

Delphine Lance

Delphine Lance is a PhD candidate in anthropology at the School of Advanced Social Science Studies in Paris. She is working on a comparative analysis of the surrogacy process in the Ukraine, France, and the United States. At the same time, Delphine teaches gender studies and Health at the University of Paris XIII. Delphine also produced an ethnographic documentary on surrogates’ experiences titled, “Paroles de femmes porteuses” (“talking with surrogates”). Her analysis includes the role of women and their bodies in the process of surrogacy, their motivations, and their sense of commitment. Delphine met the subjects of this documentary in the course of her academic research. Recording their testimonies seemed to her as an authentic and fair way to share their story with a wider audience beyond the clichés that typically surround this topic.
Mark Leondires, MD
Dr. Leondires, founder and Medical Director at Reproductive Medicine Associates of Connecticut and Gay Parents To Be, is board-certified in both Obstetrics and Gynecology (OBGYN) and Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (REI). Dr. Leondires received his medical degree from the University Of Vermont, and completed his residency in OBGYN at Maine Medical Center, followed by a fellowship in REI at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. He fulfilled his military obligation by serving as the ART Director at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. His professional society memberships include the Society of Reproductive Endocrinologists, the American College of OBGYN, and the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. Dr. Leondires has been selected a Best Doctor in America, and a Top Doc by Castle Connolly. His research interests include IVF, Preimplantation Genetic Screening (PGS), and elective single embryo transfer. Dr. Leondires is a speaker at many medical & advocacy conferences. Dr. Leondires and his husband have two children through egg donation and surrogacy. He is proud to help others achieve their family building dreams, and feels strongly that if one desires to have a family, all hurdles are surmountable.

Molly O’Brien, Esq.
Molly O’Brien has worked in the field of Assisted Reproduction since 2005. In that time, she worked for an Egg Donation Agency and a Surrogacy Agency where she became familiar with all aspects of In-Vitro Fertilization and Egg Donation, including the financial aspects of surrogacy. Since becoming an attorney in 2011, she has gained extensive experience in drafting and negotiating Surrogacy Contracts, Egg Donation and Sperrn Donation Contracts, and Embryo Donation Contracts on behalf of her clients throughout the world. Ms. O’Brien has also appeared before many local Judges to help both domestic and international couples finalize their parental rights, and has extensive experience in obtaining all documents necessary for her couples to return to their home country. As a member of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), she serves on the Executive Board of the Legal Professional Group section of ASRM as the Secretary. Additionally, Ms. O’Brien is a member of the ABA A.R.T. committee and SEEDS.

Mandy Pecher, LL.M., MBA
Mandy Pecher is a licensed German attorney in all 16 German states and a licensed US attorney. Ms. Pecher specializes in several areas involving multi-jurisdictional issues of international family, immigration and citizenship law. Her areas of special expertise are German family law, including German custody law, German child support law, German adoption law and German immigration and citizenship law.
Mandy Pecher holds a J.D. from Johannes Gutenberg University, in Mainz, Germany, a Master of Law (LL.M.) in Corporate and Finance Law from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Richard Devos School of Management in Midland, Michigan. She is fluent in English and German and is a dual US/German citizen. She is an active member of the German Bar Association, the Deutschen Anwaltsverein (DAV), the Anwaltsverein Sachsen, American Immigration Lawyers Association, the Michigan Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

Clélia Richard
Clélia was sworn in as a lawyer in Paris in January 2004. She created her own legal office in October 2006, working mainly in family law. She has been involved in the fight for gay and lesbian parenting since 2008. With Serge Portelli, a magistrate in Paris, she co-authored the book “Families’ Wishes” (“Désirs de familles”) on gay and lesbian parenting, published in April 2012. The legislators are invited there not only to open marriage to non-heterosexual people, but also to think differently and in a global manner about filiation law. Working with many professional couples who are eager to start a family with the help of a gestational carrier, Clélia has developed expertise is numerous legal and social problems posed by the current French legislation, and she has been advocating an intellectually radical change in the way surrogacy is considered.
Steven H. Snyder, Esq.

