

Officer Spotlight

Alan Seeherman Treasurer

I wish I could say I've been a member of Har Zion since birth. But I can't. I am originally from Scranton where I was a member of Temple Israel. I moved to the Philadelphia area and lived a different life, so it seems, until I found Har Zion. My wife Robin and I live in Wynnewood. We have two grown daughters, both married, one married here at Har Zion.

It happened one day in March 2017 when I left an old relationship at another synagogue that ran its course. I walked into Har Zion, looking for a safe place to put on tallit and tefillin and daven in peace and security. Wow. What a fantastic place this is. It has such depth, such an organized staff, engaged clergy, outstanding programs, and a well-educated member base, to mention just a few. But I do not have to tell all of you about this since it is here for you to enjoy. Once upon a time, Rabbi Haaz said that I was like a kid in a candy store. Well, yeah. Right? (The candy store is Norman's office.)

When I am not at Har Zion, I am a fearless CPA, struggling to make the trial balance, well, balance. And that's as exciting as it gets.

I consider myself a casual, long-distance, endurance cyclist. I am real slow and steady. I have done the Israel Ride (that's held in Israel, making me an international cyclist), cycling from Jerusalem to Eilat, 327 miles in five days. Around here, I do many organized group rides. I am an active member of the Bike-A-Thon committee for American Cancer Society, planning and executing the annual fund-raiser bike ride to Atlantic City.

My involvement with Bike-A-Thon has landed me a gig as balloon handler in the 6ABC/Dunkin Thanksgiving Day Parade. The committee members are part of the inflation team for the massive parade balloons. After they are all fully inflated, we get to guide one of the balloons down JFK Boulevard to 16th and up the Parkway to the Art Museum to pass by the review stand. I am sure you have seen me on TV.

I am also famous for being one of the Purim Shpiel Players. So I said to Dorene Karasick that I would like to be in the Shpiel but I can't act, I can't sing, and I can't dance. She immediately responded that I would be perfect for the Players. What fun it was. Come join us.

However, holding a balloon and being in the Shpiel does not make me famous. My wife Robin is an artist who was recently involved with Andy Coren and Connie Handen. The three very talented people designed and made the Torah mantle for the Torah that Har Zion has lent to Congregacion B'nei Israel in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Oh, the treasury of Har Zion will be safe and secure under my watchful eyes. Howard Herzberg, the Associate Treasurer, will make sure I don't slip up.

And that's the way it is. I look forward to seeing you around the Har Zion campus.