

# Presidential Matters

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## The Summer of 2020

Summer vacation means different things to different people. For students, summer vacation is a time to unwind from their studies and relax. For the overworked and underpaid teachers it is a time to relieve stress from a completed year and start planning for next year. For a rookie football player, the summer is a time to work harder than ever to make the professional team and reap a huge contract.

Congregation L'Dor V'Dor does not take off for the summer. We continue to hold Sabbath services every Friday night and Saturday morning. Our Sunday Morning Minyan and Daily Evening Minyans are well attended. Rabbi Yaffe's and Cantor Shron's classes are continuing. There will be a meeting of the entire congregation on July 23 to vote on new leadership, our proposed budget for the next fiscal year, re-opening plans and consolidation options. At the end of the month we will be observing the fast of Tisha B'Av.

This summer our clergy, staff and leadership team may be working harder than ever. Our Membership Committee is contacting all members to ensure their well-being. Our Finance committee is applying for all pertinent government loans. Our Ritual Committee together with our clergy is working to ensure that our High Holiday Services are up to our usual high standard, whether they are held in the building, virtually or a hybrid of both.

Your Co-Presidents established a COVID-19 Task Force headed up by Marc Figelman. The Task Force's single highest priority is to ensure that as many risks as possible are eliminated once we are in the building again. The safety of our members, clergy, staff, guests, visitors and tenants is of the utmost importance to us.

In March, before we were mandated by law, we made a very difficult decision to lock our front doors. The decision to unlock our front doors is so much harder and much more complicated. Rest assured that the doors will not be unlocked until we have taken every precaution necessary to keep us all safe and healthy.

To those who communicated they want the building unlocked ASAP, we thank you for your comments. For those who communicated that virtual services, classes and social gathering are working well for you, we thank you for your comments as well. We listen to all of your opinions but the unlocking of the doors has to be influenced only by what works best for all of us.

A survey was recently issued asking you some significant questions about unlocking our front doors. To date, we received over 100 responses. If you have not responded yet, please do so immediately. Your opinions are important to us and we want to meet our congregants' needs in safe manner. Thank you for your cooperation and participation in the many services that we continue to offer.

Have a safe and happy summer.