



### **Gary Oppen**

Gary Oppen has been the owner and president of Approved Financial Corporation since 1994. Prior to that he worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers and KMPG. He holds CPA, real estate, and mortgage originators licenses.

Gary is currently retired and volunteers in several organizations. He is Chair of the Jewish Community Foundation (JCF) and Chair of its Life and Legacy Committee. Previously, Gary was the Gift Acceptance Committee Chair and the Premium Sharing Program Chair of the JCF. In addition, he was Chair of the Israel and Overseas Impact Team and the Israel Connection Committee. He has also tutored students in Nesher, Israel for many years. He is a current member and a former board member of B'nai Aviv.

Gary has a BSBA in Accounting from the University of Florida and a Master of Taxation from Florida International University and was an Adjunct Professor at Florida Atlantic University. In addition, Gary was the Florida Association of Mortgage Professionals “Broker of the Year” and the National Association of Mortgage Broker’s “Writer of the Year” and “Featured Writer of the Year.” He has written over 500 published articles on mortgage, real estate, financial, mortgage fraud, ethical and accounting topics. He has made over 110 presentations and appeared on the TV show, *Coral Gables Now* as a guest interviewed on various financial, business, mortgage, real estate, and consumer protection topics.

Among his other contributions to the community, Gary is a docent for the NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. Previously, he was the president of the Gold Coast Chapter of the Florida Association of Certified Public Accountants and was president of the Miami Chapter of the Florida Association of Mortgage Professionals. He is a member of the National Eagle Scout Association. Gary has two married children and one grandchild. Gary continues his lifelong dedication to Israel and the Jewish People.