

JAY LEONARD (Treasurer)

Iris, my wife of 50+ years, and I joined Kol HaNeshama in 2018. What attracted us was the joyous Friday night service. I became Chairman of the Budget Committee last year and still hold that position. I became Treasurer this year. This is my second year on the Board.

Iris and I live in downtown Sarasota, from November through March. We live on the upper west side of Manhattan in the fall and spring, and in Napa, California in the summer. We lived in Short Hills, New Jersey for 37 years, and raised our two children there. We have one granddaughter in San Francisco and two in DC.

I was a Trustee and Budget Committee member at Congregation Oheb Shalom in South Orange, New Jersey.

I studied economics in college (BA, Brooklyn College) and finance and investments in business school (MBA, University of Chicago). I began my career on Wall Street as a securities analyst, and then started an investment management firm. I sold it and retired in 2017. I was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. My family observed conservative Judaism, and I attended Hebrew school and became a Bar Mitzvah at the East Midwood Jewish Center.