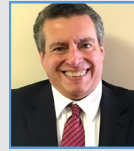


Presidential Matters

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So much has transpired recently and we have had great attendance at every event. As the COVID crisis diminishes we are seeing more and more members join us in our beautiful sanctuary and social hall. We truly enjoy the participation from those members who continue to be connected to us through our Zoom Room.

We have recently celebrated so many events that it is difficult to recap everything, but I will try. If you like holiday celebrations we had excellent participation at our Shavuot services on May 25-27. We also had the opportunity to host the Interfaith Memorial Day service. This service included clergy and members from two synagogues, four churches and one group from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

We had the opportunity to celebrate several individuals' simchas. These include: Ken Kahaner's 60th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah and Saul Spindel's 80th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah. We celebrated Rabbi Yaffe as Man of the Year for the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs and we also celebrated Lisa Pollack for being the recipient of the Women's League Woman of Achievement. We also celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Dr. Alan Fein and Laura Greenblatt. We commemorated the anniversary of the passing of Cantor Julian Raber and Lenny Goldstein.

In addition, we had great attendance at our Shabbat Barbeque, the Salute to Israel Day Parade and our Membership Meeting.

We may catch a quick breath but the activities continue through the summer and early fall. One of our largest and most important annual fund raising events, the Rummage Sale, is back after a short hiatus due to COVID concerns. We need your donations and your service to help set up, work and clean up this event.

Our Ritual Committee, along with our clergy, are actively engaged in planning for this year's High Holiday Season. We are anticipating greater attendance in the sanctuary this year, but we are still offering services via our Zoom Room.

On October 15th we will be holding our long over-due Honoree Extravaganza, which will celebrate three members who went above and beyond during COVID by keeping us physically safe and financially responsible. Please join us at this special event and also make a donation to the Journal so your gratitude can be conveyed.

All these activities take a lot of planning, coordination, time, effort, energy, labor and money. We need your financial support to ensure that we continue to run top-notch celebrations. To celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Congregation L'Dor V'Dor and its predecessor entities, The Oakland Jewish Center and The Little Neck Jewish Center, we are asking that you please donate \$75 (just one dollar per year) to your shul. These small individual contributions will quickly add up and help us to continue our celebrations long into the future.

I look forward to seeing you
at all of our upcoming events.