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Danit and Jonathan Schreiber met in Tel Aviv. "I found him under a streetlamp", is how Jonathan's grandfather described their first meeting. Jonathan was in the Israeli Army, and he was living in a kibbutz during the rare times he had leave. While he was there, the wife of a good friend convinced him to call Danit who at the time was studying at the Tel Aviv University Law School. Although Jonathan had no car (and borrowed clothes for the occasion) they arranged to meet outside of her dorm.

As Danit says, "A city girl, I was very skeptical about having a date with a guy who lived on a farm and jokingly told a friend that I will keep driving if I do not like what I see. Pleasantly surprised, I picked him up that night and we have been together ever since. We will be together 29 years in July." Danit grew up in Tel Aviv.

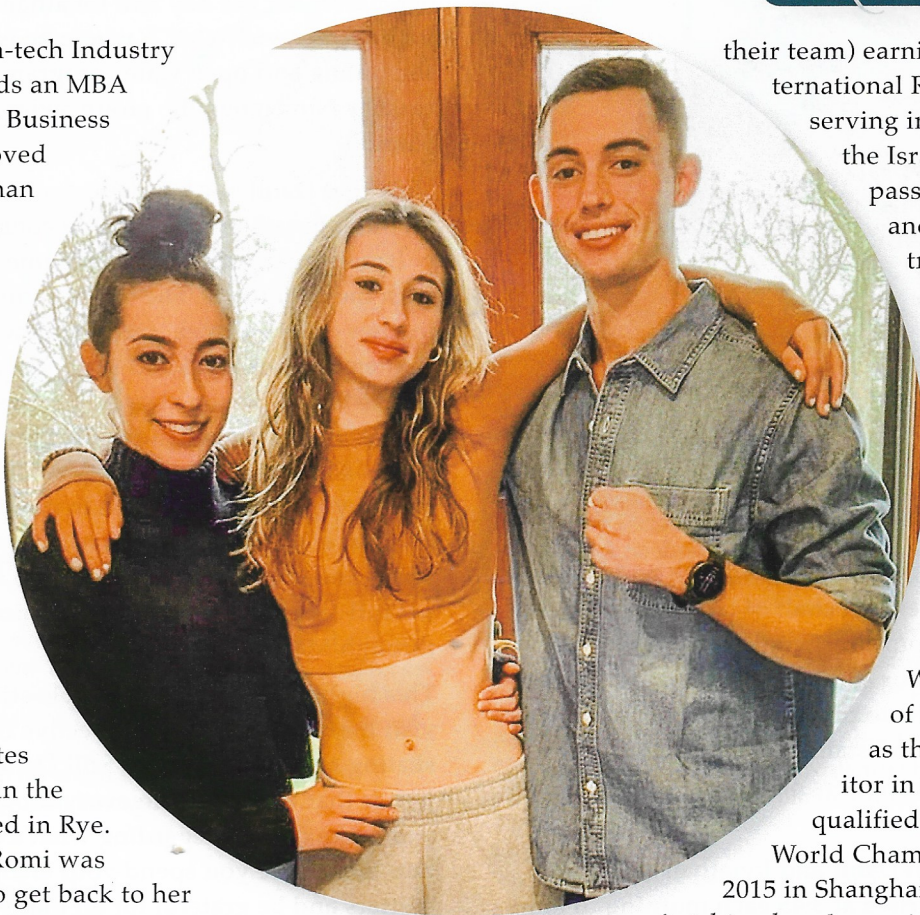
After high school, Danit was drafted into the IAF and served in an operational fighter jet squadron. Growing up, Danit danced ballet with a well-known company and earned a ballet teaching certificate through the Royal Academy of Dancing. In high school, she also performed with a well-known ensemble which performed skits and musical numbers on a popular Israeli TV show. After completing her military service, she graduated from Tel Aviv University law school, and worked as a litigator for both private firms and the Public Defender's Office. Changing gears, Danit went on to become the CEO of a mediation services firm.

After Jonathan received his BA from Columbia University, he was drafted into the army and served as a tanker in the IDF. After completing his regular military service, he

started out in the high-tech Industry while studying towards an MBA at Tel Aviv University Business school. The family moved to the US when Jonathan accepted a position in the states in the solar industry. Jonathan continued in the industry, working on the development of both renewable and non-renewable power projects in both the US and Central America.

Jonathan grew up in Rye and had relatives that lived in Greenwich, so when they moved to the states they wanted to settle in the area. The couple settled in Rye. After her third child Romi was born, Danit decided to get back to her roots as a dancer and she became a certified yoga instructor. She taught yoga for nearly a decade at Kaia Yoga in Greenwich before deciding to take a leap of faith and open her own studio. Since she was already immersed in and loved the Greenwich community, she opened her own boutique studio in a space off Sherwood Place. After almost five years, she recently moved her studio to the Arthur Murray Dance Center on Lewis Street.

The Schreiber's have three children; Nadav and Netta are 23-year-old twins, and Romi who is 16. Nadav attended the Professional Children's School in Manhattan focusing on singing and acting. Nadav played lead roles for the Amore Opera Company Youth Ensemble. He graduated from Reichman University in Israel, (where he swam on



their team) earning a degree in International Relations. He is now serving in the special forces in the Israeli army. Netta has a passion for figure skating and moved to Toronto to train when she was 16. As her mom tells it, "She basically told us she was going and wanted to know if we were onboard or not. When she was 15, she won an ISU competition in Europe and qualified for and competed in the ISU World Championships of Figure Skating in 2014 as the youngest competitor in Saitama, Japan. She qualified for and competed in World Championships again in 2015 in Shanghai, China. Netta is now finishing her degree in Creative Industries

at Ryerson University while continuing to skate and compete for Skate Canada." Romi is finishing up her sophomore year at Rye Country Day School, playing soccer for Chelsea Piers Shoreline SC, with the goal of continuing to play the sport in college. This summer she will travel to Israel to compete in the Maccabee games, representing the US Youth Team.

Although Danit and her family live nearby in Rye, they are all an integral part of the Greenwich community. She is a member of the Greenwich Chamber of Commerce and very active in local charities. She mentions that, "we have sold tank tops in order to donate the proceeds to the Boys & Girls Club, we have held successful coat drives on

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her classes for the day and Jonathan is up at 4:30 to head to the Greenwich YMCA where he is part of the master swimming and open water programs. From late May to early November, the group swim in the Long Island Sound.

Now that Danit has her own studio, The Yoga by Danit Method, Jonathan has taken on consulting work for mostly Israeli sustainable tech companies so that he can assist with the operations. She offers an intimate setting and teaches 6 days a week, creating new classes every day, challenging her loyal and supportive students. In addition to her in-person classes, she has an extensive online presence. Danit publishes a blog on her website where she writes about the practical implementation of the principles of yoga and meditation in our day-to-day lives. She also has a YouTube channel with yoga videos of varying styles and levels. She has an online library of 210 original full-length classes that can be accessed on-demand through Mindbody Online.

This highly accomplished couple still carve out time to visit their twins in their respective cities and travel for skating and soccer events. Still Danit admits, "The realization is that we cannot do everything. We have to prioritize and make choices regarding what's crucial and what is not. Make sure you spend your energy on what really matters and be grateful for all that you have."


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As you can image, both Danit and Jonathan start their days very early, Danit rises at 3:45 each morning to hone



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