Steven Snyder is the founding and principal partner of Steven H. Snyder & Associates, Attorneys At Law and the International Assisted Reproduction Center (IARC) in Minnesota. Mr. Snyder attended law school at the University of Minnesota, graduating cum laude in 1982. Mr. Snyder successfully litigated the first and only contested Minnesota surrogacy case to date in 2006 in which he won sole custody of the child for a single gay father. He is a member of the American Bar Association (ABA), Immediate Past Chair of the Reproductive & Genetic Technology Committee of the Family Law Section of the ABA, Past Chair of the Minnesota State Bar Association Family Law Section, and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. Mr. Snyder also serves on the national legal advisory committee of RESOLVE: The National Fertility Association, is past chair of the legal advisory group for the American Fertility Association (for education, support, and advocacy on behalf of infertile persons), and is a member of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine (national organization of fertility physicians) and its legal professionals group.

Prof. Dr. Frederik Swennen

Frederik Swennen is professor of family law & kinship studies at the University of Antwerp and was visiting professor at the Foundation pour le Droit Continental (France, Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas) and the University of Utrecht (Netherlands). He is an of counsel attorney-at-law at Greenille by Laga, the private client department of Laga, serving high-net-worth individuals and families (www.greenille.eu). His fields of interest are national and international family law, including family proceedings and private international law, in which he has an outstanding track record. He is the author of more than 200 publications in his fields of expertise and promoter of various research projects. He contributes to various international networks, such as the Leverhulme Research Network on New Families, New Governance and the International Society of Family Law. Frederik Swennen is a member of the transdisciplinary LGBT Forum at the University of Antwerp. Both in research and in practice, his fields of expertise comprise gay marriage and partnerships.

Dr. Melvin Thornton II is the Acting Medical Director & Director, Donor Egg Program at CT Fertility. Dr. Thornton has deep expertise in the areas of IVF, surrogacy and donor egg, fertility preservation and male infertility. He recognizes the stressful nature of infertility treatment and brings a compassionate touch to every interaction. Known for his calm demeanor, his patients frequently describe him as a reassuring and personable physician who truly cares. Prior to joining CT Fertility, he spent 15 years with the Columbia University IVF program where he held many leadership posts, including Medical Director of its Westchester campus and Director of the donor egg program. In addition to his practical medical experience, he has devoted countless hours to sharing his passion for RE by teaching and mentoring medical students, fellows, and residents as an Associate Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Columbia. Dr. Thornton has published more than 30 papers, written several book chapters and presented nearly 40 abstracts at professional conferences.

Cindy R. Wasser, LLB

With her unique background as a high profile criminal defence lawyer for almost 30 years and, extraordinary journey as an Intended Parent, Cindy Wasser offers an unparalleled service to Intended Parents, Surrogates and Donors. Her firm, Hope Springs Fertility Law™ is one of the leading firms in Canada with a large international clientele. When the RCMP investigation into ART began in February 2012, Cindy was called upon to provide legal advice to other fertility lawyers, medical practitioners and, consultant agencies. Cindy has lectured about fertility law at medico-legal conferences and at hospitals and is published in a leading medical journal. During her criminal law career she successfully defended high profile cases; published and lectured. Cindy was a founding Director of the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted; the Chair of the Criminal Justice Section of the Ontario Bar Association and; a member of many Law Society Committees. Cindy and her husband are parents to two perfectly created daughters with the generous assistance of an ovum donor and two Surrogates.
Alex MacNab, LLB

