



Brad Friedlander, Treasurer

Marlene and I moved to Arizona at the end of May 2023. We went to Beth Emeth Congregation's Open House in August of 2023 and decided to join before we got home. After the High Holiday season, I approached the President and said: "Hineni! I'd like to serve on a committee." In January, I was elected to be your Treasurer. I quickly added a few more roles including Chair of the Technology Committee, and member of the By-Laws Committee.

Who Am I?

My religious background is eclectic. I was a military dependent and we moved a lot as did the Rabbis at our various duty stations. As a result, I was educated by Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox Rabbis. Services in military chapels were based on a conservative prayer book so that all would feel welcome.

A strong influence was my father. Dad emphasized that being a Kohen was not an entitlement, but an obligation to support and guide our fellow Jews. I have tried to put that into practice by being active in my various congregations: I have served on the Board of two congregations and was a Sh'liach K'hilah (lay leader) for my last congregation.

What Am I?

I've spent my working life developing and managing computer systems and applications. I am an engineer by education which aligns with how I approach any problem: understand the whole and drill down into any area that needs attention. I like things to be clearly defined, but I know that life is fuzzy (at best) and there are many more colors than black and white. My mind is a scientific sponge trying to absorb everything from subatomic physics and the inner workings of living cells to the cosmos and astrophysics. In all of this, I see the miracles of the creation of our universe.

What Now?

I have reached the point in my life where I am transitioning from working full-time to being retired and spending time traveling enjoying the rest of my life with my loving wife, Marlene.

B'shalom,

Brad