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Age: 64

Born: 3/11/51, Lynchburg, Va.

Recent statewide award: Recognized by the North Carolina Recreation and Parks Association as their 2014 North Carolina “Distinguished Legislator” for his advocacy of the funding, upkeep and safety of Durham’s parks.

Wife: Lao Rubert (Executive Director, Carolina Justice Policy Center)

Children: Abraham (29) and Solomon (25)

Synagogue: Judea Reform

Employment: Visiting assistant professor of public policy, Sanford School, Duke University (since 2000)

Came to Durham from Lynchburg, Va. in 1969 to attend Duke as undergraduate. Except for one year away to attend graduate school, has been a Durham resident ever since.

Education:

B.A. from Duke, 1973, magna cum laude

M.A. from Columbia University, New York City, 1974

Ph. D. from Duke, 1982, in Education

Business career:

(1) Founded the *Independent* as president and publisher with a small staff in 1983. Continued as publisher on a day-to-day basis through 1999. Remained as president of the company and majority owner until selling the company in 2012.

(2) Co-founded the Hopscotch Music Festival in 2010; sold majority ownership in 2013.

Current and past civic involvement includes:

Former vice-chair, Durham Public Schools Board of Education;

Youth soccer coach for 18 years at the YMCA, Strikers Club, Brogden Middle School, Riverside High School;

Founder and former board member, Crayons2Calculators (C2C), non-profit supplying free supplies to Durham Public Schools teachers for the past ten years;

Past Co-President, E.K. Powe PTA;

Member, school Merger Issues Task Force (chair of committee that wrote final report);

Member, Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of Durham High School

(now Durham School of the Arts);
Former member (21 years), Board of Directors, Durham Tech Community Foundation (past chair);
Former member, Board of Directors, Urban Ministries of Durham;
Former member, Board of Directors, Durham Arts Council;
Former member, Board of Directors, Durham Public Education Network;
Former member, Community Advisory Board, WNCU Radio (N.C. Central)
Former member, Community Advisory Board, WUNC Radio (UNC-CH);
Current member, Board of Directors, N.C. Museum of Life and Science

City Council Duties:

Council liaison to the Durham Housing Authority;
Co-chair, Finance Committee, Mayor's Poverty Reduction Initiative;
Member, Audit Services Committee:
Council liaison to the Recreation Advisory Commission;
Member, Durham-CH Metropolitan Planning Organization;
Council liaison to the Durham Open Space and Trails Commission;
Member, City Insurance Committee;
Member, council Legislative Affairs Committee