



From Your Vice President

By Mitchell Stein

Team CLV: Last month, I briefly introduced myself to you. I want to continue sharing more about myself with you. Succinctly put, I love sports and sports has always been an important part of my life. I follow the four major team sports and root for three local teams. My football team is based out of California.

As a child, I lived across the street from my school's playground and played basketball, punch-ball, paddleball and occasionally baseball and football. As a parent, I coached my son's community basketball team for 10 years (winning 2 championships including one undefeated season) and I was an assistant coach to both my son and daughters' baseball and soccer teams for 2-3 years.

Just last month, you elected me to be one of the coaches of Team CLV (Congregation L'Dor V'Dor.) I am honored and I plan to take this role very seriously. During this short period of time, I have drawn parallels between coaching a sports team and coaching Team CLV.

In my opinion, there are only a few ingredients needed to be a successful team. First, you need coaches who are willing to invest time to make the best decisions for the team. Second, you need to have all team members fight for the success of the organization. And last but not least, you need to have excellent players who are extremely dedicated to the team, lead by example and continually provide value to the team.

I think Team CLV succeeds in all three areas. First, the coaches are constantly meeting to understand both today's and tomorrow's challenges. The coaches are suggesting many ideas (some unpopular) to keep this team thriving. Second, there is not one person – Clergy, Staff, or Congregant who does not want this temple to be a vibrant religious and community center for us, our children, our grandchildren and even our great grand-children. Lastly, Congregation L'Dor V'Dor has some of the smartest, some of the most dedicated and some of the most enthusiastic people I have ever met. Together we have all the ingredients to make this team a success.

Everyone is an equal player on this team. The coaches need you to become an active team member – attend services, attend classes, and participate in celebrations and social events. Although the many educators in this team will hate my next statement – plagiarize, steal or copy ideas from other organizations and temples that were successful. Bring these ideas to me or any of the other coaches and we will try our best to implement them here. If time is extremely short, you can also help the team by providing some additional financial support to keep this team fiscally sound so that we can continue to provide the many services to our team members.

As a coach of Team CLV, I will not accept anything short of years of success and achievement. Working together, there is nothing that this team cannot accomplish.

