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Wilma Braun

For decades, Wilma Braun has been at the heart of our Mitzvah Corps. She's been a member since its inception and went on in later years to become Mitzvah Corps Chair until stepping down this year. She has helped countless members in so many ways, and has helped other members to help members.

Wilma joined Temple Shalom in 1977, and became an active member starting by organizing homeroom parents for the Religious Education Committee, later being Confirmation Co-coordinator and then co-chairing Adult Education Retreats to Ocean City. Wilma also served on the Board of Trustees for many years and was Vice-President under Harriet Sturm.

Wilma and Jack, of blessed memory, watched their three boys grow up at Temple Shalom. Today Wilma is often seen at Friday night services with her mom, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, and her husband, Victor Schneider. Wilma and Victor were married at Temple Shalom three years ago.



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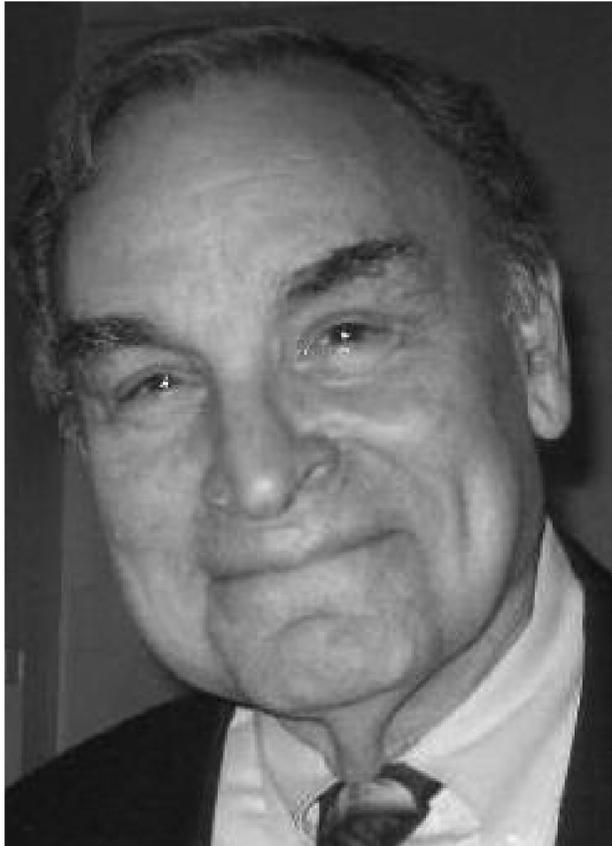
Marc Feinberg

At Temple Shalom, Marc Feinberg doesn't do anything for just one year. Marc served as our Temple attorney at various times for decades, from 1989 to 2013. Whether it's negotiating a contract for a new staff member or reviewing a rental agreement, he has been there for our staff and board leadership with advice and help. In addition to his legal responsibilities, Marc has been a long-time Board of Trustees member (from 1998 to 2012).

Today Marc continues his service to the congregation as Co-Chair of the Finance Committee (since 2001). And when he is not busy with this, he polishes the Torah silver (even he doesn't know how long he's been doing this). And he helps put up the Temple Shalom sukkah each year. I suspect he really enjoys this building activity because decades ago, when the Temple Players of Temple Shalom presented plays, he was the set builder and technical director.



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Alan F. Lewis

Financial Secretary, founding member of the Renaissance Group, Brotherhood Co-President, and now Temple Shalom's "Key-Keeper," Alan Lewis has been an active leader in many parts of temple life. Whether checking on the burglar alarm, or on a member's welfare, he is always a part of what we do day in and day out. For years Alan has served on the Budget Committee, the Finance Committee, and recently the Financial Secretary's Committee.

Alan is also no stranger to unique leadership roles. Years ago he served as a member of the temple's joint activities with the First Baptist Church of Washington. He also chaired the Dedications Committee during the Shalom L'Olam Capital Campaign in 2003. And more recently he began work with Rabbi Kahn on documenting the stories of Temple Shalom's Founders.



