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*Top from left to right: Barbara and Barry Lewis*

*Bottom from left to right: Sharon and Bradley Rauch*

## **Seven Acres to Present Joyce Proler Schechter Spirit of Life Award to Honor Community Leaders**

Seven Acres Jewish Senior Care Services is proud to announce the recipients of next year's prestigious Joyce Proler Schechter Spirit of Life Award, which recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding dedication and service to the community.

The 2026 "Making Waves for a Better Home" Gala will honor Barbara and Barry Lewis, and Sharon and Bradley Rauch, two couples deeply committed to the mission of Seven Acres and the greater community. Both Barry Lewis and Bradley Rauch are long-standing members of the Seven Acres Board of Directors, and each has notably served as board president, helping to guide and strengthen the organization through their leadership with the support of their wives, Barbara and Sharon.

Barry first got involved with Seven Acres through his father Lou Lewis's involvement with the community as board president. Seeing his dad serve the community lit a fire in him to do the same. Barry served as president from 1990 to 1992.

"I was taught to respect my elders so out of respect especially now that I'm one of older," Barry said. "Everybody should be interested in taking care of the elderly particularly those who can't take care of themselves."

Over the years, Barry has held numerous leadership roles across the Houston Jewish and business communities. His past positions include serving as Director and President of The Emery/Weiner School, Board President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, and Trustee and Officer of Congregation Beth Israel, among others.

He has been married to his wife and best friend, Barbara, since 1957. They take great joy in their family, which includes their three sons, daughters-in-laws and 10 grandchildren.

Today, Barry remains deeply committed to community and civic engagement. He currently serves as president of Goldeneye Inc., an investment firm, and as an advisory director at Amegy Bank of Texas while Barbara is enjoying her grandchildren.

"They are such lovely people and have been generous and wise contributors to the Jewish community," said Sharon. "We are truly honored to be recognized alongside them."

Like Barry, Bradley's family also has a long history with Seven Acres. His father, Alan Rauch served on the Board of Trustees for many years, holding several positions,

including president. Sharon witnessed the compassionate care at Seven Acres when both of her grandmothers spent their final days there.

"My parents were past recipients of the Spirit of Life Award, so Sharon and I have the Seven Acres DNA in us," Brad said.

Brad followed in his dad's footsteps and served as the Seven Acres president from 2018 to 2021.

He currently serves on the board and is a lifelong member of Congregation Beth Israel. He is also a founding member, Executive Committee member, and past president of the Emery/Weiner School. Since retiring, Sharon has reconnected with Emanu El's Sisterhood and volunteers with Rice University's Joan and Stanford Alexander South Texas Jewish Archives.

"I am greatly enjoying retirement, especially since it provides more time to spend with my children and their spouses, and especially with my grandson Ethan," said Sharon.

The dedication of both couples stands as a testament to leadership, community service and a steadfast commitment to preserving Jewish values for future generations.

"We greatly appreciate this honor," Barry said. We don't feel like we deserve it as there are so many people who work hard at Seven Acres every day." He continued.

"The honors belong to the administrative staff, the nurses, the community volunteers, and to Brad and Sharon."

Join us on **February 19, 2026**, for the "Making Waves for a Better Home" *Gala*, a special event you won't want to miss. More details coming soon!

To learn more about our compassionate skilled nursing services, please visit [sevenacres.org](http://sevenacres.org). If you're looking for a warm and welcoming place to call home, we invite you to connect with Loren Gordon at **713-778-5702** or visit [themedallion.org](http://themedallion.org) for more information.