Alex MacNab has extensive training and experience in interest-based negotiation, mediation and arbitration. He offers creative solutions for clients in a way that best fits their needs whether that be through lawyer-assisted negotiation, mediation or arbitration, with litigation as the method of last resort. He also specializes in reproductive law and is well-known for helping families with third party assisted reproductive techniques including donor egg, donor sperm, traditional and gestational surrogacy, as well as adoption. Alex's legal career began in 2004 in Newfoundland and Labrador where he practiced with the Legal Aid Commission in Labrador. Alex gained experience in the areas of criminal defense and family law, appearing regularly in both the Provincial and Supreme Courts. Alex's educational background includes a Law Degree from Dalhousie University Law School, and a BA from Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Stephanie Scott

Stephanie Scott is the Co-Owner/Executive Program Director for Simple Surrogacy and Simple Donations in Dallas, TX. Her passion in life is helping childless couples and individuals realize their dreams of becoming parents. With over 14 years of experience in the surrogacy and egg donation community, having been a surrogate twice before and managing one of the most supportive, well-respected and cost-consciousness agencies in the United States, Stephanie has well rounded knowledge of every aspect of the surrogacy and egg donation process. She holds her team and the colleagues she works with to a higher standard, she expects everyone to go the extra mile so that clients who come through the program are not only successful, but have had a good experience. As the Program Director, Stephanie manages the day to day operations at Simple Surrogacy and Simple Donations. Her duties include, but are not limited to, new client consultations, profile review and editing, educating her clients about the process, creating a realistic budget for her clients and ensuring her team is properly supportive all parties throughout their journey.

John Chally, J.D.

John Chally, J.D. is one of the Directors and Founders of Northwest Surrogacy Center, LLC. He has 20 years of experience as a surrogacy attorney, with a focus on securing the legal relationships between intended parents and their children. He also has nearly 40 years of experience practicing in the areas of adoption and adoption litigation. He has a Martindale-Hubbell rating of AV Preeminent, indicating the highest level of professional excellence and ethical standards, and is ranked as a Super Lawyer. He is a member of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys and the American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Technology Attorneys. One of the early promoters of open adoption, John is a former member of the State of Oregon Task Force on Adoption Services and the Oregon Law Foundation Adoption Committee. In 1985 he co-founded Open Adoption & Family Services, Inc., one of the largest adoption agencies in the Pacific Northwest. He has published numerous articles and book chapters on adoption and frequently speaks at adoption seminars.

Leia Swanberg

Leia’s passion for alternative family building began at age sixteen, when she was a birth mother to a daughter placed in an open adoption. Since then, she has had four children of her own — ages 20, 12, 2 and a new baby. She has been a gestational surrogate twice and an egg donor several times. Leia’s approach to surrogacy is simple — taking a holistic approach to ensure that all parties are supported, encouraged and protected. She has made great industry connections and working partnerships with professionals worldwide to ensure that she can help to develop the fertility plan that best suits your needs. Having owned Canadian Fertility Consulting since 2007, she has had the opportunity to help hundreds of couples become parents. Leia’s previous experience as a small business owner and background in management and small business development has helped her grow CFC into Canada’s foremost surrogacy consulting service. Leia and CFC have been featured many times in Canadian media, including Canada AM and The National Post, helping to depict third-party reproduction as a tangible and approachable subject in the country.

Stephannie Stephens

Stephannie’s primary position with Surro Connections is to assist with recruiting and screening our gestational surrogates. Through various interviews and screening processes she is able to ensure each candidate meets all of our requirements and is ready to begin her journey. Stephannie continues to support many of these carriers throughout their journey with our agency and enjoys being able to offer them the one on one support they deserve. She also manages all of our social networking, conference attendance and other marketing to ensure Surro Connections is out in the community and available to educate, support and celebrate the beauty behind gestational surrogacy. Stephannie is married to a wonderful man named Troy and together they have 5 kids - 3 of which are in college and 1 recently married. Her extensive background in supporting the whole family through their early childhood education experience adds to her passion for her current position here in our agency. She is currently working towards her degree in Human Services and Social Work.

