



*Temple Israel of Great Neck*

*Harold Citron*

Harold was born in Maryland and raised in Merrick, where his family were members of Congregation Ohav Shalom, completing both the Hebrew school and Hebrew high-school programs as well as journeying to Israel to become a bar mitzvah at the Kotel.

He moved to Washington DC where he received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the George Washington University and where he met Barbara Rudo. After receiving an MBA from Washington University in St. Louis, the two stood under the chuppah in Baltimore and have been married for nearly 23 years.

Returning to Long Island, Harold and his family, which now includes two wonderful children, Ethan and Emily, have been active members of Temple Israel of Great Neck for nearly 20 years. In 2012, the family returned to Israel on a trip with several families from Temple Israel and led by Rabbi Stecker. Subsequently, Emily made two additional trips, with the synagogue's youth house in 2017 and as part of the 2018 March of the Living. Ethan spent the 2018 summer in Israel as part of Ramah's Seminar program.

Harold's has participated in a wide variety of activities within Temple Israel continuing a family history of communal activism that stretches back to his great-grandparents, Louis and Lena Marcus, who were pillars of the Bialystoker diaspora.

This has ranged from participating as one of the shul's Ba'al Tekiah during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Working on both the religious school and youth house committees, organizing the synagogues participation in the Israel day parade for several years, and a member of the Temple Israel players. More recently, he is serving as president of the men's club and represented the organization at AIPAC's national convention in 2018, and currently serves as a member of the board of trustees.

He has also spent eight years as an equity analyst at several Wall St. firms and over 15 years as a credit analyst.

Harold is proud to receive the honor of man of the year from Temple Israel's men's club and looks forward to many more years of participation in the shul.