

About David Baskin

David grew up in Hamilton, Ontario, where his father (Bernard) was the Rabbi at Temple Anshe Sholom from 1948 to 1992. His late uncle Leonard Baskin was a well-known artist and illustrated the Reform Haggadah in use for many years.

David is married to Joan Garson CM, a former President of Holy Blossom Temple, and past Governor of the World Zionist Organization. They have two children: Jacob, 36, who lives in Brooklyn, and Rebecca, 33, who lives in K'far Ben Nun, Israel. David and Joan have been blessed with 3 grandchildren.

David received his B.A. from the University of Colorado (Boulder) in 1973 and his L.L.B degree from the University of Toronto Faculty of Law in 1976. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1978.

After practicing law for three years in his home town of Hamilton, David transitioned to a career in finance, working for a chartered bank and then a venture capital firm before founding Baskin Financial Services in 1992.

Baskin Financial under its trade name of Baskin Wealth Management manages over \$2 billion of discretionary funds for high net worth families and not-for-profit organizations. The firm has its head office in Toronto and its twenty-four employees serve clients in Canada from coast to coast.

David is a Past President of Temple Holy Blossom. He is a past Chair of the URJ Investment Committee, on which he has served for 30 years. He has been Chair of the RPB Investment Committee for the past eight years, following eight years of service as a member. He has been a Trustee of the RPB Board for eight years.

David has been an Adjunct Professor at the DeGroote School of Business of McMaster University and is a widely sought-after commentator on business and financial affairs. He appears regularly on national television and is frequently heard on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation radio network.

An avid sailor, David is a Past Commodore of the Island Yacht Club of Toronto.