



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

### Steven Barer

Meet Steven Barer, former Or Shalom treasurer & member of the board, and long time member of our community. Steven and his wife Susan Albersheim began coming to Or Shalom before they got married in the summer of 1986!

Steven had known Reb Daniel Siegel in Victoria in about 1974 where Reb Daniel was Rabbi for a brief period. Steven grew up in Victoria, attended shul at Congregation Emanu-el, and left when he graduated high school in 1977.

After spending a number of years in Alberta, business school in Edmonton and first jobs in Calgary, Steven returned to Vancouver and met Susan in 1984. Steven slowly launched a career in business through helping people and organizations figure out how to make use of personal computers, and he was a stay at home father to their two sons Benjamin & Amichai, born in '89 and '91.

Both boys grew up in Or Shalom, went to Talmud Torah and then Hebrew Academy and Benjamin attended Pacific Torah Institute for high school; Ami attended St George's for high school.

Steven's business evolved and flourished in the contract custom software business, focussing on helping small organizations manage complex and unique information management challenges. Steven still manages a team of FileMaker focussed professionals in this niche, over 30 years later.

Steven splits his time between Vancouver and Salt Spring Island, and is happiest wandering and hiking in the forests, looking for edible, and other, fungi, while enjoying all the flora and fauna of the Pacific Northwest.