

Ari Schochet

After graduating from high school, I studied at **Yeshivat Hakotel**. Subsequently, I enrolled at **Brandeis University** where I received a BA in Economics and a MA in International Finance and Economics. My career has focused on analyzing and investing in the financial services industry. I was formerly a bank examiner for the Federal Reserve and have worked both for investment banks and several large hedge funds.

While it's been several years since I attended Akiva, I still consider my closest friends to be those I met during my years at the school. While we don't get together as a class on a regular basis, I know that I can count on those friends to be there for me if I need them. As an example, recently when one of my classmates lost a parent, I was comforted – but not surprised – to find out that several classmates flew to be with our friend while they sat shiva; and many more called and spoke to our classmate despite not having being in touch for 10 years.

Akiva is a connection and bond that we all share – and one that I hope my children will experience with their classmates in the future.

Ari Schochet currently resides in Teaneck , NJ and has four daughters, ages 12,11, eight and six.