



*Woodbury Jewish Center*

*Dr. Mark Fierstein*

Mark Fierstein, M.D. moved to Woodbury with his wife, Sharon, in 1991. Within months, they attended an open house at the Woodbury Jewish Center and became members. Almost immediately, the WJC became their spiritual home, as well as a focal point of their social life. With the birth of their twin daughters less than a year later, it also became the source of Jewish education for their expanded family.

As the WJC grew in importance within his household, it only seemed natural for Mark to become involved. Initially, he volunteered to be a member of the Education Committee. In that position, he was involved in the search for a new religious school principal and developed the process for recording Hebrew school student attendance at Friday night and Saturday morning services. Soon thereafter, Mark joined the Youth Committee and, eventually, became its chairman. In that position, Mark oversaw the hiring of several youth directors and is very proud of the two extremely successful USY Kinnuses that were held at the Woodbury Jewish Center in the last few years.

Eleven years ago, Mark was elected to the Board of Trustees, a position he held until last month, when term limits required him to retire from the Board. During his tenure on the Board, Mark was chairman of the Youth Committee, the Membership Committee, and the Publicity and Marketing Committee; he also served as Historian for the Board. Mark served on several Nominating Committees and chaired that committee twice in the last six years. Additionally, he has assisted the Mens Club President with the planning of the summer barbecues. For the last twenty-seven years, he has tried to participate in as many of the religious, educational, and social programs as he can. In this way, he has done all he can to try to promote the mission of the WJC.

Outside of the WJC, Mark is an internist and is a member of the faculty group practice of the NYU School of Medicine. He has also been an active civic leader in the Woodbury area, as President of the Hunting Hill Civic Association for over fifteen years. His wife is a certified public accountant and is currently the President of the Mid Island Y JCC in Plainview. His daughter, Lisa, recently married Justin Feit, M.D., another long-time member of the WJC. Lisa is a graduate of Princeton University and currently works in finance. Her twin sister, Cheryl, is a veterinary technician and is pursuing a degree in animal studies at SUNY Cobleskill.

Mark is thankful to his family for their support and to his WJC friends, clergy, and administrators who selected him to receive this award.