



ENJC PRESIDENT, AMY WISOTSKY

October Message

Our ENJC Community

I am proud to be the president of the East Northport Jewish Center! We are all so fortunate to be a part of a caring, committed, dedicated, conscientious, concerned, vivacious, engaged, active, energetic, cooperative, and multigenerational congregation! These are the positive attributes with which we want to be associated, and more importantly, we want to role model for our children and grandchildren. It takes a community to provide the level of services that we at the East Northport Jewish Center offer our members. It takes a community of volunteers to insure that all congregants and their families experience the joy of the holidays as well as the spiritual enlightenment for which we look to our synagogue.

Although the names are far too many to mention, I'm going to try my best. Starting with Ritual: thanks to Eric Loring, VP of Ritual, the Ritual committee and particularly Bob Goldstein and Don Feinstein for organizing the High Holiday aliyahs and service schedule. Thank you to Frank Brecher, Arnie Carter, Bob Spitz, Mark Schweitzer, Ned Roberman, Linda Mermelstein, Wendy Isaac, Howie Lewin, Steve Kass and Steve Alberti for providing wonderful lay leadership during our High Holiday services. We are blessed to have our dynamic duo; Rabbi Silverman and Cantor Nussbaum lead us in prayer.

Thanks to Anita Slade, VP of Community Relations, and her committee, for organizing and distributing the Israel Bond material, Mazon donation cards and coordinating the Sukkah Dinner. Special thanks to Mel Noble for his informative and energizing speech on the need to support our homeland, Israel. Yasher Koach to Melissa Kurtz and Karen Tyll for providing our young children and grandchildren with a meaningful High Holiday experience using the Torah holder made and donated by Dave Yoemans.

Our children, our most valuable possession, were engaged and learning thanks to Bob Spitz, VP of Education, Stephanie Dunaieff, religious school teacher, Steve Kass and of course, Cantor. These early Jewish experiences are what shape our children and grandchildren in years to come.

We currently can boast over 30 teenagers who belong to our USY chapter. Those teens congregated together and socialized in a Jewish community, and did a little praying too! Thank you Nancy Triebwasser, VP of Youth, for your part in making that happen.

What creative honey baskets we had this year! Thank you to Jeff Glatzer, VP of Fundraising, Lynne Slovin and Terri Glatzer, chairs of the honey basket fundraiser and all the committee members who helped to assemble and organize the program. Special thanks to Bonnie Yoemans, Jeff Maldavir and Brian Kain for their technological support.

Seating and ticket distribution is a monumental chore. Howie Lewin, with the assistance of his wife, Judie, has been responsible for this task for years and years. I thank you. Every year, the mantels that cover our torahs are cleaned thanks to Don Feinstein, and the silver, which adorns our torahs, gets polished and beautified for the High Holidays thanks to Steve Wasserman. The flashlights for the Yom Kippur Havdalah service and the preparation of the Yom Kippur Appeal pledge cards are also traditionally done by Steve and Carol Wasserman.

We had a record-breaking year of 18 new families davening with us this New Year, 5773, thanks to the efforts of Linda Pollack, VP of Membership, with the assistance of Howie Lewin. We look forward to these families becoming an engaged part of the ENJC community.

Our building and grounds were in excellent condition thanks to the effort of Evan Axelrod, VP of Building Administration and his staff of Ben, Eric, Shivon and Jimmy. Thanks to Don Feinstein, VP of House Administration, and Suzanne, our office secretary, who made sure that communications and collations during the holiday season were completed. Sue Kazzaz and Allan Berman ensure that you are informed of all the news that fit to print in our Weekly Update and monthly Bulletin. Thank you one and all.

The arms of our synagogue, Sisterhood and Men's Club, function as support to our congregation. Their efforts, lead by Nancy Hertel and Larry Garten, are vital to our *kehillah's* continued success. From babysitting to chair and book set-up, (thanks to Wendy Isaac, and Steve Hardy), flowers to ushers, memorial books to juice and cookies, I thank you both, along with your boards and volunteers fro the support and programming you provide our membership.

Last, but certainly not least, Toda Robah to our past president, Robin Kain, for her careful notes left to me and to Frank Brecher, Executive VP, for his support. I wish you luck in 2 years. It's quite a job, however when you have a great group of people to work with it's all worth it! As I said, I'm proud to be your president and I'm proud of the continuation that our efforts brig to our ENJC community.

Additional thanks to the following members for their help in setting up our sanctuary for the High Holidays. (We'll need you to break down and put away as well!)

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| Allan Berman | Scott Keiser | Laurie & Bailey Raspler |
| Frank Brecher | Rob Levine | Jody Saperstein |
| Scott Gilbert | Mark Levine | Jason Tyll |
| Steve Hardy | Nina Levine | Richard Vladimir |
| Nancy Hertel | Howie Lewin | Peter Wisotsky |
| Robin & Brian Kain | Jeff & Jack Maldavir | |
| Sue & Sarah Kazzaz | Linda & Sarah Pollack | |