

Harry First was born in Philadelphia in 1945. His family belonged to a congregation, the HarZion Temple, led by rabbis who were leaders of the Jewish conservative movement at the time. After attending an all-boys' high school in the Philadelphia area, Harry attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he received both an undergraduate degree and a law degree. Harry is currently the Charles L. Denison Professor of Law at New York University School of Law and Co-Director of the law school's Competition, Innovation, and Information Law Program.

Harry married his wife, Eve, and they have two daughters, Devra and Miryam. They settled in Larchmont and joined Larchmont Temple in 1978. Harry and Eve first met Rabbi Poller, LT's senior rabbi at the time, at a family shiva, where they were impressed by his warmth and generosity. This inspired them to join the LT community, where Harry has remained actively involved over many decades. In 1994, he was elected president of Larchmont Temple and served a three-year term. Harry has also been a member of the Temple's ritual committee, and remains a regular attendee at Chevrah.