

Officer Spotlight

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My wife Judy and I were one of the first couples married at Har Zion in its present location. This was in 1977. At the time we belonged to another synagogue, but in 1995 we joined Har Zion Temple. Judy is a 4th generation Har Zionite. Soon after joining, she became active working in the library which led to my becoming active as well. I promptly inherited the job of coordinating High Holiday ushers from my father-in-law, Marvin Levinthal. I also coordinated ushers at Shabbat morning services. This, in turn, led me to becoming active in the religious committee.

I have served as a board member and a trustee, and Judy and I co-chaired both the 90th anniversary celebration and Rabbi Haaz's installation. I have also served on a search committee and several nominating committees. For many years now I have been an active member of the religious committee. You may have seen me at Shabbat services ushering or giving out *Aliyot*. The past two year I have co-chaired the religious committee with Debbie Golden.

In my secular life, I spent 39 years in the School District of Philadelphia as a teacher, assistant principal and principal. I have taught Hebrew School since I was in high school and served as educational director at several synagogues. I also served as an adjunct professor and student teaching supervisor at West Chester University.

These days you may see me buzzing people into the building when our regular security folks are at lunch. I love interacting with members and also with the preschool children, many of whom know me as Ava and Sam's Pop-Pop. I am looking forward to sitting at our new entrance and admitting you when you come to our building.