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**MHB SPEAKERS**

**Anthony M. Brown, Esq., Board Chairman**

Anthony currently works for the law firm of Chianese and Reilly Law, P.C. He is a senior associate heading their family and estates law division. Anthony is the Executive Director of The Wedding Party and has been a Board member since its inception in 1999. Anthony is the founder of TimeForFamilies.com, a web environment dedicated to assisting gay and lesbian couples create their own families. Anthony has worked as a law guardian at The Children’s Law Center, representing the legal needs of children in Brooklyn Family Court. Anthony also worked as a legal intern for Lambda Legal in the summer of 2002. Anthony was appointed as a board member and Secretary of the board of Men Having Babies upon its incorporation in July 2012 and has served as Board Chairman since 2013.

**A.J. Edge, MBA, Director of Operations & Finance**

A.J. began working with Men Having Babies in October 2013 in conjunction with the launch of the Gay Parenting Assistance Program (GPAP). His day-to-day responsibilities include conference production and logistics, managing GPAP including Stage II matching and case management, finance, and budgeting. His past professional experience includes working for an array of not-for-profit organizations including a Children’s Museum, an Opera company, and a Zoo. A.J. graduated summa cum laude from Walden University with a BS in business administration and completed his MBA also from Walden University in August 2016. Originally from Des Moines, Iowa, he now resides in North New Jersey with his husband, Daniel, a veterinarian who works within the animal health industry for a large pharmaceutical company. Together they have two boys through adoption, Jackson and Peyton.

**Rachelle Nelson, MHB Surrogates Advisory Committee member**

Rachelle and her husband have one son who is 7 years old. Rachelle is a surrogate mother who has completed two journeys for two different gay couples from Italy. She delivered a singleton boy in April 2013 and twin boys in March 2015. She loves sharing about her relationship with the intended parents, minimizing the use of injectable medications, the support she received from her husband, friendships lost and gained, and really anything surrogacy related. In early 2016 Rachelle gave several media interviews to Italian media during their political debate on civil unions and gay parenting and has served as an advocate and public speaker on matters including surrogacy, gay marriage and gay parenting.

**Ron Poole-Dayan, Executive Director**

Ron is the executive director and founding board member of Men Having Babies. He has over 20 years of experience in marketing and business strategy development both in the USA and internationally. Ron earned his Masters degree in political economy and comparative politics from Columbia University, and his bachelor’s degree in business administration from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Ron is married to Greg Poole-Dayan, the Administrator of the Jewish Home Lifecare Nursing Home in the Bronx. The couple met in 1994, and are among of the first same-sex couples in the nation to father children through gestational surrogacy. The twins, born in 2001, were conceived with the use of eggs donated by Greg’s sister, and carried by a gestational carrier. Ron has been the MHB program coordinator since 2005, and was appointed as the Executive Director of Men Having Babies upon its incorporation in July 2012.

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Melissa and her husband Bill have six children including some which were adopted. She has been a gestational carrier three times and has completed a sibling journey for a same sex couple from Belgium. Melissa has served as an advocate, trainer and public speaker on a variety of subject matters including surrogacy, adoption and the foster care system.

**Georges Sylvestre, M.D., Board Member**

Georges Sylvestre is an Obstetrician/Gynecologist specialized in High-Risk Pregnancies, currently Chairman of OBGYN at Flushing Hospital Medical Center in Queens. Georges and his husband David Margolis live in Manhattan, and are the proud fathers of Tristan and Noah, born in 2010 and 2013 via gestational surrogacy. Having grown up in France, Canada and Switzerland, the Sylvestre-Margolis boys speak French and English at home, and has traveled extensively across the world, making a point of meeting other LGBT gay couples raising children. Georges’ profession and personal experience give him a unique advantage in understanding the medical, psychological, ethical and financial challenges of the IP/couple—egg donor—gestational surrogate triad.
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Worldwide Surrogacy Specialists (WSS) is dedicated to assist couples and individuals with the desire to achieve a family through third party assisted reproduction by providing attentive, individualized representation at an affordable price. WSS is a caring and highly competent team of professionals led by Founder and Legal Director Victoria T. Ferrara, Esq. We are here to save Intended Parents time, anguish and money, and to be a source of support for all parties so they can focus on the joys of creating a family. Worldwide is a member of Resolve (The National Infertility Association), the American Fertility Association, and the prestigious American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Lawyers. Please visit our website to learn more about our dedicated team of professionals or like us on Facebook to get updates and the latest news about the surrogacy journey.

