

BETH EL SYNAGOGUE

PRESIDENTS REPORT

11/16/08

Once again this year we had spectacular High Holiday services due in part to our dynamic duo, Rabbi Eisenberg and Cantor Perry. These terrific services were also made possible by the hard work of our ritual committee including, Linda Podos, Marvin Peyser and Joe Ginsburg who's efforts were visible throughout the entire holiday. Thanks to everyone that contributed their time and effort.

There are quite a few events coming up in the next few weeks and months and it is our hope that everyone makes an effort to attend these special events. Following is a list of some of the events.

- Ecumenical Thanksgiving service Sunday, November 23, 2008 @ 4:30, Joyce needs a few people to help with refreshments.
- Membership Breakfast, Sunday, November 23, 2008
- Shabbat service & lunch to celebrate our new Torah and Bimah table covers, Saturday, Dec. 6, at 9:30 a.m.
- Hanukkah Dinner, Friday, December 12, 2008 Dinner @ 5:30, Services @ 7:00
- Mitzvah Day with Hadassah, December 14, 2008.

We have some wonderful donors that were kind enough to replacement of our worn Torah and Bimah table covers.

Dr. Walter Davison was the first to step forward, replacing a lost silver breastplate donated by his late parents, Dr. and Mrs. Philip Davison. The synagogue is honoring Attorney Steven H. Levy with the second Torah cover for his dedication to the synagogue over the years. Sherry and Joe Ginsburg have donated the third cover in recognition of good deeds and loving-kindness, about which they know a great deal. Joe and Sherry are staples at the Saturday Shabbat and High Holiday services. Joe is on the Bimah conducting parts of the services almost as much as the rabbi. Sherry is ever ready to help with onegs and kiddushes and maintains the wine and juice for kiddishes. Stephanie and Bob Oakan have donated the new table and lectern covers.

Steven Levy's parents, Dr. Philip and Rita Levy, have donated funding to replace the library Ark curtain in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary and to have an existing blank Torah breastplate inscribed in honor of their son. Some of these items may not be ready by Dec. 6, however.

We are grateful to these people for their support of the synagogue.

While we need people to make financial contributions, we are also grateful to all those people who contribute time and effort in our behalf throughout the year. Not everyone is able to make larger gifts, but volunteer service is just as important to us, if not more. We are a congregation that depends heavily on volunteer work by members. Any task, large or small, is needed and appreciated. We can only be as successful as the group of volunteers who keep us going.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Madow, Alan Cohn, Joyce Peck,
Tri-Presidents