

Presidential Matters

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Come Join Us

Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, the consolidated entity of the Oakland Jewish Center and the Little Neck Jewish Center, celebrated our Platinum Anniversary (70 years) on October 13th. The sanctuary was packed to celebrate Shabbat Services with four generations of congregants representing yesterday, today and tomorrow. Stories covering all 70 years were shared and enjoyed by all.

Unfortunately, on Saturday, October 27th tragedy struck. A lone gunman shot eleven attendees of the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In less than 2 days, we came together as a community to help each other mourn the loss of these innocent lives. Members of our congregation along with community members from both Jewish and non-Jewish houses of worship filled our sanctuary to pray in solidarity. There was such a calming impact in knowing that all people regardless of their faith, mourned these losses.

Just days later, we held our annual Kristallnacht memorial program. This program was very well attended by the community. Members of our congregation along with members from several neighboring synagogues sat side by side to participate in this important event. In addition, three community-elected officials showed their support by attending this event.

We honored many of our Veterans during our Shabbat Service on November 10th. Attendance at services was much greater than usual as we celebrated these heroes. Fascinating stories from WWII, the Korean War and the war in Viet Nam were shared with the congregation.

Attendance at our events, both joyous and solemn has been outstanding this year. Our immediate family and our extended community are participating in the many events that we celebrate and commemorate. It is so moving to see so many people at these events. In addition, attendance at both the Friday night and Saturday Shabbat Services is increasing. (Don't worry, there are still seats available for you and your family to join us.)

As we begin the cold weather season, our calendar continues to be fueled with Special Shabbats, celebrations and social gatherings. Warm your body and soul by joining us. We look forward to seeing you!