

Karina Zilberman - Biography

Karina Zilberman was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She is an inspirational leader, group facilitator, a singer-songwriter, performer, educator, and mentor who fiercely leads with authenticity, integrity and heart. Her mission is to inspire creative leadership by facilitating personal growth within a professional practice.

Zilberman believes in the creative power of the “unexpected” and she demonstrates and shares her approach to community building in immersive interactive experiences and workshops. Karina’s teachings are passionately demonstrated through music, play, creative movement, and collective imagination. She reminds each and everyone on this earth that we are all creative beings.

She is the founder of the Shababa Approach to multigenerational experiences and the Unlocking Wonder Workshops. Karina was the Director of Jewish Family Life and the Shababa Network, at the 92nd Street Y, the world renowned cultural and community center, in Manhattan for over 10 years.

Karina is aware and concerned of the deep crisis that organizations and corporations are experiencing because of how disengaged people are in their workplaces. Her trainings are focused on building bridges between the organizations and its professionals so that innovation emerges not only as a result but as a infinite source of creative energy. The wisdom of her work comes from decades of experience ranging from musical teachings, song performances and working with puppets to leadership development, and more.

As a thought leader, and innovator, she has conducted and facilitated many presentations and workshops worldwide for academic institutes, non-profit organizations and for faith-based audiences. She is currently co-leading fascinating retreats that allow for introspection and essential self-discovery. She is a true visionary constantly diving into microcosms of creative work and community building.

The ability to honor and accept spontaneity while trusting that something magical can and will happen is the message she is passionate about sharing.

Zilberman served as a Cantorial Soloist and clergy assistant at Temple Israel of Greater Miami from 2001 to 2007. She received the national prestigious 2012 Covenant Foundation Award in excellence in Jewish Education. In 2014, Karina and the 92nd Street Y created the Shababa Network with 52 organizations across the US, Canada, Panama, Chile, Argentina, and Israel. She believes that the world needs more leaders that operate from a “playground mindset” where the unexpected is the main source of creativity that leads to the genuine acceptance of individuals, of relationships and society.

Karina is married to Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein and together they live at “La Ecovilla,”: a sustainable community in Costa Rica where they host retreats and workshops.