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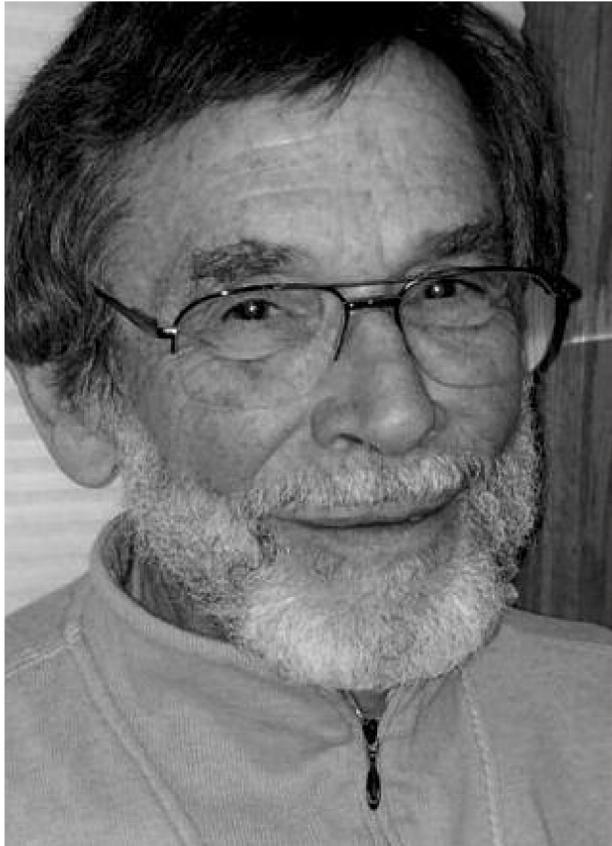
Karen Lowe

Karen Lowe has the rare distinction of having served Temple Shalom both as Board of Trustees President, and Co-Executive Director with Helene Sacks. For decades she has understood both the world of volunteer leadership and paid senior staff. When asked what she most appreciated in her volunteer leadership experience, she is quick to point out: partnership. She worked with Rabbi Kahn to bring together clergy and lay leaders, to lead together Jewishly. In her work as a staff member with Helene, Karen most appreciated being able to establish and implement policies and procedures to improve the religious, social and spiritual life of Temple Shalom.

In all these positions, she became increasingly aware of the need to plan not only for Temple Shalom's spiritual and social programs, but also, and more critically, for the financial future of the congregation. This led to her co-chairing the 1988 capital campaign and working at Rabbi Kahn's request to start an Endowment Fund to ensure the future. Most recently, she has been inspired by the energy of the new leadership and has taken on an important role in establishing and encouraging Legacy Leaders.



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Martin C. Shargel

Marty Shargel has led us to make big changes, and never fails to help with activities both big and small. Decades ago, Marty helped initiate our Wednesday morning minyan lay-lead services, which end with an energetic discussion over the portion of the week and a bagel “nosh.” If you don’t find Marty at temple on Wednesday mornings, you might find him leading *shiva* minyan services in people’s homes or you might find him filling in at Shabbat morning services during various times of the year in the chapel.

When Marty is not leading or participating in services, you might find him stuffing envelopes with other frequent office volunteers, putting up the *yahrzeit* plaques weekly (with friend Bernie) or helping as an usher when needed on Friday nights. Today he is a Board of Trustees Member, Co-Chair of the Worship Committee and a much-appreciated *madrach* for *b’nei mitzvah* students. And if you don’t find Marty inside the building, you can probably find him working on the temple grounds hauling wood and more!



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David Windt

David has been a very busy new member of the Temple Shalom family. David, his wife Radka, and their two sons, Jonathan and Aleksander, joined Temple Shalom in 2012. Shortly afterward, David joined the Membership Committee and began exploring how Temple Shalom promotes itself to prospective members. This led to a special project with the Board to tie programs to Temple Shalom values and prioritize those seen as vital to the long-term health of the Congregation. In the summer of 2013, David facilitated a strategic planning session for the Board of Trustees. One of the outcomes—to make the Temple Shalom Religious School a priority, as a good education program is a core congregational value. David then became Chair of the Religious Education Committee with a mandate to help our school move “from good to great” by engaging parents, revitalizing the curriculum, supporting our teachers, and making education fun.

When the government shutdown of October 2013 furloughed Federal employees and contractors, David organized a free community workshop titled, “Furloughed Friends: Financial First Responders,” which brought financial planning and accounting experts to Temple Shalom to discuss financial strategies for the recently unemployed. Attended by temple members and the community at large, this workshop was praised by clergy throughout the Union of Reform Judaism.



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Sam Wiley

Leadership takes many forms. Being President of a synagogue comes with many responsibilities, and a few privileges. I now take advantage of one of those privileges to present THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL CIRCLE AWARD to our youngest temple leader. His name is Sam, and he informs me that he is 5 and 3/4 and that this is his first year in Sunday school and at Temple Shalom. Sam did something that few 5 and 3/4 year olds do: he gave his whole piggy-bank of \$108.05 to tzedakah. We suggested he not give it all, but he insisted, explaining "I like to give things to people who don't have as many things as me." Sam has selected two non-profit organizations to give his funds to: World Wildlife Fund and Wider Circle.

For Sam's generous spirit and his inspiring energy on behalf of all who are in need, I ask you to join me in honoring Sam Wiley. Sam reminds us that there is no age requirement to be a leader and that each of us has the capacity to lead. Thank you for inspiring me, Sam!



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