

# Milestones

## Doctors Sperling & Horwitz Honored

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Doctors Walter Sperling and Fred Horwitz will be honored by *Congregation Ezrath Israel* on **August 29<sup>th</sup>** for their care and concern for the health of the people of Ellenville.

Walter Sperling was born in 1933 in Brighton Beach. He graduated Bronx High School, Queens and Bethany Colleges. By 1960, he had a medical degree from Northwestern. Dr. Sperling must have "wowed" Robert Packer Hospital because they paid him the astronomical sum of \$20 per month for his residency. The doctor served as Chief Resident in Internal Medicine, Medical College of Pennsylvania and served as Chief of Medicine, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida.

In 1966, Dr. Sperling joined the *Ellenville Medical Group* as their first internist. For over 25 years, he headed internal medicine at *Ellenville Community Hospital*. In 2002 the village honored him.


Dr. Sperling lives in Spring Glen with his wife, Susan (nee Slutsky). Their family of four children, six grandchildren, and a large extended family keep them hopping.

The doctor loves Ellenville. All Ellenville hopes he continues to live, love, and work here in good health, for all our sakes.

Fred Horwitz's doctor-father was his mentor. That was good, for Fred's interests then were tennis, golf, skiing, and bridge. Yet he did undergrad and medical school. He interned at Miami Jackson, Florida; general practice at Pontiac; and took two surgical residencies, i.e., Mt. Sinai, NY as well as Detroit. Another general practice brought him to West Virginia.

He finally found his own way, becoming board certified for family practice at *Ellenville Medical Group*; we're glad he came to his own senses! From 1974-1996, Dr. Horwitz was either a board member or president of Ulster County Medical Society. He was a director of *Ellenville Community Hospital*, later *Ellenville Regional Hospital*, for many years. For ten years he headed *Shawangunk Country Club*. The village of Ellenville honored him in 2002.

Married to Carmen Sylvester, Dr. Horwitz is father to two daughters, one stepson, and three grandchildren. This "old bird dog" has taken on birding, travelling, and grandfathering.

Friends are honoring the doctors by subscribing to *Ezrath Israel's* journal and by attending the dinner-dance. For invitation, journal ad, or other information call **647-4450**. 

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