

## ***Member Profile: This issue we feature Temple Members Myrna and Harvey Garbow***

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Harvey and I were born, bred and raised in Brooklyn, NY. My parents were both born in the U.S. Harvey's father was born in NY and his mom was born in Russia but came to the states when she was just 9 months old. We both have sisters; Harvey is the younger sibling and I am the oldest.

We both went through the NYC school system, from kindergarten through high school. We lived in different sections of Brooklyn. I graduated from Thomas Jefferson HS and Harvey from Tilden HS. We were both accepted to Brooklyn College, I as an Early Childhood Education Major and Harvey as an Economics Major.

In my freshman year of college, my parents moved our family to East Flatbush, which coincidentally was where Harvey had grown up and was still residing. As fate would have it, we met that year on the bus coming home from our college classes. We got off at the same stop and walked home together. That was the start of our life together!

We were married in December of 1956 and moved into a basement apartment in Brooklyn. Our daughter Susan was born in 1960 and when she was 3 yrs. we moved to Somerset, NJ. Harvey took a job as the Regional Director of Sales for the family optical wholesale business.



Somerset was an up-and-coming suburban community. There was a small Shul there started by chicken farmers. With the influx of Jewish families moving into the area, a larger Synagogue was desired. With a lot of hard work and fundraising, Temple Beth El was formed. Our children had their B'nai Mitzvot there. It is still a thriving Synagogue today due to the addition of several Senior developments in the area, but unfortunately there are very few children in the congregation.

We moved to Lakeland in 2012 and became members of Temple Emanuel. I still teach Sunday School there and Harvey is working part time at the Lakeland Eye Clinic. We are about to celebrate our 66 th anniversary this December!

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Our son Mitchell was born in 1967, and our family was now complete. Along with my friend Lois, I helped to open 2 nursery schools in Somerset in 1971.

After high school, our daughter Susan attended Boston University for a degree in Education.

Our son Mitchell went to Washington University in St. Louis followed by Brooklyn Law School. Susan married Scott Sloman (also from Somerset) in 1985. Their son (and our first grandchild) Zachary was born in 1991. Zachary is currently living in Memphis and is doing well. He works as the Director of Events for an arena, following in his Dad's footsteps.

Mitchell and his wife Beth live in Brooklyn and have a summer home in the Catskills. They have 3 children (Esther, Chana and Yosef). Chana and her husband Elya just gave birth to our first great grandchild in August of 2022. We are ecstatic!



Above left : Zachary's bar Mitzvah at Temple Emanuel in 2004

Above right: Newest baby, Natan Pardes on August 9, 2022

**\*\*Editor's note:** Thank you Myrna and Harvey for sharing your story with us!

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