www.worldwidesurrogacy.org

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Simple Surrogacy was founded in 2002 to assist couples and individuals in achieving a family through assisted reproduction. We were founded on one simple principle: to provide our clients with the highest standard of care at an affordable price. We are one of the largest surrogacy and egg donation agencies in the U.S., and are highly regarded in the surrogacy community for our expertise, support and professionalism. Simple Surrogacy has worked with many International Clients on their journey to becoming parents, using our personal attention to detail, prompt response and matching times, and affordable prices. Our counselors, coordinators and owners are all experienced in assisted reproduction, as former surrogates, Intended Parents or Egg Donors. It is our pleasure to offer our clients that insider’s expert knowledge at significantly reduced costs that enable many people to become Parents through Surrogacy.

www.simplesurrogacy.com

NORTHWEST SURROGACY CENTER

Founded in 1994 by attorneys specializing in surrogacy and adoption, Northwest Surrogacy Center, LLC is the leading and most successful surrogacy program on the West Coast. NWSC is dedicated to helping people of all kinds create the families they have dreamed of by matching intended parents with caring, responsible surrogates. We provide unparalleled service throughout the surrogacy process, from the application process to the birth and beyond. NWSC is consistently ranked one of the best surrogacy agencies overall by the Men Having Babies survey, with lower than average costs and wait times, and higher than average success rates. We work with Oregon Reproductive Medicine (ORM), one of the most successful IVF clinics in the world. In addition to its flagship office in Portland, Oregon, NWSC also has an office in the heart of San Francisco, California.

www.nwsurrogacycenter.com

CT FERTILITY

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www.ctfertility.com

OREGON REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE

Love is Family. Oregon Reproductive Medicine (ORM) is one of the world’s leading IVF clinics for donor egg surrogacy. For over 25 years we have been helping LGBTQ intended parents from 40 countries build their families. We are recognized globally for personalized care and consistently achieving among the highest live birth success rates – in recent years a more than 90% live birth rate with more than 70% twins in our donor egg surrogacy program. With ORM Donors we provide our patients a pool of fully and rigorously-screened egg donors. Through our ORM Surrogacy program we are experts in helping patients that are working with a surrogate as part of their family building. With ORM Genomics we provide our patients the most advanced reproductive genomics program to help them have the best chance of a healthy baby on their first attempt.

www.oregonreproductivemedicine.com
THE FERTILITY CENTER OF LAS VEGAS

The Fertility Center is among the leading fertility centers in the world and since 1988 has helped create thousands of families by providing the most advanced fertility treatments available today. Together, Dr. Shapiro and Dr. Daneshmand have pioneered groundbreaking research, improving upon the success and safety of IVF treatment and garnering them worldwide recognition from both patients and physicians. Their expertise has made them some of the most sought after physicians in their field and they are often called upon by their colleagues to treat complex cases or patients with previously unsuccessful cycles. Their client list consists of parents from all walks of life, including celebrities, physicians, and dignitaries from across the globe. With over 30+ years providing assisted reproductive technology treatment, hopeful parents can be assured they will receive the highest quality care at The Fertility Center. Offices located in Las Vegas, Beverly Hills and New York.

