



Bio of Dr. Larry and Ellen Kotlow

Ellen and Larry Kotlow are both native Albanians. Ellen was born in May of 1948 and Larry August of 1947. Both Ellen and Larry's parents were also born in Albany. Ellen's maiden name was Rosenthal. Ellen graduated from Albany High School in 1966, completed her Bachelor of Science Degree in elementary education at Boston University in 1970 and received her master's degree in special education from Buffalo State College in 1971.

Larry graduated from Albany High School in 1965, attended 3 years at Albany College of Pharmacy from 1965-1968, Completed his Dental degree from SUNY Buffalo Dental School from 1968-1972. He did his specialty training in a two-year fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital from 1972-1974.

Ellen and Larry met at the Albany Jewish Community Center's Day camp as CITS in the summer of 1963. They began dating in 1964 and spent summers as junior camp counselors at the AJCC from 1964-1969. In June of 1970 they were married, lived in Buffalo for two years followed by two years in Cincinnati.

During their time in Cincinnati, they had their daughter, Melissa. They then returned to Albany in July of 1974. Ellen and Larry have three children (Melissa Ostrower, husband Steve and two grandchildren Jacqueline and Michael), Daniel and his fiancé Sabrina and his two children Joshua and Nash, Andrew (Caren and their two girls Sophia and Alexis.)

Ellen had been very active at the AJCC, teaching Rompers and preschool. Ellen also taught at the HACD (Hebrew Academy of the Capital District) as a substitute teacher. Ellen also taught at the Albany Academies when our children were students at the Girls and Boys Academies. Ellen served on the Board of Directors for the Daughters of Sarah Jewish Foundation from 1996-2004.

When our children grew up, she started her second career.

She and Barbara Orris compiled and produced the *Witness to History Project*, a program of interviewing and recording Holocaust survivor stories. She was recognized for her efforts by Holocaust Survivors and Friends in Pursuit of Justice. She received recognition as a *women Inspiring Hope and Responsibility during Women's History Month* in 2004 from the Capital District Hadassah. She served as President of the *NYCON Board* from 2011-2012, a lobbyist and Legislative Representative for the NYCON (NEW York Council of Nonprofits). Legislative Representative. She was also 2002 President of the *Next Step board* of Directors

Larry began his dental practice, specializing in Pediatric Dentistry in December 1974, where he continues to practice.

In 1965 he received the *Applebaum award* from the AJCC and was *President of the Albany Jewish Youth Council*. He has served on *the Board of Directors* for the AJCC. He was a Vice President for the HACD. He was instrumental in the purchase of the HACD school building and negotiating teacher contracts.

Ellen and Larry are members of Congregation Beth Emeth and live in Guilderland.