

# MEET THE BOARD



## **RACHEL LEIKACH-ETHERIDGE, PRESIDENT**

I AM AN AMERICAN/ISRAELI, SPENDING SUMMERS OF MY CHILDHOOD IN ISRAEL. I HAVE HAD MULTIPLE CAREERS IN MY LIFE, FROM HEALTHCARE TO HUMAN RESOURCES. IN 2017, I MARRIED MY HUSBAND DARRELL, EXTENDING MY FAMILY TO 4 CHILDREN AND 2 GRANDDAUGHTERS.



## **BARRY HARTMAN, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

BARRY HARTMAN, MARRIED TO DIANE, BOTH RETIRED. BORN IN CHICAGO, BECAME BAR MITZVAH AT SKOKIE CENTRAL TRADITIONAL CONGREGATION. OUR CHILDREN BECAME BAT MITZVAH AT TEMPLE CHAI IN LONG GROVE, IL. MOVED TO OCALA AND JOINED TEMPLE BETH SHALOM.



**STEVE ZUCKERMAN, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**  
ORIGINALLY FROM BROOKLYN, DEBBY AND I MOVED TO SOUTH FLORIDA 40 YEARS AGO FOR A JOB OPPORTUNITY. WE RELOCATED TO OCALA IN 2023 AND ARE ACTIVE IN TEMPLE LIFE, GRATEFUL FOR THE WARM FRIENDSHIPS.



## **JANET KREISMAN, TREASURER**

I MADE MY LIVING AS A COMPTROLLER OF FILM PRODUCTION COMPANIES IN NYC. I DID THAT UNTIL 2001. WHEN JAY AND I MOVED TO PRINCETON, NJ THE COMMUTE BECAME TOO MUCH, SO I DECIDED TO GIVE UP THAT RAT RACE AND STAY LOCAL. I STARTED MY OWN BOOKKEEPING COMPANY AND HANDLED MANY TYPES OF COMPANIES. EVERYTHING FROM POLITICAL MEDIA SERVICES TO REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT FIRMS. WE RETIRED IN 2017 AND MOVED TO ON TOP OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY.



## **DEBORAH JOHNSON, SECRETARY**

MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE LIVED IN FLORIDA FOR OVER 35 YEARS, WITH 13 OF THOSE BEING IN OCALA. WE HAVE 3 GROWN CHILDREN AND ONE GRANDCHILD. I RETIRED FROM THE COAST GUARD IN 1996, THEN RETIRED FROM THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY IN 2022. I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE TEMPLE FOR OVER 2 YEARS. I ENJOY LEARNING, READING, AND LONG WALKS IN SHALOM PARK.



