

## Presidential Matters

By Bob Stern



I begin this month's message with some long awaited good news: the parking lot court case has been adjudicated in our favor. This has been a long legal battle as ANIBIC appealed an initial decision; in the end, however, it ended the way we anticipated! We are now awaiting the judge to approve a settlement submitted by our attorney. That will lift the *lis pendens*, the final impediment to our selling the lot. Looking forward, we will still be about \$150,000 better off than if we had taken ANIBIC's offer. It is important to understand that there was nothing we could have done to prevent ANIBIC from appealing the decision.

On a warmer note, while in Florida, Lesley and I had the chance to get together with several members of OJC who winter in the Delray Beach area. A highlight was dinner with OJC's former rabbi, Michael Ehrlich and his wife, Diane.

Please be aware of a new policy regarding use of the building and mailings. As you are aware, the temple hosts a variety of events for just about every taste and segment of the membership. With so many programs going on, it is imperative that we schedule carefully. Recently, we have had some conflicts in assigning space for various events. To eliminate that problem, all activities must be cleared through Audi, our managing director. This can be done by phone call, email, or in person. Please help us ensure that those who work to organize activities are provided the space at the time and date desired.

Organization is also the key regarding temple mailings. In an effort to reduce postal costs, we are working to package various information releases. That requires each chairperson or activity leader to speak with Audi who will be responsible for coordinating communication efforts. Any information flyer or packet must be given to Audi at least one week in advance to guarantee that it will be included in a scheduled temple mailing. Please help us implement a good system so that all members are apprised of what's happening at the temple.

A whole host of activities is listed in this newsletter. Special thanks to Irwin Wolf! He is organizing and leading the upcoming men's club trip to the Cradle of Aviation museum. And don't forget Celebrate Purim takes place on March 23. Enjoy pizza, salad, soda and two varieties of the Reading of the Megillah, followed by, I can't believe I'm saying this, a comedy open mic. I hope somebody records this and posts it on YouTube. You can take the celebration of Purim to a higher level and participate in the *Pack it Up For Purim* activity culminating on March 13 when the bags are packed.

Last, but certainly not least, is the Spring Fling on April 2. Once again Marjorie Goldstein and her band of magicians have put together a fantastic evening of music, dancing, food and good company.

Please take advantage of one, several or all of these activities. They were developed for your enjoyment and participation. It is you, the membership, that everything revolves around. You are our purpose for being. A shul with an inactive congregation is destined, over time, to fade away.

Wishing everyone a quick end to winter and a return of warm weather in accordance with the prediction of the groundhog.