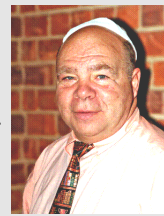


Presidential Matters
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The High Holidays are a time for reflection, and so it presents me with the opportunity to share some thoughts as I look back at 18 years of service as president in a place I proudly call my synagogue.

And as we've learned – over and over – things can change in a minute. If we've gotten comfortable doing things one way, things can be upended due to circumstances beyond our control. A few years ago, it was the outbreak of COVID that changed our lives and, thereby, how we address issues in the synagogue.

So, while September is my favorite time of the year, with the air clean, the skies blue, the days comfortable, and the nights cool, we are faced with some critical issues. Due primarily to a change in area demographics, declining membership has presented decisions we must make in the very near future. We continue to address those issues and I will continue to provide updates.

But, for today, let's talk about how we are in a terrific place. The purpose of membership is different for everyone and each view has legitimacy. We may join together for prayer, special programs to express our support for the State of Israel, study, life cycle events, meals (of course!), or simply to hang out with friends.

We all want L' Dor V' Dor to be the place where you want to be. And when you consider the upcoming schedule, our programming is best summed up by a visitor who joined us on a recent Shabbat. Attending a family celebration, he explained, "I haven't been to a synagogue with so many different activities. If I lived in New York, I'd be a member!" A complete listing of events and times will be sent to all members.

As the High Holidays approach, preparations are in full gear. Under the direction of Rabbi Yaffe and the ritual committee, our holiday offerings will be complete and meaningful. While we are very proud of what we offer our members, we also understand that programming for our diverse congregational family is costly. Once each year, temple members are given the chance to support excellence with a gift over and above their dues.

On behalf of Julie and Jordan, and members of our Board of Trustees, I wish you a sweet, happy, and healthy New Year. As another High Holiday season unfolds, I hope you will join us in reflecting on the many successes and longstanding traditions at our temple and that you will respond to our needs so that we will continue to prosper as a temple family.