

SHARON AND WILY REDENSKY

both attended Jewish Day Schools in their respective home towns: Sharon in Lima, Peru, and Wily in Caracas, Venezuela. They met, married and had their three sons in Miami. Subsequently, they lived in Venezuela for 9 years, where Sharon's volunteering and philanthropy began when she became involved

with WIZO. She was awarded Volunteer of the Year at the MAR JCC in 2011, and WIZO Volunteer of the Year in 2014.

Sharon now serves on the Executive Board of WIZO, Florida, as Vice Treasurer as well as on Kesher's Board of Directors. Wily works in his family business and is very supportive of Sharon's endeavors, both of them setting wonderful examples for their sons. Tzedakah, Jewish values and Jewish education are top priorities to them both, and they plan to continue helping Kesher for years to come.

This year they will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary and 16 years of living in Miami. They have three wonderful sons: Nathan, Scheck Hillel Class of 2014 and FIU Class of 2018, Beny, Scheck Hillel Class of 2016 and FIU Class of 2020, and Aby, who will graduate this May from Scheck Hillel as well.



DR. LORI BEN-EZRA

was born and raised in Rochester, New York. She attended Binghamton University and earned a BA in biology and psychology. While at Binghamton University, she met her husband Marc, a native of Miami, and moved to South Florida for graduate school. Lori earned a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Miami. While in graduate school, she developed an interest in psycho educational testing and career counseling. After graduation, Lori focused her professional practice in these

areas, completing evaluations for government agencies such as the Office of Disability Determinations and Vocational Rehabilitation.

Lori began using her testing skills to complete evaluations for children struggling in school. She gets much satisfaction helping parents choose the right educational environment and implement the appropriate strategies to optimize their child's academic success. It is Lori's mission to provide quality evaluations and psychotherapy at an affordable rate so that all families have access to mental health services.

Lori and her husband Marc have been married for 28 years and are proud of their three children, Ilana, Rena and Zack. The Ben-Ezras have lived in Hollywood since 1993 and are active members of the Young Israel of Hollywood-Fort Lauderdale. Lori is a past president of Brauser Maimonides Academy and has held many leadership positions at the Jewish Federation of Broward County, including Women's Philanthropy Chair. In her spare time, Lori enjoys working out and reading.



STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

SHELBY SCHECK

is a proud eleventh grader at Scheck Hillel Community School, where she has attended since PK2. Shelby is a student athlete on the varsity volleyball and flag football teams. She participates in several clubs, including the AIPAC Club, Entrepreneurship Club of which she is the co-President, and of course, the Best Buddies Club! She loves serving on the J-Serve Teen Service Committee of the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, and she volunteers annually with the JCS Kosher Food Bank. Shelby also serves as a regular volunteer at the Humane Society. She stays culturally inspired and active through her longtime passion of Israeli dancing. Shelby enjoys working with children and has held positions as camp counselor and dance instructor, and most recently served as a youth leader on an "Alternative Winter Break" community service trip, a commitment that has further enhanced her dedication to working with the Kesher community at Hillel. Shelby most enjoys praying with the Kesher (female) students in Tefillah every morning. Her social connection to the Kesher community is most rewarding -- inspiring happiness and spending quality time with the students during clubs, lunchtime, and school-sponsored activities. Shelby looks forward to growing her friendships with the Kesher students, and she is proud that she is able to be a part of this amazing program.

DANI SCHECK

is a proud senior at the Scheck Hillel Community School where she has attended since PKT. Dani is the Co-President of the Entrepreneurship club, Secretary of the National Honor Society, has been captain of the varsity volleyball team for multiple years, and will be graduating in a few months as the Salutatorian of her class. In addition, she participates in various school clubs. She enjoys working with students with special needs in Baseball Buddies and loves volunteering her time at the Kosher Food Bank and other GMJF events. The most rewarding and impactful experience for her is working with the Kesher students through The Best Buddies Club where she is co-President with Rebecca, which was created by their sisters Nikki Scheck and Sara Fiske a few years ago. This club helps to socially integrate the Kesher students with the Hillel students through various activities enabling them to feel loved and welcomed as part of a group. Dani looks forward to seeing their happy faces and is proud to have been an integral part of expanding this program so that more students are able to participate and have a positive impact on others.

REBECCA FISKE

is a senior at Scheck Hillel Community School where she has attended since 6th grade. Rebecca played on the varsity Volleyball team during her Freshman year. She enjoys working with children and has volunteered with the Friendship Circle, where she was able to be a "buddy" to a child with special needs. Rebecca has also been a camp counselor at the Miami Beach Jewish Community Center and was an assistant dance instructor for 5-8 year olds. Rebecca has volunteered at The Kosher Food Bank and chose the Kosher Food Bank as the focus of her IB Project in 10th grade. She also volunteered as a mentor and tutor during the summer with Achieve Miami, an organization that provides resources and support for at risk children in local public schools. She is involved in school clubs as well and is the President of Project Appreciate and co-President of The Best Buddies Club with Dani. Rebecca is very passionate and proud of her involvement in the Best Buddies Club, allowing Kesher and Hillel students to develop meaningful relationships that will last a lifetime.