

JUDY & GARY SALTZMAN

About Judy - In Her Words

My family moved to Denver when I was four years old. I attended Denver Public Schools for both elementary and middle school and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. I attended Metro State College (now Metropolitan State University of Denver).

Gary Saltzman and I first met in our kindergarten class at Beth Joseph Synagogue (now BMH- BJ.) We lived parallel lives until my senior year in high school when my friend began dating Gary's friend. I boldly asked her to fix us up on a date. She did. Gary promptly called me back 18 months later. We finally started dating and married two years later in 1972. We have two children, Sol and Rebecca and three grandchildren Abby, Ori, and Charlie.

I worked for several years for the Marriot Hotel in their Catering Department. I helped plan events ranging from weddings and business meetings to luncheons. I stopped working when Sol arrived and remained a stay at home mother to him and his sister Rebecca. During that time, I trained to become a tutor to young children with learning differences and dyslexia. I earned a certificate as a Reading Specialist and built a large referral practice from elementary school teachers in the Cherry Creek School District.

I have been very involved with B'nai B'rith for many years. My initial introduction to the organization began in 1979-80 when I joined a women's bowling league. My involvement grew from bowling with friends to becoming President of B'nai B'rith Women of Metro Denver from 1988 to 1990 (formerly Jewish Women International.) Ultimately, I became then Regional Chairman of the six state Gateway Region and represented the region on the National Board of Director.

Gary and I were fortunate to travel the world together as well as with B'nai B'rith International. We have visited six continents with plans to go



to Antarctica. I have been in the presence of many great world leaders and have personally met the Pope Francis and Benjamin Netanyahu. I always look forward our adventures.

I became interested in Allied Jewish Apartments in the mid-1980s when my aunt and uncle, Leonard and Hermina Levett, became one of the first residents to move into the South Building. A few months later, my grandfather, Abe Levett also moved into the South Building. While visiting my family. I realized that there were many individuals living at Kavod without family and/or with mobility issues. I soon became a volunteer grocery shopper. There were residents for whom I shopped weekly, while others called me when they needed help.

My presence at Kavod continued as my mother, Luba Rodman, moved there in 2015 and then my sister, Kathy Pollack, moved in 2022. My mom has passed away and Kathy now lives in Milwaukee. They only had a year together at Kavod but ate dinner together in the dining room and spent Saturday nights at Mom's eating together and watching television.

Kavod Senior Life has brought great joy and security to my family. I am forever grateful to them.

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About Gary - In His Words

I was born and raised in Denver Colorado. My parents were Sam and Betty Saltzman, who met in Denver during WW2. Together they had four children - I was the third. I attended George Washington High School and the University of Colorado.

In 1972, I married Judy Rodman and together we were fortunate to raise two children, Sol and Rebecca. Later we were blessed with three grandchildren, Abby, Ori and Charlie.

Professionally, I have been fortunate to experience success as a CPA and Investment Advisor. For more years than I choose to list, I was with The Wenner Group, LLC as an employee, then eventually an owner and finally a Managing Partner. We then sold our practice to CBIZ MHM, a national entity providing accounting, tax and advisory Services. Presently I serve as a Tax Managing Director for CBIZ HMH.

I, along with my partners of The Wenner Group, started a Wealth Management Company in 1999 named Transitions Wealth Management, LLC. Recently, the non-retired owners sold this company to Mercer Advisors Wealth Management, headquartered in Denver.

Being associated with my co-owners of these two companies, I was afforded the opportunity to be involved in many local, national and international charitable and community-based organizations. Each organization had common elements of service that touched my interest and desire to make the world a better place for all people.

In Denver, I participated in many leadership roles with numerous communal organizations. Early on, I found a calling to connect with B'nai B'rith. The numerous venues of service it offered, as well as its long rich history, attracted me and provided opportunities to connect with local, national and international people and leaders I could not have imagined. My involvement with this organization through the years allowed me to take on meaningful roles, including helping lead the transition of BBYO (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization) to its own independent status.

In 2015, I was fortunate to be elected to the top leadership position in B'nai B'rith as its International President. My time as President included three of the most exciting, challenging and meaningful years of my life.

We in Denver might not be aware, but B'nai Brith is the largest non-government provider of independent affordable housing communities within the United States. Kavod Senior Life is a mirror reflection of what is critical when providing life's necessity of security and dignity for all, regardless of one's station in life.

I have been a member of the Board of Directors and other committees for Kavod for many years and believe wholeheartedly in its mission.

