

# Harbor Pines Golf Course and Community

## The Ed Gurwicz Family

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### **Location**

500 St. Andrews  
Drive  
Egg Harbor Twp, NJ  
Atlantic County

### **Years Active**

1995 - Present

## **About Ed Gurwicz**

Ed Gurwicz was born in Warsaw, Poland, in 1932, one of two sons of Max and Helena Gurwicz in prewar Poland. When Germany invaded and occupied western Poland in 1939, Ed and his parents fled east to Vilna, Poland, Max Gurwicz's hometown (today Vilnius, Lithuania). Ed's brother John was born in Vilna in 1941, a few months before Nazi Germany invaded the Soviet Union and occupied Vilna. Under German occupation, Max, Helena, and their two sons, Ed and John, all survived the Vilna Ghetto. After liberation, they made their way to Zeilsheim displaced persons camp in the American occupation zone of Germany. In 1948, Max, Helena, Ed, and John arrived in the United States aboard the Marine Tiger. They settled in New Jersey, where the family operated poultry farms in Galloway Township and Dorothy. In the 1950s, when the family was still working their poultry farm, Ed served in the U. S. Army as an officer and paratrooper. The Gurwicz family began building homes and chicken coops for other Holocaust survivors arriving in Atlantic County. This set them up for a transition to real estate development. In 1954, Max and Ed founded Max Gurwicz & Son, Inc., which became a prominent real estate development firm in Atlantic County. Ed

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Gurwicz engaged in many civic and charitable causes, including community initiatives to commemorate the Holocaust. He was a United States Holocaust Commission member who created the United States National Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. Ed's father, Max, passed away in 1982, and Ed assumed the company's leadership. Ed Gurwicz continues to lead the company he co-founded with his father almost seventy years ago.

## Harbor Pines

Ed Gurwicz and his sons, Joe and Mitchell, opened Harbor Pines in 1995. Harbor Pines includes an 18-hole golf course and a residential community surrounding the golf course. The clubhouse at Harbor Pines is an upscale venue for events and weddings. Harbor Pines was one of the first upscale, master-planned housing developments serving Egg Harbor Township. Since the 1990s, Egg Harbor Township has been one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Atlantic County. Developments like Harbor Pines contributed to this growth, making the region dynamic and livable.

The Gurwicz family continues to manage the property today. Ed Gurwicz, a Holocaust survivor and former poultry farmer, founded Harbor Pines, and today it is managed by his two sons, Joe and Mitchell.



Joe, Ed & Mitchell Gurwicz standing in front of the Harbor Pines ClubHouse in Egg Harbor Township in 2021 - *Press of Atlantic City* 4/11/2021

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### **For more information see**

South Jersey Holocaust Survivor Digital Archive, Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center at Stockton University.

"Local Real Estate Family Celebrates Successes, talks building upon Future," *Press of Atlantic City*, 4/19/2021 (includes photo used above).

Logo from Harbor Pines website (<https://www.harborpines.com>).

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