

President's Message Summer 2009

This summer marks many new directions for me personally. First, I will be stepping down as your President. I look forward to serving as the Immediate Past President, a Board position that will actually give me a vote! Consequently, I will still be very active in our Temple affairs.

I will also continue to serve on the Board of the [Jewish Federation of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties](#). This gives us some voice in the larger Jewish community even though we are physically quite distant from the Federation's offices at the [JCC in Bridgewater](#). I know my children all know how to get to Bridgewater Commons Mall; the Federation offices are essentially a stone's throw north of there.

Also, I will be taking a test in July to hopefully become a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™. This will allow me and my business partner, Professor Lewis Coopersmith of the Rider University Business School, the capability of marketing retirement planning software to this profession. We have already tested this software on over thirty friends, all of whom claim to have benefited from its use. One last time I will offer a free analysis of any Congregant's retirement plan (or lack thereof). Of course, all information obtained from any Congregation member would be held in strict confidence.

I have also been serving as a volunteer for the Financial Planning Association (FPA). My most recent gig was a presentation to over 200 retired individuals at a conference jointly sponsored by the FPA and the Diocese of Trenton. Actually, I learned something interesting. The Catholic Church has a formal program to certify senior citizens as lay counseling leaders. I will try to get a little more information about it, and discuss it a little with another great counselor in our midst, Rabbi Lewis.

Like any leader, I know have made many friends, and possibly have stepped on the toes of others, while serving as your President over the last two years. First, I would like to apologize to those whom I have offended in any way. Second, I truly appreciate the staunch support of those who have helped our Congregation move forward over the last two years. I eagerly look forward to helping the new Board and President.

Shalom,
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