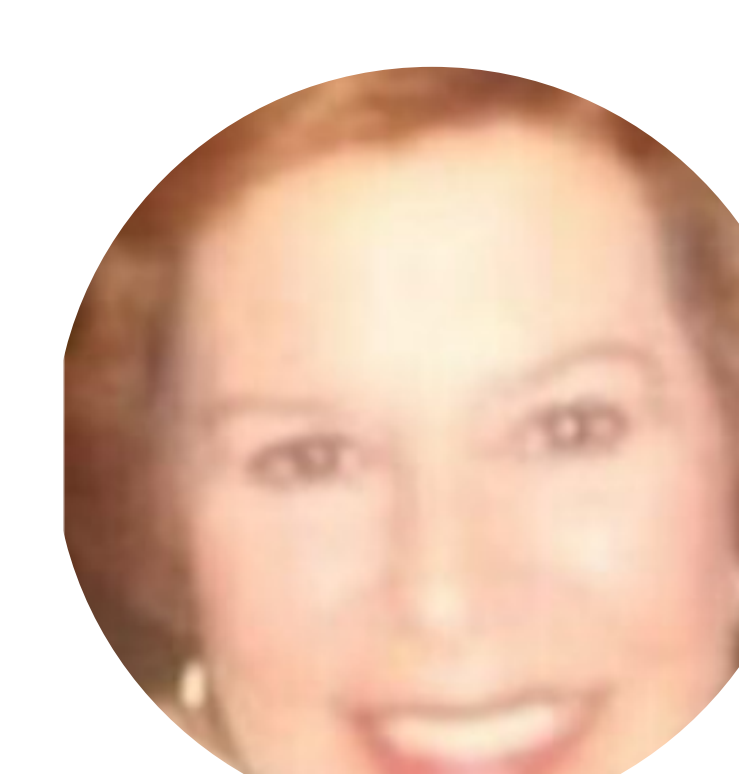
## **SUSAN BERNSTEIN, TRUSTEE**

I AM A RETIRED TEACHER, WITH A PASSION FOR FASHION! IN MY TIME AWAY FROM TEMPLE, I LOVE TO SPEND TIME WITH MY GRANDSONS TANNER AND BRODY.



## **ROCHELLE BRAUMAN, TRUSTEE**

I HAVE LIVED MOST OF MY LIFE IN AND AROUND NEW YORK CITY. MY HUSBAND AND I CAME DOWN TO OCALA AS SNOWBIRDS IN 2015. WE MADE THE MOVE FULL TIME IN 2017. I JOINED THE TEMPLE SOON AFTER I MOVED DOWN, AND SOON BECAME SISTERHOOD CORRESPONDING SECRETARY. JUST AS IMPORTANT, I RUN THE JUDAICA SHOP WITH JACKIE KOCOT. COME VISIT ME THERE - SAY HELLO AND ENJOY OUR DISPLAYS!



## **RUTH STERN, TRUSTEE**

I AM A MULTI-LINGUAL AND MULTI-CULTURAL WOMAN, AND A TWIN. BORN IN GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR FROM GERMAN JEWISH PARENTS. GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL IN GUAYAQUIL, AND THEN FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI WITH A SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION DEGREE. TAUGHT BILINGUAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADES, AND TAUGHT INTERIOR DESIGN AND HUMAN RESOURCES TRAINING COURSES, WHICH I DEVELOPED.. RETIRED TO STONE CREEK IN 2015, KEEPING HAPPILY BUSY.



## **BARBRA B. ADLER, TRUSTEE**

I AM BARBARA ADLER. BARRY AND I HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF TEMPLE BETH SHALOM SINCE 2017. I'M ON THE ONEG SHABBAT COMMITTEE, THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, AND A BOARD MEMBER.



## **JOE SWITT, TRUSTEE**

KRISTINE AND I JOINED THE TEMPLE IN 1993. SINCE THEN WE HAVE BOTH BEEN ACTIVE IN TEMPLE EVENTS AND LEADERSHIP. KRIS AS PAST PRESIDENT OF SISTERHOOD AND MYSELF AS TEMPLE PRESIDENT AND SERVING ON THE TEMPLE BOARD. A GRADUATE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND ALSO SERVED AS A SGT IN THE USMC. MY BACKGROUND IN REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND AS THE REAL ESTATE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF OCALA HAS BEEN AN ASSET. BEING A FLORIDA LICENSED AUCTIONEER HAS SERVED THE TEMPLE ON SEVERAL FUNDRAISERS AND FUN.



## **JEN WEISHAUS, TRUSTEE**

MY FIANCÉ, 12-YEAR-OLD SON AND I RECENTLY RELOCATED FROM PALM BEACH COUNTY HERE TO THE OCALA AREA. I AM AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST OF OVER 25 YEARS AND RECENTLY WENT BACK TO SCHOOL DURING COVID FOR A CERTIFICATION IN BOOKKEEPING TO ALLOW ME THE FLEXIBILITY OF SPENDING MORE TIME AT HOME WITH MY FAMILY. IN MY SPARE TIME, I CROCHET AND TRAVEL WITH MY FIANCÉ AND SON FOR KARATE TOURNAMENTS.



