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*Harvey Finkelstein*

Harvey's interest in Judaism is part of his being. He was born into a family with a long lineage of Rabbi's that goes back at least 3 generations. His father actually entered The Jewish Theological Seminary to study for the Rabbinate after he was born. A strong memory walking to the Flatbush Jewish Center as a young boy every Shabbat.

But as a young child his grandmother's constant pain and physical discomfort drew him to pursue a career in medicine.

After college he was lucky to have studied medicine in Tel Aviv, Israel. The 4 years living there were the most exciting of his young life forging a bond with that wonderful country that has lasted a lifetime. He met his wife Miriam in his third year of medical school on a blind date. That date has developed into a 38 year relationship. Including three children and now three grandchildren.

After returning to the US, he returned to Long Island for Residency in Anesthesia at Stony Brook University. He also did a fellowship in Pain Medicine there. After 2 years on Staff at University Hospital. He continued his professional life at Central General Hospital in Plainview, where he was privileged to be appointed Director of Anesthesia from 1992-2000. His interest in Pain Medicine grew during that time and he left the hospital setting in 2000, to start an interventional pain practice in Plainview, where he stayed till 2015 when after hip replacement surgery he decided to retire from clinical medicine. Presently Harvey and Miriam are enjoying having time with the grandchildren and study active with involvement in the Daily Minyan at the Dix Hills Jewish Center, and on the synagogue board. Harvey also serves on the Board of the Suffolk Y/JCC.

Harvey know that this honor brings joy to his father Rabbi Ezra Finkelstein, retired Rabbi from Midway Jewish Center and a leader of Long Island Rabbinate. It is also in the spirit of his beloved grandfather Professor Louis Finkelstein z"l who for over forty years was the Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary and help lead Conservative Judaism for many years.

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