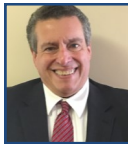


Presidential Matters by Mitchell Stein



One year ago, Marjorie Goldstein and I began our service to the congregation as Co-Presidents. It was an honor and a privilege to work together with Marjorie and I will miss having her as my partner. Although Marjorie has resigned as Co-President she will continue to serve the congregation as a member of the Board of Trustees and actively participate on several committees. At the Shabbat evening service on Friday, June 21, I presented Marjorie a plaque expressing our gratitude for her dedicated service as Co-President. I am very grateful that Steve Aronowitz has agreed to step forward to join me in the leadership of our congregation as Co-President. Steve and I, together with the newly elected Board of Trustees are looking forward to bringing our congregation to even higher heights.

This is an exciting time for our congregation with two significant changes on the horizon. Beginning this month, as part of the agreement when our two parent congregations consolidated, we will be embarking on the following two capital improvements to our synagogue.

The Sanctuary Project

The sanctuary project will further our goal of making our synagogue warm, welcoming and accessible to all. The first three pews will be removed and replaced with individual chairs. This will give us room to move the Torah Reading Stand from the bimah and place it in the center aisle so that honorees who are called to the Torah will not have the obstacle of climbing the steps. This new configuration will give us more flexibility for accommodating all worshippers and it will give us the opportunity to create a more intimate prayer space at the front of the sanctuary by enabling those in attendance to face one another.

The Kitchen Project

The kitchen project will give us the opportunity to build our sense of community by allowing us to cook and prepare meals within a functional, clean and up to date kitchen. New equipment, air conditioning, new sinks, a new preparation island, a new floor and increased storage and enhanced lighting will be welcomed improvements and bring us into the 21st century. When the kitchen renovation is complete our Sisterhood will be conducting a kitchen shower so that we can procure all that is necessary to make our kitchen user friendly.

We have already begun to seriously address security concerns within our building and we will be continuing to work out a plan and make some significant changes that will provide all of us with physical security and peace of mind when attending our facility.

A new consolidation committee has been formed and we are at the very beginning of the process to determine if, how and when consolidating with other congregations in our area would be in the best interest for the future of our synagogue. As the work of this committee proceeds, Steve and I will keep you posted.

This has been an amazing year for our congregation. From Rosh Hashanah until today the energy that has been part of our services, classes, programs and celebrations has been palpable. I hope you enjoy the summer months when things will be a little quieter here at the synagogue except for the construction. We will continue to be here every Friday night, every Saturday morning and every Sunday morning. Sisterhood will be holding its book club and Rummage Sale and we will be observing Tisha B'Av in August. Check your schedule and make plans to join us.

Presidential Matters by Marjorie Goldstein



As I sit down to write my last column as Co-President of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, I want to thank everyone for the honor and opportunity of being Co-President for the last year. I had high hopes, determination and a vision for the Synagogue when I took on this position in July 2018. I felt that my experience as VP of Membership for 5 years, being a congregant for 28 years and my background as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, having extensive assessment experience, listening skills, and developing successful plans and goals would be an asset in this position, as well as making positive changes within the congregation. I loved the challenge of this undertaking and I gave it my all in terms of reaching out to congregants, professionals and political officials in the community, as well as working tirelessly on security matters, working closely with Rabbi Yaffe, Cantor Shron, Audi and Mitchell, overseeing different committees, supporting the need for fundraising, always being involved in extensive follow up with Board Meetings, e-mails, texts, phone calls and writing my column for Temple Talk.

What I loved most about this position, was the interaction with the congregants, listening to their concerns, suggestions, pointing them in the right direction, and encouraging them to consider taking on a leadership role, joining a committee, being on the Board and making a difference in the life of this Synagogue. There are so many wonderful things going on here and we need your voice to be heard.

When I look back on this year as Co-President, I remember the great programs that we had, the unfinished work of security, the lasting friendships that have only gotten stronger, and the good times and bad times that I shared with the Rabbi and Cantor and their tremendous support at all hours. I will continue to be active in the Synagogue, working on Security, where we are hoping to receive the \$100,000 grant, making some necessary purchases that will enhance our safety, as well as implementing an evacuation plan with the Security Committee. I will continue to be on the Board and the Consolidation Committee, and look forward to the Fundraising Committee's event in the fall where the piano will be enjoyed by our congregation.

I want to thank Mitchell Stein, Co-President for the work we did together as a team, always communicating our concerns about the Synagogue. Yasher Koach to Steve Aronowitz who will be Co-President with Mitchell. We will be in good hands. Wishing everyone a peaceful, safe, and exciting summer. Thank you all for your support!