Alumnus of the Year
Joseph G. Shapiro’54

Joseph G. Shapiro was born and resided in Glen Cove for over 60 years before moving to Oyster Bay Cove. He received his B.B.A. degree from Hofstra University where he was also a member of Epsilon Sigma fraternity. Mr. Shapiro served in the United States Army and saw active duty in Korea.

Mr. Shapiro held numerous business and professional affiliations during his career. These have included: Director of Fleet Bank, Director of the Long Island Association, Oil Heat Institute of Long Island, Chairman of the Long Island Heart Council and American Heart Association, former Chairman of the Glen Cove Zoning Board of Appeals, New York State Joint Legislative Committee of Environmental Management of Natural Resources, a Board Member of the Broward Sheriffs Advisory Council, and a member of the Royal Knights of Chivalry for Cancer Research.

Mr. Shapiro is currently Chairman and CEO of Commander Enterprises, Commander Enterprises Florida, and President and CEO of Commander Oil Corp. He is Co-Chairman of TXX Services, Inc. and a Partner in Kennesaw Fruit & Juice Company.

Mr. Shapiro remains very active in his community and has served in leadership roles for a number of organizations. These include Co-Chair of Hofstra’s 2004 Hofstra Gala Ball honoring Monsignor Thomas Hartman (which was successful in funding a Chair in Catholic Studies), N.Y.S.L.I. Sound Advisory Commission, N.Y.S. Boating Council, North Shore University Hospital and the Congregation Tifereth Israel of Glen Cove. Mr. Shapiro is a member of the Coral Ridge Country Club, Ocean Reef Club and Cold Spring Country Club. He has been honored by the National Conference Christians and Jews, the American Heart Association, the Family Service Association, and is the recipient of the prestigious Hofstra University Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award, and the recipient of the 1989 Estabrook Award. On September 1, 2004, Hofstra University dedicated the Libby and Joseph G. Shapiro Alumni House, which serves as a symbol of their loyalty and generosity to Hofstra. On May 6, 2010 Mr. Shapiro was honored at Hofstra’s 14th Annual Gala, and was presented with the Presidential Medal of Honor. In June 2013, Mr. Shapiro’s was honored as a past President of Congregation Tifereth Israel.

The Shapiro’s have established the Libby and Joseph Shapiro Endowed Distinguished Academic Scholarship and the Eva and Benjamin Shapiro Memorial Scholarship at Hofstra University. They have also created the Joseph and Libby Shapiro Family Foundation, which generously donates to educational, religious, health and civic institutions and organizations.

Mr. Shapiro has been married to Libby for over 60 years and they have 4 children 7 grandchildren.