

GAIL BUCHMAN (Vice President)

I'm a four-year member of Congregation Kol HaNeshama and a second term member of its Board of Directors. I served on the Congregation's Rabbi Search Committee and now serve as the Board's Vice President. I'm the Board's liaison to our Chesed Team and oversee some of the Congregation's legal matters. I'm also a mother of two, a retired attorney, ukulele player, swing dancer and meditator.

I moved to Venice, Florida in 2018 after retiring from a twenty-year career at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection where I worked on water-protection programs in New York's Catskill Mountains. My family and I had moved to the Catskills in 1998 to build and live in a co-housing community near Woodstock, NY. When I arrived in Venice, I hoped to find a place to worship that felt comfortable and familiar. I had heard about a congregation in Sarasota that sounded promising; I went to a service at Kol HaNeshama and found my new spiritual home. It's worth the drive, even during the "season."