

From the President

Ohavi Zedek needs your engagement and enthusiasm to continue to thrive. To a great extent, it is our **congregant committees** that make our community vibrant. If you are reading this (Thank you!), please consider devoting some time and energy to one of these committees. There are many, but this month I would like to call your attention to a few that may really inspire your interest:

- The **Adult Education Committee** and the **Events Committee** are both essential to providing a wide range of learning and social activities. Especially in this time of Social Distancing, they need fresh perspectives and web-savvy people.
- The **Cemetery Committee** needs dedicated members to prioritize and help manage the maintenance and repairs at our beautiful cemeteries on Patchen Road and North Avenue. This is a great post for folks who like to see the tangible results of their work.
- The **Membership/Outreach Committee** and the **Inclusion Committee** both do the indispensable work of keeping our community open and affirming to current and potential members, and helping us live up to the words posted outside our building: “Where everyone is welcome.”
- Finally, I want to start a **Marketing Committee** to assist our Executive Director in focusing our branding and communications style, so that Ohavi Zedek sends out a consistent message to the world about who we are and what we offer.

Of course, there are other committees; please check out the bottom of this page <http://ohavizedek.org/about/lay-leadership/> for the full list. If you see yourself involved in any of them, please reach out to our Executive Director Sarah Glassman (sarah@ohavizedek.org), and she will put you in touch with the committee chair.

Finally, a word of thanks. This is my first message in The Voice as President of the Board. I have had to absorb a lot since April, and I’m still climbing a steep learning curve. I am enormously grateful for the time and guidance of countless people, including Sarah and the other staff, my fellow (long-suffering) members of the board, the committee chairs, and of course Rabbi Amy and Cantor Steve.

*~ Nathaniel G. Lew
President*