

2017 Beth Sholom Gala Honorees!

Leah and Ira Zaretsky

Leah grew up in Teaneck (her mother is a member of CBS) and attended the Solomon Schechter Day School of Bergen County and SSDS of Essex and Union high school which is now called the Golda Och Academy. She received a BA from University of California, Berkeley. After graduating, Leah worked at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center doing research in a lymphoma laboratory. She left work to raise her 5 children with her husband Ira. Her older four children, Eli, 13, Lev, 11, Jordan, 8, and Delia, 6, all attend SSDS and Shai, 3 will be there next year. In addition to her involvement



at CBS, Leah was co-chair of the Solomon Schechter Hesed Committee, a class parent and currently serves as a lunch volunteer. Ira also attended Jewish day school including SSDS of Essex and Union for high school. Ira and Leah met there - Ira's sister was in Leah's class. Ira's father owned a pharmacy and although not a pharmacist, Ira learned the trade and has been involved in the pharmacy business since childhood. Ira received a BA from Rutgers University and an MBA from Monmouth University. He owned a pharmacy and sold it to spend more time with the kids. He also briefly owned a laundromat and construction company. Ira currently works as CFO of his brother's two pharmacies.

The following list represents their involvement at CBS: Leah co-chaired Children's Programming: May 2009 - June 2013 and continues to coordinate the weekly minyan leaders. She has served on the Board of Trustees since 2011 and on the Executive Committee as corresponding secretary since June 2015. Leah is involved in the Rotating Havurah Committee, the rabbi liaison committee, the conflict of interest committee and security committee. Ira has served as a member of the CBS Board of Trustees. He co-chaired the Mishloach Manot Committee, serves on the Finance Committee, as a library volunteer and picks up snacks from Osem for our yearly Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration.

Marion and Roy Udwin

Roy and Marion have lived in Closter NJ for the past 20 years after moving from Dumont. They have been members of CBI/CBS since 1987. Roy attended Ben Gurion University where he studied electronic engineering. Marion has a BS in chemical engineering from Cornell. Marion was a quality assurance professional for many years running QA organizations for Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Industries. Roy worked as an Operations General Manager for many years in the toy manufacturing industry. Roy and Marion now run an Operations and Technology consulting company. They met on a blind date arranged by a mutual friend. They have two children, Rachel, 27 and Joel 24. Both graduated Schechter, Northern Valley HS and Boston University. Rachel is engaged to Julian Lewis and should be Rachel Lewis by the gala. Julian graduated from South Pacific Peninsula Day School, Lynbrook HS, and Cornell University. Both are graduating the Ross Business School of the University of Michigan at end of April. Joel is a product manager in Boston and will be finishing his masters in computer science this summer.



The following list represents Marion and Roy's involvement in CBS: Marion is currently a financial officer of CBS. She served on the rabbi search committee and currently serves on the personnel committee, the finance committee, Mishloach Manot and Shabbaton committees. She is a member of the executive committee and board of trustees. Roy was a CBI Board member for many years, president of CBI for 3 years and was on the CBI shul merger committee. Roy is a CBS lifetime trustee. He served on the strategic planning committee and the community Hebrew school committee. He is often a gabbai on the High Holy Days, helping to guide those with honors. Roy currently is a member of the ritual committee and the security committee. Both Marion and Roy have been the designers and architects of the CBS new website. They have put countless hours into making sure that the website becomes a more functional and attractive vehicle for communication and interaction with members and the general community.