

Presidential Matters

By Bob Stern



As I write this column we have just concluded the eight days of Pesach. How fortunate we are to have a dedicated, caring clergy and an involved membership! I know I speak for the entire congregation in expressing our appreciation to Rabbi Yaffe for his remarkable leadership of the services and for the insight he imparted to us on this meaningful holiday. Thanks as well to all those who ably assisted in all or part of the services. The list of names is too lengthy to include them all here. Plus I'm afraid I'll inadvertently omit a name or two. I must offer special thanks to Lois and Stan for handling the Second Seder. Thank you to Esther Forman and Lisa Pollack for their help as well on the Second Seder.

Some important events are upcoming and you can read about them elsewhere in Temple Talk. But I want to highlight a few here.

Sunday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. is the annual Israel Bond Breakfast. This year we honor two very deserving members who have given unselfishly of their time and energy – Marjorie and Lenny Goldstein. Please join us in showing our appreciation to the Goldsteins and our support for the State of Israel.

Monday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. we will celebrate Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut. There will be a brief service followed by Café Israel, sponsored by the Israel Advocacy Committee, featuring all sorts of goodies. The evening will also include a screening of the Royal Tour of Israel hosted by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Monday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m. we are proud to be hosting a Memorial Day Community Interfaith Service with community churches and synagogues to honor the memory of those who gave their lives on behalf of our country.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the House Committee for the new front stairs. We went from a dangerous situation to a safe, attractive one in a relatively short period of time. The synagogue owes a great debt to our past House Committee chairs, Joel Friedman and Deanne Raffel for their many years of hard work on behalf of our temple and its facilities. And thanks to Paul Stein for being willing to step up and carry on their efforts.

It's great to be back among my temple friends. Along with all of you, I look forward to helping guide Congregation L'Dor V'Dor towards the brightest future possible.

L'shalom,

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