

## Presidential Matters

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Thinking of becoming a leader in our Congregation? We can benefit from your expertise, experience and problem solving in discussing issues and concerns related to the Synagogue. You can have an impact on decisions that are being made. Be more informed, connected, and involved while attending meetings, Synagogue functions and services.

We need you to become a Board of Trustees Member. Your enthusiasm, energy, teamwork, spirit, and passion for our Synagogue will be an asset. It's a challenging position, where you are learning how the Synagogue operates and how we can continue to make necessary changes even though, at times, there may be hurdles and stumbling blocks.

As a new Co-President for 8 months, I've utilized skills that I've never used before, experienced situations that are frustrating, worked with people in a different capacity than what I am used to, but continue to learn and grow and feel that I can make a positive difference in the future of our Synagogue. I can't accomplish this alone. A large part of being Co-President is listening to others and working as part of a team. Certainly there are challenges in being a Board Member, but there is also a sense of pride and accomplishment that as a Synagogue we are reaching out to others in the community, as well as strengthening the relationships we have with one another. People are still inquiring about what we offer and how they can join our Synagogue family. The overall message in the community is that we have a lot going on here.

I want to commend the congregants who volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee. Thank you! This is an important job to analyze and evaluate the candidates and decide who will be involved, what will they contribute as a Member of the Board of Trustees and Congregation and what Committee will they choose to be on and how will they make a difference in their role on the Committee.

We thank the people who have been on the Board of Trustees for many years. Think about your role and ask yourself what will you continue to do to make positive changes. It's acceptable to take a break if you don't feel that you can devote the time and energy that is needed and come back at a later time. Or step aside to give someone who has not been on the Board of Trustees an opportunity. Certainly a lot to think about.

You have all received an e-mail asking you to fill out an application pertaining to becoming a Board of Trustees Member or an Officer, i.e. President, Vice President of Fundraising, Vice President of Membership, etc. Think seriously about what you can contribute to the Synagogue and how we can all benefit from your involvement. Please submit your form by March 8, 2019. Thank you for your participation! It's a very important job and we need you!