



## **Hon. Billy Joel**

Active in the transportation, warehousing, consolidation, and leasing business for over 30 years. As Chief Executive Office and President of several large corporations formed in several states, created a major network of consolidation facilities to handle wearing apparel for the major retail department stores. In 1999, sold my interest and retired.

Retirement was short lived. Opened the Home Federal Bank of Hollywood and became a director and served for 14 years. Decided to enter politics, and was elected as Aventura City Commissioner in 2005 and left office as Vice Mayor in October 2014, due to term limits.

In addition to serving as Vice President on AABGU' National Board, elected to BGU's Board of Governors in May 2012 and continues to serve in that position. Also members of BGU's Negev Society and received the prestigious David Ben-Gurion Award.

Chairman of the Florida Friends of the Israel Sport Center for the Disabled and founder of the Jack Joel Center for Special Children, named after his brother, at The Hagedorn Little Village School in Long Island, New York. As President of the Anchors Away Foundation, supplies access dinghies for disabled children, giving them the opportunity to sail on their own. Also services on the boards of the Aventura Hospital and Medical center, the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center and is Vice Chair of the Vice Provost Executive Council at FIY.

The Joel's have been honored with awards by many local organizations, including the Torch of Liberty Award by the Anti-Defamation League, Couple of the Year Award and the Guardian of Israel Award at the Aventura Turnberry Jewish Center, the Keter Shem Tov Award at the Aventura Chabad, Ancient Spanish Monastery Award, and the South Florida Shomrim Society annual Person of the Year award. The Joel's are Royal Notable's for Alzheimer's and Founder at the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital at Douglas Gardens and also Founder at Mount Sinai Hospital. They were recently honored by Israel Bonds at their annual event in Boca Raton. In April 2015, received a proclamation from the Miami-Dade School Board for Outstanding philanthropy and dedication to the children of Miami-Dade County.

Sandra and Billy have three children and eight grandchildren.