Presidential Matters
by Lysa Lopater

Wow…my first column! So many things I want to say…but I am not one to get too wordy. A big THANK YOU to Bob Stern, while he has resigned as Co-President, he still remains a valuable member of our Board. I hope my tenure as Co-President (however long that may be) will be as notable as yours has been.

To Steve Aronowitz: The year you became President of LNJC, you recruited me onto the Board of Trustees…who would have thought? I am looking forward to being your partner in guiding Congregation L'Dor V'Dor forward, and learning from your experience.

Another huge THANK YOU to the members of the Board of Trustees who have ended their terms. It has been an honor to serve with you. And lastly to the current members of the Board, I look forward to working with everyone to keep our congregation strong and thriving.

I also want to give thanks to my sons, Josh and Adam, and my boyfriend, Jon McCrorie for supporting me in this new position. They are terrific support and very understanding of the time demands this will now require.

The Future: What will it bring?

I am writing this the day after my first Calendar Meeting. Last night, under the leadership of Ellen Charlop, we wrote in many events for the coming year. We will have our Sukkot Dinner, Chanukah Party, Shabbat Across America, Purim Party and a few Membership Committee events. We wrote in the monthly Shabbat events (Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations; The Shabbat Morning Experience; Alternative Services). Observances for Yom HaShoah, Yom HaAtzmaut, Yom HaZikaron, and the Salute to Israel Parade are already on the calendar! We will be adding the educational and social gatherings sponsored by our Men's Club, Sisterhood and Israel Advocacy Committees. The year is filling up fast. To use Steve's line. "The lights are on almost every night."

I look forward to this year…and beyond…with my congregation family. I always feel at home at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. The support and love I receive, I hope I give back in return.