Annette Shapiro was born in Los Angeles, married Leonard Shapiro in 1948, and has been a professional volunteer for over 55 years. Her first leadership position as a married woman was in 1953, as president of the Junior Matrons of Hadassah, in the San Fernando Valley in California.

Mrs. Shapiro is a Member of the Board of Governors at Cedars-Sinai, and immediate past Co-Chair of the BOG $15,000,000 campaign for the Cedars-Sinai Center for Cancer Research.

She is also a founding member and now President of the Board of Directors of Beit T'Shuvah, an organization that offers men and women afflicted by drug and alcohol addictions a recovery program rooted in ethics, values and community. In 1994, she co-authored a book titled "Annette Shapiro, Professional Volunteer," to share her enthusiasm about her lifetime of various volunteer experiences and roles.

She was the first woman Chairman of the Board of the Jewish Community Foundation and is past Chair of the U.J.F. Women's Campaign of Los Angeles. Mrs. Shapiro served as a member of the Board of Directors, Los Angeles Jewish Federation Council, who in 1998 awarded her the Golda Meir award for outstanding service.

In 2004, she was honored at the International Lion of Judah Conference with the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award for the outstanding impact she has made in the local Jewish community through her commitment to tzedakah and tikkun olam.

In 1986, Mrs. Shapiro was given the Addison B. Scoville award for her outstanding contributions to the National American Diabetes Association, and while on the Premiere Committee for the ADA, helped raise more than $5 million for diabetes research.

Mrs. Shapiro currently lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Leonard. She is very proud of her three children (one, David, of blessed memory), seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. In fitting memory to their son David, Annette and Leonard have generously given funds to the American Jewish University (formerly The University of Judaism) to build a new Chapel on the campus, to be named the David Alan Shapiro Memorial Synagogue Center.