

Ruth M. Salzman
CEO, The Russell Berrie Foundation

Ruth Salzman is the CEO of The Russell Berrie Foundation, located in Teaneck, NJ. She brings an extensive background in providing capital to mission-oriented organizations primarily within the social and health sectors. The Berrie Foundation provides philanthropic support in the Northern New Jersey community, Metropolitan NY and in Israel with a particular focus on developing leadership and investing in human capital. Mission areas of focus include diabetes clinical care and research, fostering religious understanding and pluralism and recognizing individuals who have made a significant difference in the lives of others.

Prior to joining the Berrie Foundation she held the position of Senior Vice President of within the Community Development Group of JPMorgan Chase. In this capacity she was responsible for lending to nonprofit organizations, small businesses in low income communities, and community development financial intermediaries. Ms. Salzman also initiated and managed the socially responsible investing program at JPMC. In aggregate these activities resulted in over \$1 Billion being provided, through loans and investments, to customers that the bank's mainstream business units did not reach.

Ms. Salzman earned an MBA at The Wharton School, and holds a BA from Brooklyn College. Ruth was elected to the board of the American Friends of Ogen, Inc. (previously Hebrew Free Loan of Israel) in 2020 and served on the board of two national community development financial institutions (CDFIs), the Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF) and the Primary Care Development Corporation (PCDC).