GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Dave Kauffman

Dave Kauffman grew up in Edmonton and moved to Vancouver to attend UBC, graduating from Electrical Engineering in 1982. He's worked in software design and development and volunteers with Or Shalom on the board of directors, as website manager, adjusting sound systems to our needs, and occasionally reading Torah.

What is the trait that best describes you? I'm told that being able to see the forest and the trees when making decisions.

What is your idea of happiness? Happiness is enjoying life with friends and family even when happiness means being sad.

From where do you seek inspiration? I love expertise of all kinds, and appreciate that everyone is nerdy about something, and finding out about that thing and being curious inspires me.

What is something most people don't know about you? I was in a few tv commercials as a kid.

What's your favourite Jewish food? I used to raid the pickles & olives dish at bar mitzvahs.

If you could invite anyone to your home for Shabbat, who would you invite? I'd love to have my Mom and Dad back for a Shabbat dinner, and while I'm wishing - Albert Einstein as our guest with Daniel Matt to talk about the wonder and mystery of this universe.

Of what accomplishment are you most proud? Being the kind of person my parents hoped I would be.

*Complete this sentence: God put me on this earth to…*help make the world slightly kinder and less disorderly than it would have been otherwise.

If you had a wish, prayer or favour granted by God, what would it be? Reb Shlomo used to say of all the things you can ask and pray for, there is only one that helps the whole world, and that is peace - Shalom.

What mitzvah have you done recently? Or… What mitzvah has somebody done for you recently? Or… What mitzvah will you do in the coming weeks? I try to do mitzvot every day. Sometimes it is an act of kindness, sometimes it's a Jewish mitzvah of talit or blessing, sometimes it is just making a business meeting run a little smoother with less tension.