

Presidential Matters

By Bob Stern



First of all, I must confess that as nice as it was being away and avoiding the awful winter experienced in the Northeast, it's even better to be back home. Needless to say, I missed my family and friends. And that most certainly includes you, my family at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor.

Before I write another word, I must express my gratitude to my co-president, Steve Aronowitz, for minding the store while I was gone. It should come as no surprise that Steve did an extraordinary job during the past four months. He kept me in the loop with countless emails and numerous phone calls. Thank you Steve, my friend.

A few months ago Steve thanked several folks who played a role in the consolidation but he omitted his name. He most definitely was a key player in taking a rough idea and bringing it to fruition. And he should be recognized and thanked.

Since the Judge's approval made us "official," this has been, and will continue to be, a year of firsts for Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. That said, I doubt that any member of the congregation, clergy or staff felt in any way different once we became "official." For many months (years?), Steve and I have been congratulating our membership, clergy and staff for making the joining of the two synagogues so seamless. It was as if both synagogues had always been one. As a result, the actual approval became a non-event.

To be sure, there are a number of critical tasks yet to be done. As you have been told, a few committees have been created to address those issues. Their work is ongoing. Your synagogue leadership is committed to ensuring that the recently adopted Constitution and the Plan of Consolidation are implemented appropriately.

Along with the Congregation L'Dor V'Dor firsts, this year will include a Stern family first. Alissa and Josh recently told us they are expecting a child later this year. Needless to say, Lesley and I are looking forward to spoiling our first grandchild.

Wishing one and all a zeissen Pesach.

Bob Stern

Thank You!

Kudos to

David Penner

for working day and night for
several weeks to upgrade the operating
system on each of our computers!

We greatly appreciate all you do.