www.fertilitycenterlv.com

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www.sdfertility.com

CREATIVE FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Creative Family Connections LLC is both a law firm and a surrogacy agency. CFC’s founding principle is that “everyone can build a family,” and that remains CFC’s commitment and passion. CFC provides its clients with premiere surrogate matching services, concierge level support, and expert legal services -- all in one integrated entity. CFC’s goal is to make the surrogacy journey as happy and stress-free as possible, while also legal and ethical. CFC’s in-depth 50-state surrogacy law analysis, www.surrogacymap.com, is relied upon throughout the surrogacy world. CFC has the most rigorous surrogate screening process in the industry, resulting in CFC accepting only the top 2% of surrogate candidates that apply. CFC is honored to be ranked as the top surrogacy company in the world by parents who have completed the surrogacy journey (see the Men Having Babies survey ranking).

www.creativefamilyconnections.com

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www.fertilityhelp.com

REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE ASSOCIATES OF CT

GayParentsToBe (GPTB) is an informational resource and link to gay parenting services. We strive to provide the best care for LGBT couples and individuals as they navigate all of the options to bring a child into the world. We know that choosing an outstanding fertility center is paramount to having successful results when planning to have children. GPTB, in partnership with Reproductive Medicine Associates of CT (RMACT) provides the highest quality treatment and outcomes for gay men, lesbians, and transgender individuals and couples. At GPTB and RMACT we work with surrogacy agencies, egg and sperm donors (known and anonymous), and attorneys to help you grow your family. Gay Parents To Be is conveniently located within 60 minutes of New York City and accessible by train. Dr. Leondires and the team at GPTB have successfully helped hundreds of couples realize their dreams through third party reproduction.

www.rmact.com
CANADIAN FERTILITY CONSULTING

Canadian Fertility Consultants is Canada's leading full service fertility consulting firm. We know that fertility challenges go beyond borders, time zones and language; fertility affects us all no matter where we are located. CFC has the knowledge, global reach and capacity to assist you at anytime, anywhere in the world. Our goal is to support and guide clients through the entire process of building a family. We have fostered relationships with leading fertility professionals around the world in order to provide the best team. We work closely with clients to develop a plan that is tailored to their individual needs and one that offers the best chance of success, including access to your embryos from your preferred clinic. CFC utilizes knowledge from our legal team to make certain each plan is carried out respecting the current legal framework both within Canada and abroad. We want to ensure this already difficult journey progresses as smoothly, respectfully and as stress-free as possible.

www.fertilityconsultants.ca

HOPE SPRINGS FERTILITY LAW

With her unique background as a high profile criminal defence lawyer for almost 30 years and, extraordinary journey as an Intended Parent, Cindy Wasser offers an unparalleled service to Intended Parents, Surrogates and Donors. Her firm, Hope Springs Fertility Law™ is one of the leading firms in Canada with a large international clientele. Cindy prepares contracts between Intended Parents and their surrogates and donors and obtains the Declaration of Parentage quickly and efficiently, once the baby is born making her clients’ journey as simple as possible. When the RCMP investigation into ART began in February 2012, Cindy was called upon to provide legal advice to other fertility lawyers, medical practitioners and, consultant agencies. Cindy has lectured about fertility law at medico-legal conferences and at hospitals and is published in a leading medical journal.

www.hopespringsfertilitylaw.com

SURRO CONNECTION

Surro Connections is unlike most surrogacy agencies. We want to know you personally, and provide you with the ongoing attention you need as you go through this life-changing journey. We take every step with you, starting with our sophisticated matching process which ensures that Intended Parents & gestational surrogates are comfortable before moving forward. Our programs are tailored to fit your needs as an individual or couple, regardless of sexual orientation or country of residence. We pride ourselves in the personalized care and attention we give each of our intended parents and gestational surrogates from long before you are matched to forever after as we receive regular updates of growing happy families. Our boutique style agency will tailor your experience based on your desires and we are eager to be a part of your journey to parenthood!