## **CAROL DEWITT, TRUSTEE**

CAROL DEWITT HAS LIVED IN OCALA WITH HUSBAND BRUCE SINCE AUGUST 2013 IN ON TOP OF THE WORLD AND BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF TEMPLE BETH SHALOM SINCE THEN, PARTICIPATING IN COMMITTEES, TEMPLE BOARD, AND EVENT PARTICIPATION, BUILDING A HAPPY COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS AND ACTIVE JEWISH LIFE EVENTS.



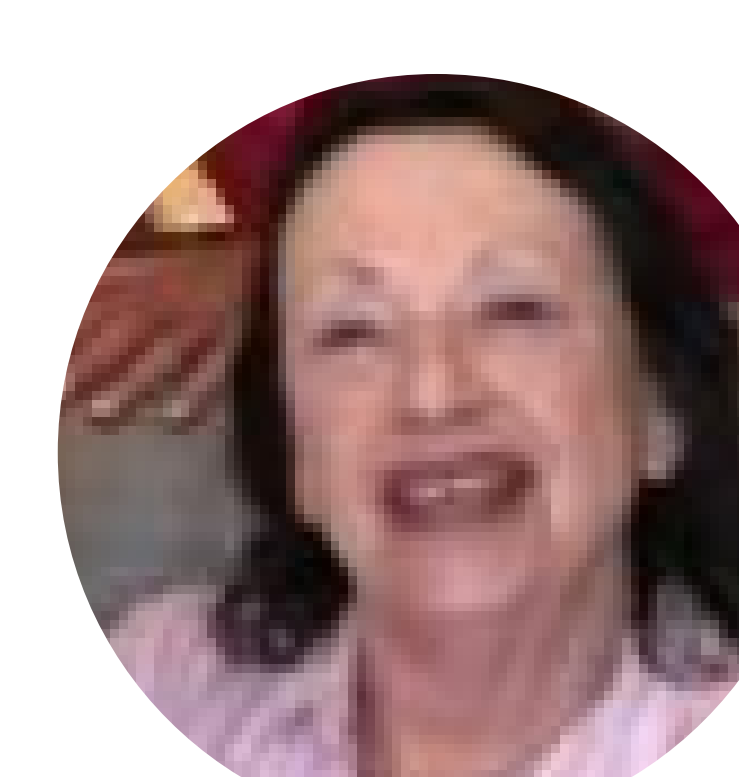
## **BILL FOX, TRUSTEE**

WILLIAM "BILL" FOX HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF TEMPLE BETH SHALOM FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. HE RETIRED AFTER SPENDING NEARLY 40 YEARS IN VARIOUS SENIOR FINANCIAL CAPACITIES WITH THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK.



## **EMILY ROCHLIN, RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

I AM CURRENTLY A SECOND GRADE TEACHER HERE IN MARION COUNTY. I WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE IN OCALA, AND AS A MEMBER OF TEMPLE BETH SHALOM. WHILE I RUN OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, I HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO DABBLE WITH OUR SOUND AND LIVESTREAMING. OUTSIDE OF TBS YOU MIGHT SEE ME AT THE FARMERS MARKET DOWNTOWN, OR PLANNING A CRUISE.



## **MICHELE KOLSKY, REPRESENTATIVE FROM SISTERHOOD**

AWARD WINNING D.C. & MD, REALTOR; SANG AT THE WHITE HOUSE WITH AMERICAN LIGHT OPERA CO.; COMMUNITY THEATRE ACTRESS; GRADUATED SUMMA CUM LAUDE IN PSYCHOLOGY. HOBBIES: TRAVEL, INTERIOR DESIGN, WRITING.



## **ALAN STERN, MEN'S CLUB REPRESENTATIVE**

DR ALAN STERN IS A RETIRED DENTIST AND PAST PRESIDENT OF CONGREGATION TORAT EL IN OCEAN, NJ. ALAN AND FRAN MOVED TO OCALA IN 2024 AND ARE DELIGHTED TO BE PART OF THIS COMMUNITY