Rabbi Joy Levitt is the Chief Executive Officer at the Marlene Meyerson JCC Manhattan, one of the largest Jewish Community Centers in the world, serving over 3,000 people each day. In the heart of Manhattan’s Upper West Side, and together with our community, the JCC creates opportunities for people to connect, grow, and learn within an ever-changing Jewish landscape. The JCC imagines a community that is diverse and engages meaningfully with its values, culture, and ideas in people’s everyday lives.

Prior to coming to the JCC, Rabbi Levitt served congregations on Long Island and in New Jersey. She earned a Bachelor’s degree from Barnard College and a Master’s degree from New York University in American Studies and was ordained at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. She is the founder of the Jewish Journey Project, an initiative designed to revolutionize afternoon Jewish education for children and the co-author of A Night of Questions: a Passover Haggadah. She serves on the boards of the Shefa School, a new Jewish community day school for children with language-based learning disabilities; Plaza Jewish Community Chapels; The Jerusalem Foundation; and Israel Story. She is married to Rabbi Michael Strassfeld, and together they have five children and three grandchildren.