

One in a million

Local homemaker tries for big TV bucks

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Judy Tigay envisioned her fate the night before she returned to the hot seat.

The West Bloomfield resident, whose husband of 30 years, Barry, runs a psychological clinic in Bloomfield Hills, was sleeping in her New York hotel room on a Sunday night before her big video-taping Feb. 7 on the popular TV game show, "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" and dreamt her winning streak would end.

"I was sitting in that chair and I answered the question wrong and there was nothing I could do about it," Tigay said.

After answering 12 questions and reaching the \$126,000 money-winning level, Tigay incorrectly answered the \$250,000 question when she did not pick Alan Smith as the fictitious name movie director who when they don't want to be listed in a film's credits. She still left New York \$32,000 richer.

Going for it

"I wanted to go for it," Tigay said. "I didn't want to walk away from the challenge. I wanted to go for the million."

She's not losing sleep over her aggressive decision.

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Judy Tigay
game show contestant

"No amount of money compares to the love of your family," Tigay said. "I have no regrets and I stand by my choice and the way I saw it."

The Tigays have six children. The five oldest, Jenny, Sarah, Donielle, David and Joey, are graduates of Bloomfield Hills Andover High School. The youngest, Benny, is a sixth grader at West Hills Middle School.

Judy Tigay said she loved the five-day trip to New York, which she took with two daughters and where some of her extended family lives. The game show paid for two round-trip plane tickets, hotel accommodations and \$50 per diem.

The Tuesday "Millionaire" show was taped the previous Friday and Thursday's show was the one recorded Monday. At age 54, Tigay was the show's oldest



Family: Judy Tigay, her daughter, Sarah, and husband, Barry, in their West Bloomfield home.

contestant to reach the hot seat so far.

"It was very exciting, yet nerve-racking because there's a lot of pressure on one person," she said. "You're out there by yourself with just your gut instinct."

Flirting with Regis

She flirted with host Regis Philbin, saying in the British version of the game show, the host kisses a contestant after correctly answering a question.

"I said that off camera and the producer and Regis both said I should say that on camera," Tigay said, laughing. "I said no several times, but they convinced me to do it."

As Tigay left the studio, she got her kiss from Philbin.

"He was very charming," she said. "I can't say anything bad about him, he's just wonderful."

Tigay said she'll use her win-

nings to help her daughter's boyfriend buy an engagement ring and give some cash to her other five children and two grandchildren.

After teaching in Detroit for five years, she stayed at home to raise the couple's three daughters and three sons, whose ages range from 27 to 11.

Tigay returned to her alma mater, Wayne State University, three years ago to take classes in pursuit of her goal to become a physician's assistant.

But her focus now is to break free from her "15 minutes of fame."

"It's going to take a little while, but I have to get back to normal," she said. "I ran into the vacuum store (Wednesday) and someone in the store recognized who I was."

"I don't like it too much because it's not me, but I want to be polite."



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