

PRESIDENTIAL MATTERS

By Steve Aronowitz



What a great night we shared at our annual dinner dance, May 20th! Honoring double chai members and presenting the leadership and service award to David Penner demonstrates what is unique about Little Neck Jewish Center.

Why honor double chai members? Because without the foundation, we would not be where we are today. Each of these members represents a piece of history, a building block. What a treat to reconnect with many of our honorees who came from as far away as Florida to join us. Our honorees show that temple membership is a way of life, not a stop along the way.

Honoring David Penner is long overdue. David has volunteered his time and energy – morning, afternoon, and evening – to improve, rebuild, and in some cases, construct a component of our communication system. Whether in the layout and production of this issue of Temple Talk, or our online systems, David is the master architect. I have yet to discover a challenge that David can't respond to; he thrives on the work and loves solving the technological puzzles. David never asks for a 'thank you.' As my mother used to remind me over and over, it's not just doing a favor that matters; it's the way one does it! David Penner defines volunteerism and service.

In closing, it is important to note that events of this magnitude (and as successful) don't just happen. Dedication and commitment are the requirements of those who gave their time to organizing our dinner. Thank you to the Dinner Dance Committee, its chair, Estelle Weiss, and members Rachel Fener, Harriet Joseph, Lois Wirtheim, Elyse Clair, Esther Forman, and Nina Wolf.

We Need You!

**Any time on Monday, June 11 from
4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Cast your vote for the Consolidation of
Little Neck Jewish Center and
Oakland Jewish Center**

**If you are unable to appear in person you may
vote by returning the proxy form that you
received in the mail. This form must be
returned before 9:00 p.m. on June 11.**

**Each LNJc family membership is eligible for
one vote. We urge you to take this opportunity
to play an important role at this critical
juncture in the history of our congregation.**