



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

### **Roslyn Kunin**

Meet Roslyn Kunin, OrSh board member and chair of the Strategic Finance and Planning committee. Roslyn was born in Quebec and grew up in Montreal where she got her first degree in economics at Sir George Williams (now Concordia) in the evenings while holding down a full-time office job. At that time she met and married Jack and had her two sons. The family moved to Ontario for graduate work and came to Vancouver in 1967 driving across the country with two little kids in a Volkswagen Beetle – a centennial project! The PhD program at UBC was the motive for the trip, but Roslyn decided that she would not be going back across the Rockies until her kids could put on their own snow boots. She has been here ever since.

In her career, Roslyn has worked in the private sector, written a weekly newspaper column, and taught at several Canadian universities including Simon Fraser and UBC. She served twenty years as Regional Economist for the federal government in BC and Yukon, and 10 years as the Executive Director of the Laurier Institution. She is still in private practice as a consulting economist.

Roslyn has spent lots of time doing board work for the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research, Applied Sciences Technicians and Technologists of BC, Haida Enterprise Corporation, WorkSafe BC, Vancouver Stock Exchange, University of British Columbia, Vancouver Crisis Centre, and others. Since the reward for good work is always more work, she chaired many of these organizations. Recognition for her work includes the Order of Canada and the Order of BC.

For fun, Roslyn likes to keep active. She has finished two marathons and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, and is currently training for a half marathon in Haida Gwaii in July 2020.

Or Shalom has been a part of Roslyn's life for 35 years. Look for her in her red hat at Shabbat services and ask her about the stories of her birth and the birth of her first son.