

## **SUSAN MAIR (Secretary)**

After a gracious welcome at my first service, I immediately joined KH in early 2014, and quickly became involved in the Social Action Committee. The next year I joined the Board of Directors, followed by stints as Co-President, Secretary, and Board member again. I edited the newsletter, and did whatever was needed through the Covid period. With KH now newly invigorated, I was ready to give more service and decided the Board was where I belonged. I offered and was accepted to the role of Secretary. Throughout this time, I found a warm home in Kol HaNeshama, and my wife and I celebrated our marriage there with some 40 members in November 2022.

I am a Philadelphian at heart, although I moved to Seattle in 1977 to obtain a Master's degree in Public Policy, to further the career I had begun at a consulting firm. I worked as a budget analyst in Seattle until I realized this beautiful city was not for me. I was offered a position in Washington, D.C. at U.S. Customs headquarters, and spent 16 years as a policy and program analyst at several agencies in Washington. It was relatively easy to change agencies then, and life under the various administrations was challenging. I relocated with HUD to Winter Park FL in early 1996 to be closer to my parents as they aged. Life in the Federal government become drudgery after many reorganizations, and I retired in 2008. I spent my time training and working as an energy healer and hypnotherapist, and moved to Sarasota in late 2013.