

## Presidential Matters

19 years is a long time for anything, and certainly for serving as president of a synagogue.



I'd like to think that in that time, I've seen just about everything; however, we know each day brings different kinds of adventure.

So, here we are and no doubt about it, some members have lost their cool.

That is the last thing we need!

Accept this correspondence as a "a call for thoughtful and respectful communication."

Strong feelings are out there. Why wouldn't they be? We all care about our synagogue and now, it is our shared future that is on the table.

This is a request to pause and reflect on how we engage with one another during this difficult process.

We have had challenging issues over the years and one thing has remained constant - mutual respect for one another. Let's put an end to the personal attacks, harsh language, or assumptions about others' motives. None of that moves the process forward. Most often, we lose our thought process and we certainly lose our ability to hear one another.

All synagogues are all built on the tenets of our faith.

Keep our focus on what is best for the long term strength and vitality of our community. Support the environment we've established where each member feels respected as an individual.

