

Joyce and Bob Shuman

We both came from families with a tradition of philanthropy.

Early in the 1950's, Yetta and Carl Shuman became very involved in a new orthodox congregation, Beth Jacob Synagogue, in Atlanta. Their religious life and their social life centered around their shul. They kept a kosher home and Carl cooked at every fish fry the synagogue had, while Yetta baked for every silver tea and was honored there as well. Later, Yetta was honored by the Atlanta Jewish Federation for 50 plus years of continuous giving....what a legacy!



Gloria and Bernie Robinson settled here in Greensboro in 1947. Coming from very different backgrounds in New York, Reform and Orthodox, they met in the middle by joining Beth David Synagogue, where Bernie was one of the first Men's Club presidents. Gloria was involved in the Synagogue and National Council of Jewish Women as well. Bernie was also an integral part of the financial side of the Greensboro Jewish Federation from early on....through his CPA firm, he did everything he could to keep it all straight.

We were both active as teenagers in BBYO and our respective synagogue youth groups. When we moved to Greensboro in 1978 with our three sons, Gloria made sure Joyce got involved in the organizational world by giving her the gift of a life membership to Hadassah. And as a couple, we joined Federation Young Leadership early on. We have been very involved in Beth David Synagogue, Greensboro Jewish Federation, Hadassah and North Carolina Hillel. We were both advisors to BBYO as well.

Our three sons had childhoods filled with activities, Jewish, school and community. As far as Jewish activities, they went to Jewish summer camp, had Bar Mitzvahs and were confirmed, were all involved in AZA, all played in the church league basketball representing the Jewish community and all three spent a year in Israel.

As parents, we felt it was critical to expose our children to as much of what is important to us as possible. Therefore, we both took on leadership roles in various organizations while our children were still at home.

They not only heard us talk about giving back to the community, Jewish and otherwise, they saw us doing so. As a result, we have grown sons who are now participating in their own communities, as volunteers and socially responsible adults. That is very gratifying to us.

Because of our passion for Jewish continuity, we are participating in the Create a Jewish Legacy Program. We feel it is important to do our part for the future success of Beth David Synagogue, Greensboro Jewish Federation and NC Hillel. It is an honor and a privilege to be involved in Jewish life in Greensboro and it is a responsibility to do whatever one can for the future.