

Presidential Matters

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How exciting to be at Congregation L'Dor V'Dor on Saturday October 13, 2018, as we celebrated 70 years of Jewish Life in our Community and the history of our two parent synagogues, the Little Neck Jewish Center and the Oakland Jewish Center. We welcomed our newest members and honored all members of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. I was most impressed by our open mike session as we listened to congregants who were founding members of Little Neck Jewish Center, as well as their grown children who spoke about their long lasting and memorable relationships that they made with each other, stemming from their parents involvement in the Synagogue. We also heard many members stories from Oakland Jewish Center as we ate our delicious Shabbat lunch. This was truly a milestone for Congregation L'Dor V'Dor. We want to thank the Membership Committee, Rabbi Yaffe, Cantor Shron and all the members, past and present, who made this day so special.

We have a tremendous amount to be proud of and want to keep the spirit growing! As it is mandatory for Board members to be on committees, we also want to encourage members who are not on the Board to become more active in Synagogue life! The following are committees which would welcome your expertise and talent:

Membership Committee: Reaches out to the community to encourage new members to join, determines the needs of existing members, while providing various fun programs and exciting events to strengthen membership. Contact Co-VP of Membership Karen Popowsky slpkjrp@aol.com or Co-VP of Membership Elaine Fleischman directoref@yahoo.com.

Community Holocaust Remembrance Committee: Plans and develops creative, stimulating, and meaningful programs with Temple Torah and Marathon Jewish Center in remembrance of the Holocaust and Kristallnacht. Contact Chairperson Ellen Charlop echarlop@gmail.com or Chairperson George Klein georgeklein@hotmail.com.

Publicity Committee (new committee): Reaching out to the neighboring community, informing people of events occurring at our Synagogue, as well as contacting elected leaders in the community, letting them know what Congregation L'Dor V'Dor offers as well as encouraging and inviting them to attend relevant and important events. Contact Co-President Mitch Stein mitchellsteinfinance@gmail.com.

Fund Raising Committee: Involved in exciting projects that will raise money for our Synagogue as we continue to thrive while working together to strengthen and encourage member involvement. We also do outreach, collecting money for people in distress, catastrophes re hurricanes, famine, etc. Looking to expand committee. Contact Chairperson Lois Wirtheim nyrmom217@aol.com.

House Committee: Working on structural improvements in our Synagogue, i.e. making the Synagogue handicapped accessible, re entrance and bimah, bathrooms, as well as modifying and updating our kitchen and additional areas in the Synagogue. Looking to expand committee. Contact Chairperson Paul Stein bpvulcan@yahoo.com or Chairperson Marc Figelman mefref@gmail.com.

Finance Committee: Advises the Board regarding the financial condition of the Synagogue and makes recommendations on the viability of amounts contemplated being spent. Looking to expand committee. Contact Co-Treasurers Judy Samuels judy10000@aol.com or Irwin Wolf niwin@verizon.net.

Volunteering to help Audi in the office: As Audi is doing a terrific job as Managing Director, she can benefit at times with some extra help. Please contact her at (718) 224-0404 and discuss with her what she needs at specific times.

Rabbi Liaison Committee: Meets with Rabbi Yaffe to discuss concerns, issues, suggestions. Contact Chairperson Chuck Wayne chuckwayne713@gmail.com to address your concerns.

As all the committees discussed need your involvement, please email the Chairperson associated with the committee. We are always appreciative of new ideas and suggestions to continue to make our Synagogue special and thrive. You can always contact me at marjorie.goldstein1@gmail.com. Looking forward to working with you!