www.surroconnections.com

LAW OFFICES OF MOLLY O’BRIEN

The Law Offices of Molly O’Brien is a full service law firm with a boutique feel that is dedicated to you and helping you build your family. Owner Molly O’Brien has extensive experience in this field and will be with you every step of the way along your journey to parenthood. Ms. O’Brien previously worked in the field for both an Egg Donation Agency and a Surrogacy Agency so she brings a unique perspective to your journey and is able to assist in many ways. At the Law Offices of Molly O’Brien, we work with Intended Parents that reside internationally and domestically. Our services range from assisting Intended Parents with contract drafting and negotiation for their egg donation, sperm donation, embryo donation, and/or surrogacy journey. We also provide trust management services.

www.yourfertilitylawyer.com

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www.surrogacylawyercanada.com
ADOPTION AGENCIES

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www.anewway.nl

FOREVER FAMILIES THROUGH ADOPTION

Forever Families Through Adoption (FFTA), a Hague Accredited, New York and Connecticut licensed, non-profit adoption placement agency/resource center handles domestic, incoming/outgoing intercountry adoptions. FFTA assists families in Netherlands, Austria, Germany, Canada, Ireland, United Kingdom, and U.S.A. to adopt American babies. FFTA proudly received the Seal of Recognition from the Human Rights Campaign; “All Children-All Families” recognizing FFTA as a leader, supporting, and serving LGBT families. Founded and staffed by social workers, attorneys, adoptees, and adoptive parents, FFTA believes that every child eligible for permanent adoption has the right to grow up in loving, nurturing, secure, forever homes. FFTA is committed to treating all persons with respect, dignity, and compassion and welcomes families regardless of race, religion, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, marital status, age, nationality or disability.

www.foreverfamiliesthroughadoption.org

MICHAEL S. GOLDSTEIN, ESQ., LCSW

Michael Goldstein is an Attorney admitted in New York and Florida, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and adoptive father of three has been practicing adoption law for 30+ years and has helped thousands of adoptive families and birth parents around the world create permanent, loving families through adoption. Hague Approved to provide international adoption services, Michael has been involved with over 3,000 successful adoptions which include domestic, agency, international (incoming and outgoing), readoption, single parent, two parent, second parent, same sex parents and foster care adoptions. Michael’s representation has assisted clients to be successful in adopting American born babies and placing them into numerous countries, such as The Netherlands, Austria, Germany, Canada, Ireland, and the United Kingdom. In 2007 Michael and his wife, Joy, co-founded “Forever Families Through Adoption, Inc.” a Hague Accredited, New York and Connecticut licensed adoption placement agency and resource center.

http://www.adoptgold.com/

HEART OF ADOPTIONS ALLIANCE, INC.

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www.heartofadoptionsalliance.com

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Home At Last Adoption Agency, Inc. (HAL) is a licensed, non-profit, Hague Accredited child-placing agency in Cocoa Beach, Florida. The agency was founded by Dr. Rachel Fornes who has six adopted children. Twenty-four years ago, Dr. Fornes developed a deep passion for women in crisis pregnancies who had decided to place their children for adoption. For ten years she volunteered to help pregnant woman in crisis, providing guidance during and after the challenging process of placing a child for adoption. Fourteen years ago, Dr. Rachel recognized that prospective adoptive parents had a need for guidance through the adoption process as well, so HAL became a licensed non-profit adoption agency. Since 2001, HAL has assisted adoptive parents from the United States, Canada, The Netherlands, Austria, the United Kingdom and Dubai build their families through adoption.

www.homeatlastadoption.com
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Intended Parents:
- We work with our Intended Parents to help answer their questions and make sure they are comfortable and supported through their journey.

Egg Donors:
- Log on to SimpleDonations.com to browse our database of hundreds of beautiful donors. Many new applications are screened daily!
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OUR PHYSICIANS

To accommodate our growing patient demand, we are pleased to welcome two leaders in the field of Reproductive Medicine to our team.

