

Volunteer of the Month

This month's Volunteer of the Month is Irwin Nijaki. He was chosen based on the years of service that he has given to Shomrei Torah as the Chairman of the Senior Group, as a Trustee and, perhaps most importantly, as a leader for both evening as well as Saturday morning services. In addition to the volunteer efforts he has given to our shul, Irwin is also the president of both Lrdzer Young Men and Women as well as Labor Zionist. Both groups are based in Fair Lawn and their primary task is to raise tzedukah to send to Israel.

Irwin immigrated to the U.S. in 1952 with his bride of 2 years, Marie. They settled in Paterson, moved to Boston a few years later and then moved back to Paterson. After living there for a few years, they moved to Fair Lawn to raise their son Larry, now a dermatologist, and daughter Helen, now a schoolteacher. During this time, Irwin was both a successful businessman who owned a knitting mill in Paterson as well as a landlord who owned several apartment buildings in the area. In 1985, Irwin & Marie moved to Wayne and joined Shomrei Torah. Ten years ago, Irwin retired and that afforded him, a man who had been an observant Jew his entire life, the flexibility he needed to begin leading services. In addition to the satisfaction that davening gives him, one of the other great joys in his life are his two grandchildren.

The next time you see him, please be sure to thank Irwin for all that he has done for our shul.



Irwin Nijaki