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Yoshi Silverstein (he/him) is a Chinese-Ashkenazi-American Jew and an educator, designer, speaker, husband, and father. Founder and Executive Director at Mitsui Collective, he is the creator of the Mitsui Method system of Jewish embodiment and a multidisciplinary practitioner of embodied creative and spiritual expression. Yoshi is a recipient of the 2022 Pomegranate Prize for emerging leaders in Jewish education from the Covenant Foundation, and was selected as a 2021 “Grist 50 Fixer” building a more just and equitable future. He earned his Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture at University of Maryland with a thesis exploring Jewish landscape journey and experience, and holds certificates in spiritual entrepreneurship, social entrepreneurship, permaculture design, and environmental education. Yoshi holds a 2nd degree blackbelt in Lotus Kajukenbo and currently studies Chinese martial arts – including Tai Chi, Baguazhang, Shuai Chiao (Chinese wrestling), and Sanshou (Chinese kickboxing). In October 2024, Yoshi was a member of Team USA competing at the World Shuai Chiao Games in Baoding, China, followed by ten days of intensive martial arts study in the Wudang Mountains, birthplace of Tai Chi and Baguazhang. He lives in the Cleveland area in Shaker Heights, OH on Erie, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee land with his wife and daughter.