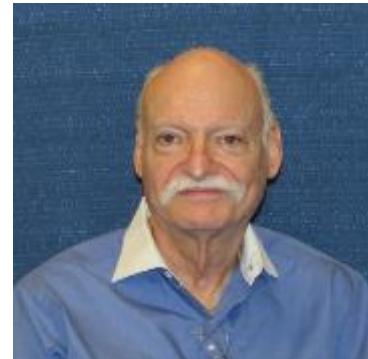


What's Happening...thoughts from the Congregation Manager

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As a liberal congregation, we are affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. We practice and cherish our Judaic tradition in accordance with contemporary and changing needs; we express ourselves through the customs and ceremonies of our religion which have been handed down to us through time-tested centuries. Our members establish their own levels of Jewish observance, but we encourage each member to experience and practice Judaism at the maximum level with which they are comfortable.



Our membership embraces the full community spectrum from the youngest children to those in their senior years, singles, married couples and life partnerships. People from diverse backgrounds, ranging from traditional to liberal feel at home with the freedom of expression we encourage within a Jewish framework, as we celebrate our sense of community in joy and sorrow.

Our goal as a Synagogue is threefold...

- To create a meaningful religious experience and a sense of Jewish community.
- To work for the perpetuation of Judaism and the survival of the Jewish people in the United States, in Israel and wherever else Jews dwell.
- To reinforce the Jewish value system in order to create a better society.

Our program is centered around a positive philosophy based on great expectations and fulfillment, encompassing every age group and every interest.

Our youth and the future lifeblood of our Temple, including HSTY, provide a social and cultural extension of religious school friendships. Our Sisterhood and Men's Club look introspectively to their members for direction in which to grow and continue to be integral and vital arms of THS.

As an important priority in their lives, we believe that members of our Synagogue must consider themselves morally obligated to support the work of the Temple with maximum effort. Young and old alike, with or without children, must take responsibility for the Jewish education of our children and for the maintenance of our Synagogue's physical plant and programs. We are a covenant community, sharing responsibility in a holy partnership. Therefore, each member is obligated to do as much as possible in accordance with their ability, regardless of age or marital status.

As we begin our 47th year, please keep in the forefront of your minds the following...we dreamed a dream of a Congregation, a Sanctuary, a Religious School and an Early Childhood Center, an adequate physical plant to accommodate our needs, and the staff to achieve an uncompromising level of excellence and service for our Congregation. We dreamed of a Religious Center for the surrounding community because we knew the need and the potential. Through the constant support, both moral and financial, of dedicated and committed congregants, our dream became a reality, and the reality surpassed our hopes.

Our ongoing hope is that our Synagogue will continue to be a center of Jewish life and learning, and that you will want to share the joys of Judaism with us, not only through your involvement, but through your ongoing Commitment. Come for *Shabbat* services; March 12th for *Purim*; March 18th for *Rise Against Hunger* fundraiser; and March 26-28, join our Rabbi to attend the AIPAC conference in Washington, DC. From our house to yours...

Eileen, Josh and I wish you *Chag Sameach Purim*.