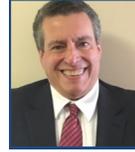


Presidential Matters

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Welcome Back!

Although the sun is still shining and the smell of suntan lotion is still in the air, we have to face the fact that Summer 2019 is almost over. Back-to-school sales are underway and many of our college students have started the new semester. Many of us are sporting a tan that we did not have a couple of months ago. Our bank accounts are a little less full as we pay off our trips and vacations. We had a great opportunity to spend additional time with our families including our children and grandchildren. But it's time to return to reality.

Congregation L'Dor V'Dor did not take a summer vacation. There was a flurry of activity that occurred throughout this past summer. Our Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services increased in participation. Our Sunday morning minyan services were extremely well attended. Thanks to the dedication of Rabbi Yaffe and Cantor Shron our Adult Education classes continued in full force throughout the summer months.

Also during the summer, we held our first Rummage Sale in two years. This year the event was even bigger and better than ever before. More merchandise was donated which made this sale that much more profitable. So many people worked so hard in setting up, working the event, and cleaning up afterwards. Special thank you acknowledgements must be given to Joan Kase, our Rummage Sale Chair, and our Custodial Team for going above and beyond expectations.

There has also been work on the inside of the sanctuary. When you enter the sanctuary for the first time this fall, you will see the changes that have been made. We replaced the first three rows of pews with chairs. This gave us room to place our newly purchased Torah Reading podium on the floor-level to insure that all members of our Congregational Family can easily be called to the Torah for an honor.

We are also actively working on another major building renovation. Our kitchen is being modernized and enhanced to meet all of our catering and Shabbat food needs. After the fall holiday season we will be holding a major celebration and we hope you will be there to celebrate with us. There will be flyers and save the date notices as we do not want you to miss out on this event.

The High Holiday Season begins very late this year. This gives all of us the opportunity to come back to shul before the Holidays. Feel the warmth and strength of your community. Join us for Shabbat services, our Kabbalah Circle, Adult Education Classes, Selichot and our Back to Shul Barbecue where you can see old friends and meet new ones. Diane and I would like to wish you a happy and healthy New Year. L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu. May you be inscribed for a good year.