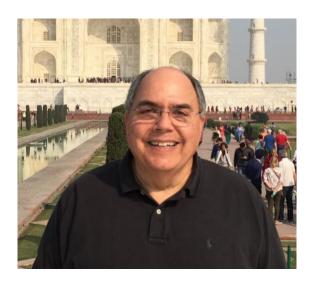
Introduce Yourself: David Feldheim

What's Your Story?



Hi, my name is David Feldheim and I was born in Cleveland, Ohio. I grew up in Cleveland Heights, then went to school in Washington, D.C. (American University, School of International Service) and New York City (NYU Law School). My wife, Andrea, who is from Philadelphia, and I were classmates at NYU Law School, and we settled in Philadelphia. It was besheirt, because my mom told me often as a youngster that I would be a Philadelphia lawyer! (I think that means I was glib!!) I clerked for a common plea judge after law school; worked in-house for Sunoco for 25 years; and then opened my own private practice in 1998. It has been a thrill.

I adored Andrea's mom and she is the primary reason we moved to Philadelphia, where we lived for 44 years before moving to Los Angeles in 2016 to be near our kids and grandkids. Our son and daughter attended graduate school in LA and settled here. Andrea has kept a kosher home since we married, which is ironic because I grew up with a kosher home and she did not.

The move to LA has been a "seismic" change for me. I like to say LA is a big sandbox, and there are endless opportunities for adventure and play. It is a huge city to explore, which I do often. I love to read newspapers every morning, and also books and magazines. I love film, and LA has an unparalleled number of theaters for mainstream and indie screenings. I am also a big fan of professional sports, and it is a treat to have two teams in each of the professional sports here in LA. I might say the off-field drama is often more exciting than the on-field exploits!! Still, I am a Browns and Indians fan.

I am a terrible golfer and am always looking for another hacker to play the Rancho Park par 3 course. I also play bridge on Thursday nights in the novice game at the Beverly Hills Community Center. They have not kicked me out yet.

Joining Temple Isaiah and ChaiVillageLA have immeasurably improved the quality of my life. The clergy at Temple Isaiah are incredible and we have met many great people. Friday night services and Saturday morning Torah study at Temple Isaiah are a source of countless moments of joy for me.