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In 1938, Jack's parents Alfred and Martha, and brother Howard, came to the United States from Nazi Germany, escaping the Holocaust. Jack's family settled in Washington Heights, New York where Jack and his younger sister Carol were born. They lived there until after Jack's sophomore year of high school when the family moved to Bergenfield, where Jack attended his last two years at Bergenfield High School. Jack graduated from Rutgers with a BA in History and later received his MA in History and his MBA in Management from Fairleigh Dickinson.

Sandy delayed going to college and started going part time at night to William Paterson, continuing even after their first daughter Michel was born in 1972. Realizing a need for childcare for William Paterson students, Sandy was one of the founding mothers of a babysitting cooperative to help students with child care needs. She helped organize a system where the moms would take care of each other's babies and children while their mothers attended class. Sandy earned her BA and later her MA in Education from William Paterson. Jack and Sandy's second daughter Samara was born in 1977.

From 1974-1986 Jack was employed as an internal auditor for Kidde, Inc. His position required that he be away from home approximately 40 weeks a year. Jack was away, traveling from coast to coast, from Monday to Friday, returning home on the weekends. While he travelled, Sandy stayed home and raised their daughters.

Even with all his travel, Jack became active in the BDJC; he was elected as a Trustee in 1972, later serving as Treasurer, First Vice President and then President. Jack will never forget the morning in February 1984, while he was in San Francisco, when he received a call from Sandy that their beloved BDJC had burned down.

Jack was appointed Chairman of the Rebuilding Committee and, with the help of the entire community, the synagogue was rebuilt. Jack was President when the BDJC reopened in 1987. He served as President from 1987 to 1988 and again from 1993 to 1994.

As their daughters grew and Jack no longer traveled as much, Sandy was able to go back to work, working for a few years at the Yavnah School and then as a substitute teacher in both the Tenafly and Bergenfield public school systems.

Since 1967 Sandy and Jack have had a pet dog in their lives: first Domino, then Licorice and then Chachka, all male Miniature Poodles and since 2009 they have been blessed with their Havanese "dogter", Chiquita. They are also the proud grandparents of Chase, their daughter Michel's Chiweenie.

In 2000, Sandy was diagnosed with breast cancer and after a year of treatment the cancer was declared to be in remission. Since then she has been cancer free.

In 2002, due to several changes within the BDJC, Sandy and Jack became disillusioned with their once beloved shul. By chance they came upon the JCCP and found that they felt at home again and have been proud and active members since.

Sandy has been an active member of the Community Affairs Committee. When we had our Nursery School she took great pride in volunteering regularly to read stories to the children.

Jack became involved in our synagogue almost from the moment he and Sandy joined the JCCP. He played an integral role in arranging our merger with the New Milford Jewish Center, Congregation Beth Tikvah. He served on the synagogue board as Vice President and served as President of the JCCP/CBT from 2014 – 2016. During his Presidency he implemented our current security measures and completely modernized our building infrastructure including our new roof, and air conditioning, heating and electrical systems. He is also responsible for establishing our Human Resources Committee where he presently serves as Co-Chair.

In 1997, the Bauer's daughter Michel married her husband David. They have two daughters Melissa and Ariel. In 2010, their youngest daughter Samara married her husband Scott.

Sandy and Jack are greatly appreciative of the honor the JCCP/CBT bestowed on them as co-honorees at this year's dinner dance, along with Julie and Howard Leopold.