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DR. MELVIN THORNTON II

ACTING MEDICAL DIRECTOR & DIRECTOR OF THE EGG DONOR PROGRAM

Dr. Thornton’s expertise in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility combined with his warm nature ensures that each of his patients feels cared for and supported throughout their experience. He places an emphasis on individualized care and focuses on helping each patient determine the path that is right for them as they go through the journey of creating their family.

Dr. Thornton’s experience includes 15 years as the Medical Director of the Columbia University IVF program and nine years as Director of their donor egg program. He is passionate about helping patients realize their dreams of family through egg donation and his personalized approach enables him to provide the best care possible for his patients.

DR. JOAO DE PINHO

LEAD PHYSICIAN

Dr. De Pinho was born in Portugal and speaks Spanish, Portuguese, French and English, as well as some German and Italian. After graduating from Baylor College of Medicine, he went on to complete an advanced fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Columbia University in New York City where he participated in multiple research projects and authored numerous publications in Obstetrics, Oncologic Gynecology, Urogynecology and Reproductive Medicine. Additionally, he authored original works in the areas of infertility, ethics of egg donor programs, HIV and reproduction and the development of new egg freezing techniques.

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With over 4,500 future and current gay parents worldwide, the international nonprofit Men Having Babies (MHB) is dedicated to providing its members with educational and financial support. Each year over a thousand attendees benefit from unbiased guidance and access to a wide range of relevant service providers at its monthly workshops in NYC and conferences in NYC, Chicago, Brussels, San Francisco, Dallas and Tel Aviv. The organization’s Gay Parenting Assistance Program (GPAP) provides dozens of couples annually with over a million dollars worth of cash grants, discounts and free services from over fifty leading service providers. Collaborating with an advisory board made up of surrogates, MHB developed a Framework for Ethical Surrogacy, which has received endorsements from leading LGBT parenting organizations worldwide. In addition, MHB offers extensive online resources, a directory with ratings and reviews of agencies and clinics, a Surrogacy Speakers Bureau, and a vibrant online community forum.

**SURROGACY WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES**

MHB offers monthly workshops in NYC, as well as annual conferences in New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Dallas, Tel Aviv and Brussels. These conferences, which are organized with the help of prominent LGBT parenting organizations, provide unparalleled opportunities to get unbiased information, access a wide range of relevant service providers, and connect with others going through the surrogacy process. Special interest panels for parents, prospects and professionals include topics such as parenting for HIV+ men, speaking to your children about surrogacy and gay parenting, testimonies from teenagers born via surrogacy, and ethical considerations in surrogacy.

**THE GAY PARENTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (GPAP)**

The Gay Parenting Assistance Program (GPAP) was created as part of our mission to make surrogacy services more affordable for gay men. GPAP annually provides dozens of couples with access to substantial discounts and about $750,000 in cash grants and free services from about fifty leading service providers. Funds for this program come from event sponsorship fees and direct donations. Applications for discounts (Stage I) are accepted on a rolling basis, and candidates for grants (Stage II) are evaluated annually.

**THE SURROGACY ADVISOR DIRECTORY**

In an effort to promote transparency and affordability, MHB conducts extensive surveys of hundreds of surrogacy clients. Using the data we receive, we compile exclusive rating tables with satisfaction levels for various agencies and clinics, as well as success rates, and real cost figures. This information has already helped many prospective parents save thousands of dollars by identifying affordable, effective providers. The directory includes a comprehensive listing of over 100 providers from the USA and beyond with contact information, descriptions of services, video introductions, and reviews. A universal consultation request form allows our members to contact dozens of providers in one step.

**ADVOCACY AND RESEARCH**

Together with our Surrogates Advisory Committee and community partners worldwide, MHB works to promote a Framework for Ethical Surrogacy that benefit all parties involved. We also work to raise awareness about surrogacy by assisting academic studies, maintaining the MHB Surrogacy Forum on Facebook for dads and surrogates, and setting up the first ever Surrogacy Speakers Bureau.