



*Temple Beth El*

*Steven Biller*

Born and raised on the Lower East Side of New York City, I graduated from Seward Park High School, then Wilmington College in June 1972, with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science. That September I joined the United States Department of Labor's Office of Labor-Management Standards, where I became an investigator of alleged mis-appropriation of union funds, and union officer elections which were alleged to have been held improperly. I retired in August 2006.

That October I joined the Law firm of Pitta & Giblin, currently called Pitta LLP. They gave me the unique opportunity to apply my knowledge and experience with the Department of Labor, to assist our firm's clients in proper handling of union funds, and in conducting union officer elections in full compliance with Federal Law. I am happy to say that it has been refreshing to me to be representing our labor union clients, rather than investigating them.

During my years with the U.S. Department of Labor and with Pitta LLP, I have conducted many seminars with labor organizations such as the New York City Central Labor Council, and the Cornell University School of Labor Relations, in the proper way to handle union funds and to conduct union officer elections.

I joined Temple Beth El in Cedarhurst, New York in September 1985. It has been my spiritual home for the last thirty three years. During that time I have had the honor of serving on the Temple's Ritual Committee, which I chaired for three years. I have also served on the Temple's Board of Trustees, and chaired two Rabbinical Search Committees. Currently I am working with several of my colleagues in amending our bylaws to be more relevant to the needs of our Temple in the twenty first century. My work on all of those projects has been challenging and extremely rewarding.

With my wife, Carolyn, we have lived in Woodmere for the past 34 years. We have been blessed with two daughters and five grandchildren. Both daughters received their Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth El, and three of my granddaughters were named there. My daughter Debbie is married to Dan Babitz. They have three children, Brianna, Zachary, and Max. My daughter Alison is married to Scott Herbert, and they have two children, Brooke and Emma.

It is an honor to be designated "Man of the Year" from a Temple that I love so much.