

GLENDA AUERBACH (Board Member)

I moved to Sarasota with my late husband in 2016. Truthfully, we had no intention of joining a synagogue. I am all about the social and the cultural, not the religious! But, in 2018, I attended a vigil for the Tree of Life murders in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I heard 11 Rabbis speak; to this day, I only remember the words of one Rabbi--Jennifer Singer--the Rabbi of KH. During the spring of 2019, I decided to go to a service. The rest is history.

In 2020, KH did a survey and one of the questions was how can you help KH? I sent in my response, saying... "I could help you analyze the survey!" (One of my careers was marketing research). That one little comment led to my being on the Board for the past two years. I have held many hats: webmaster, marketing research, Rabbi's liaison to the Board, Covid task force, and too many others to remember. Today, the hat I wear is facilities manager. I am the person who makes sure everything is going well with whatever place we are hanging our hat. You can also find me lending my hand in whatever else needs to get done, spearheading the physical move back to Southgate, cleaning closets and so forth.

I was born in Jersey City, NJ on a Friday morning. On Saturday morning my two brothers walked to shul with my father in order to name me. That was my first virtual service that I attended. I grew up in a conservative synagogue in Teaneck New Jersey, congregation Beth Shalom. While I have strayed from my conservadox roots, I have always had my feet strongly in Jewish culture and traditions.