WOODSIDE Synagogue



BANQUET

You are cordially invited to attend the

Woodside Synagogue Ahavas Torah

Virtual Banquet honoring

Jane and Richard Sassoon

For their exceptional involvement and commitment to our community

> Sunday, August 14, 2022 17 Av, 5782 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Ads and ticket reservations may be purchased at wsat.org/banquet or via email to banquet@wsat.org.

We look forward to celebrating the Sassoons together!



When the Sassoon family moved to Woodside in the Summer of 1988, they were looking for an established Jewish community that "checked all the boxes." With two young sons Elan and Lion, they wanted to live near public transportation, a mikvah, and playgrounds.

At the time, Jane and Richard did not realize that they were making a monumental decision – one that their entire family appreciates today. Arriving in Woodside, they were delighted to be greeted warmly and quickly accepted as members of the community from the start.

Reflecting on this decision more than 30 years later, Jane and Richard realize that they were guided by Hashem to be in a spiritual place – the Woodside shul community.

Sons Yaval and Gamliel completed their family. With four sons, there was always something going on at the Sassoon home that involved sports and competition. The "Sassoon Compound" became a "go-to" destination for many teenage boys on Shabbat afternoons.

When their older sons started day school, both Richard and Jane became actively involved in establishing the Torah School of Greater Washington (TSGW). Jane was TSGW's accountant for many years, ensuring that the school was fiscally sound. They received the Founders Award from the TSGW in 1998.

Having sons in the Hebrew Day School, the Torah School, and the Yeshiva of Greater Washington provided many volunteer opportunities. In Woodside, both Richard and Jane have volunteered in various capacities. Richard was President, VP, and Treasurer and served in other roles over the years. Jane was the shul's accountant for 15 years. They have helped with shul administration, kiddushes, and other activities.

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During his career in the federal government, Richard held various management positions. His leadership skills were recognized and he was selected to participate in the federal government's Executive Potential Program and Federal Executive Institute, respectively. After a very fulfilling 35-year career in government, he was presented with a Distinguished Career Award.

During retirement, Richard spent time volunteering with Ashreinu and Bikur Cholim, as well as the Montgomery County Election Board, Library of Congress, the National Building Museum, and the National Air and Space Museum.

Jane has worked as a Controller in a variety of companies – in both non-profit and for-profit sectors. Throughout her career, she made it a point to have a flexible schedule to accommodate the family's needs. For the past nine years, Jane has worked full-time for Gallagher & Associates (G&A) as the Controller. G&A is a global Exhibit and Media Design firm that has produced museum exhibits world-wide. G&A designed many of the Holocaust and Jewish Museums and/or exhibits in the US.

Throughout the years, both Richard and Jane took learning Torah seriously. Richard has participated in and is grateful to Rabbi Landesman and Danny Jacoby for their shiurim. Jane participated in the Women's shabbat afternoon shiur and also completed the first Women's Nach Yomi this past January.

During the first two years of Covid, Richard was VP of the shul and helped implement various protocols to keep shul members safe while in shul.

Richard is an avid cyclist, bike riding about 65 miles a week as well as undertaking longer bike trips, including a 370-mile trip along the Erie Canal and a 320-mile trip from Pittsburgh to DC. Richard and Jane have also organized "youth bike trips" for WSAT youth. A few of these have been fundraisers for Bikur Cholim and Hatzalah.

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