



*Temple Sholom of Flatbush*

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The son of two Holocaust Survivors, I was born on the lower East Side of Manhattan on Henry Street. I had an older Sister Molly, who was born in Germany at the DP Camp after the war but I was the first child born in the US. Because I was the first child born in the US, my family called me the “Yankee”. Despite the moniker, I grew up and I became a devoted Mets Fan. My family moved from the lower East Side to Queens where I spent my childhood and teen years. Fast forward a few years, while at college, I meet the love of my life Lynne. Lynne and I get married in 1977 and Lynne, who happens to be a born and bred Brooklyn girl, decides that we set up house in Brooklyn (as if I ever had a choice). We still live there to this day.

Along the way we have a son Michael. Michael grows up and becomes a Physical Therapist and marries his wife Amy, a school teacher. Michael and Amy, much to our delight, have two children Sonia and Robbie, making us very proud grandparents.

Lynne and I have been active members of Temple Sholom of Flatbush since 2002. As is typical in our family, Lynne leads the way and becomes involved by joining sisterhood and becoming very active right from the start. As is also typical, I took a bit longer and followed Lynne's involvement by first joining Men's Club and then by being elected to the Board of Trustees. In the past several years that involvement has grown by being elected to the Executive Board and then becoming Chairman of Temple Sholom's Endowment Fund, and serving on other various committees.

When I am not working for Temple Sholom, I actually earn a living as the Vice President of Finance of MCS Group which runs food and beverage concessions in airports and malls.

I am very touched and proud to be chosen by my Men's Club to represent them this year. It is truly an honor. I value my membership and I am thankful for the many fine men I have met and friendships that I have formed. I wish to thank all the Members of my Mens Club for thinking of me and also to acknowledge them for all the wonderful work they do each and every year.

Congratulations to all the honorees on their hard work and well deserved recognition!