

Jane and Garry Sanders were raised in the Capital District; Jane in Albany and Garry in Saratoga Springs. She grew up at Congregation Beth Emeth; he at Congregation Shaara Tfilla.

Jane is a social worker, graduating with her masters degree from Syracuse University with a focus on gerontology. She spent her career working for organizations supporting social services for seniors in Toledo, Ohio, Washington, D.C., Rochester, NY and Albany. She retired as director of the Town of Bethlehem Senior Services department.

Jane has been a volunteer multiple organizations as a volunteer including B'nai B'rith Gideon Foundation where she is currently the chair of the Grants Committee, and Congregation Beth Emeth's Sisterhood where she served as president and now is the membership chair. Jane was recently on the Board of Directors of Jewish Families Services of Northeastern New York. She served on the Board of the Food Pantries for the Capital District for several years including a three year term as president of that board. She volunteers on a regular basis with Refugee and Immigrant Services of Emmaus (RISSE), Bethlehem Senior Projects, Bethlehem Neighbors and Bethlehem Senior Projects.

Garry received his master's degree in public administration from the University at Albany and entered federal government service as a Presidential Management Fellow. He served for many years in the business of research administration, including The University and Albany where he served the campus faculty in the development of research programs. He retired from The Research Foundation for SUNY as executive vice president and chief operating officer. He currently serves as an executive coach.

Garry served as president of Congregation Beth Emeth, as well as president of its Brotherhood. He served in several roles for the congregation, including treasurer, and has led or been a member of key search committees for the congregation. Presently, he is Chair of the Board of Jewish Family Services of Northeastern, New York. As well, he served on the board of Jewish Federation, and participated for many years as a reading tutor in the Albany City School District in the Federation's literacy program.

Garry plays the piano, performs locally with bands, and is often accompanying the clergy at Congregation Beth Emeth and performing for other not for profit organizations in the region.

Jane and Garry have two sons, Michael Sanders of Denver, Colorado and his wife Jessica, and Jeremy Sanders of Baltimore, Maryland and his wife, Jessica. They are blessed with three granddaughters: Rebecca, Eva, and Danielle.