

President's Message October 2006

I have just settled in after the Rosh Hashanah holiday. The services were extremely warm this year. Our turnout was wonderful, especially on the second day as we marched across route 31 to cast away our sins in the river. Our new student cantor, Marcy Kadin, was simply marvelous and I always get a lump in my throat watching the lay Torah readers. Of all the things that we do as a congregation, that is the one that always gets me. It is such an honor to read from the Torah, that no matter how many times I do it, I still get nervous. My turn is not until next week, but I got to watch the Rosh Hashanah readers show reverence and respect for the Torah, and it truly is awe inspiring.

As we begin the new year, it is a time of reflection to look back and also look ahead. I feel pretty proud of what this congregation has been able to accomplish in the past few years. We are on our third year of having a part time cantor, we have a wonderful religious school. Our building is almost completely handicapped accessible (the Bimah is still not handicapped accessible and we need to rectify that situation very soon). Our restroom is handicapped accessible, and if you had a few moments to look around the building, we have made numerous changes under the design of Gwen Nagorsky, who is in the process of transforming our little shul into a warmer and more welcoming place in which to worship and study.

My wish for the New Year is that you become involve in our community. I have found out over the past years of being your president that the more you put of yourself into this organization, the more you get out of it.

L'Shanah Tovah
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