

**Member Profile: This issue we feature Temple Member Marilyn Signer.**

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In this issue of *The Menorah*, Marilyn Signer shares with us a video *Stroll Down Memory Lane* recorded for her 95th birthday in 2016. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-lhi6lvc\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-lhi6lvc_I)

She adds this note: “Remember it’s 6 years old. Leaves out a lot of my activities. Worked front desk at LVIM until I had to quit because I was doing chemo for non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Tutored reading in the One on One program. Did programs for the American Cancer Society. First woman on Temple Board of Directors, and finally got voice AND vote. “



Marilyn also offered this background info:

Born in Charleston, WV. on 9/16/25. Lived in Richwood, WV until 1935 when my father died. He suffered from depression and took his own life. Then we moved to Charleston. My bubbe, Fanny Cohen, came to live with us to take care of my brother Marty, who was then a toddler.

We moved to Washington, DC. where my mother worked for the Federal Communications Commission. During WWII she was transferred to the Miami office. I was always “the new girl” in school. and had a reputation for being stuck-up. Truth was that I was shy.

I met my husband Allan (Al) on 14th Street Beach, Miami. I was 16, he was 22 and that was it. We married when I was 18. I had my first child, Arnold, at 19 and second child, Mona, 4 years later. Al left us much too soon and my

life was never the same. Arnie is a retired podiatrist and Mona was executive director of the National Residency Match Program for 18 years. I have 5 grandchildren and 6 great grands.

The most interesting job I had was as a legal secretary for the law firm, Bouvier, Goldberg and Haskins in Miami. Started there right out of high school.

Interests and hobbies: love Mahjong and played tennis until in my 80s. Al surprised me with a tennis court for my 60th birthday. We also bred and showed German Shepherds for over 20 years.

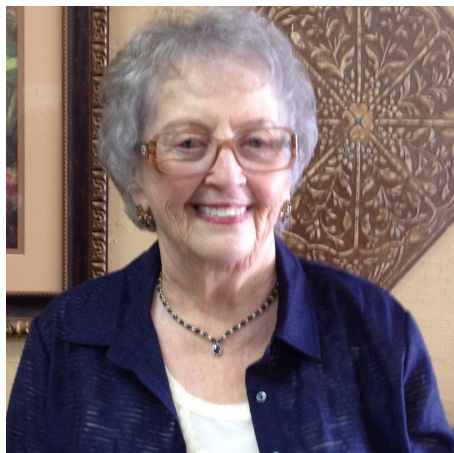
I have been a member of Temple Emanuel since we moved to Lakeland in 1948. I was the first woman to serve on the Temple Board. Being Jewish is who and what I am.

The biggest influence on my life was my brother, a true renaissance man. I adored him and miss him every day of my life. We could finish each other’s sentences.

People would be surprised to know that I cry easily. My pride is my family. If I had anything I could do over it would be to have furthered my education. Still kicking at 97, just not quite so high!







Thank you Marilyn, for sharing your story with us!

If anyone reading this would like to do a Member Profile or suggest someone we ask to do one, please let us know!

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