

President's Message November 2005

The fall is my favorite time of year. The weather is not too hot and not too cold. Just right. The leaves turning in northwest Jersey are spectacular and, for a few weeks, it seems like we are living in a painting. The high holidays are over and we get to prepare for the winter by getting our homes in order. Our Sunday school is getting started, our construction is coming close to an end and the lift should be working in the very near future.

Normally the phrase “hope springs eternal” is used in the spring, but that is how I feel this month. I am excited with the changes in the building and that we will make most of the building handicapped accessible thrills me.

But our job is never done. There are always issues do deal with, if it is the water that still gets in our basement during heavy rains, or now making the bimah handicapped accessible. Finances will dictate how much we can get done and how quickly these changes can be made. I urge you to send in your High Holiday pledges early this year, and, as Paul said in his “short” appeal, please be generous. Over the High Holidays, I get to see most of you and give you your annual hugs. With all of the work I do for the temple, this is my reward. I hope you enjoy getting your hugs as much as I enjoy giving them.

L'Shanah tovah.

Shalom,