

## **Thank You Announcements.**

As President, on behalf of the Ritual Committee and the entire congregation, I would like to express appreciation to the many individuals who were responsible for making and keeping our High Holiday services so beautiful and dignified.

Thanks to Ritual Vice President **Kenny Duftler**, for overseeing all of our ritual activities.

To **Adam Greenberg**, our Executive Vice President. Thank you for managing so many of our synagogue affairs and for your guidance on financial matters.

Thanks to **Barry Birnbaum** our treasurer and Financial Secretary **Ira Balsam** for managing the High Holiday expenses and the billings for seating for Kol Nidre.

Thank you to our Vice President of House and Property **Steve Gochman** for taking this difficult job as your first position in synagogue governance, and for your immediately response and repair for every problem that has come your way. Through your sweating out the air conditioning problems, we remain cool today.

To **Nat Litman** who... hung our beautiful High Holiday perochos and for his continued 'behind the scenes' assistance in many areas.

To our Vice President of Fundraising, **Mario Wilkowski** for the tremendous effort performed on behalf of our Kol Nidre and our UJA appeal. We thank Mario and those who assisted him, **Susan Wilkowski, Rebecca Moldwin, Belle Hecht, Herb Abromowitz and Haim Weinstein** for their efforts on these appeals.

To our Vice President of Social Activities **Rebecca Moldwin** for coordinating a beautiful Selichot Program.

To our Sisterhood President – **Rona Birnbaum** for break the fast refreshments and special thanks to **Robin Hauser** for your assistance. Thanks also to **Stella Peretz** for publishing the Yizkor Memorial list insert booklet and for overseeing our High Holiday Greetings, and again to **Robin Hauser** for the flowers that adorn the Ark.

To **Norman and Sharon Friedman** for their generosity in providing plantings on our lawn that keeps Ohav Sholom among the most beautiful houses of worship. Thanks also to **Norman and Sam Joffe** for their work planting the flowers.

To our ushers and team captains who gave unselfishly of their time in order to maintain the decorum of the service and provide assistance to our congregants, led by **Marlene Neuringer and Steve Goldschein**.

To **Kenny Duftler** for coordinating and overseeing our multifaceted youth services during the long High Holiday davening. Thanks to our junior congregation leaders, **Marc Braunstein, Josh Strauss, Stephanie Stein, Rebecca Strauss and Rachel Tannenbaum**.

To Corresponding Secretary **Ron Bekore** for writing the High Holiday related articles for the local newspapers.

To **Adam Gartner** and his assistant, **Ken Gartner** for the special holiday editions of our electronic newsletter, *The Shofar*, and for posting the holiday information and Simchat Torah songs on the [www.ohav.org](http://www.ohav.org) website.

To **Nat Litman and Station Cleaners** for the cleaning of our Tallesim.

To the many volunteers who set up seats, moved books, posted labels and assisted in mailings led by **Irwin Duftler and Steve Werbel: Alan Krieger, Chuck Halpern and Steve Goldberg**. Thank you.

To **Harry Adwar**, who once again cleaned, polished and repaired all our silver Torah ornaments and crowns, Thank you.

To Men's Club President **Gary Friedman** – for the comfortable new seat cushions on the bima -- thank you from the very bottom of ... whatever.

To ex-president, **Peter Tannenbaum** for his help during this transition.

Our special thanks to our Baal Shacharit, **Gregg Duftler** and Baal Musaf **Cantor Blum** for truly inspirational and absolutely beautiful davening. The spirituality and joy of our services were greatly enhanced by their presence.

Thanks to our superb Torah Readers: **Jeff Hauser, Jeff Beris, Ariel Jurmann and Gregg Duftler**.

And thanks to our wonderful Haftorah readers: **Ari Jurmann, Irwin Duftler, Jeff Hauser and Mark Strauss**.

Thanks also to our Baal Tekiah and Shofar Virtuoso for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur – **Adam Greenberg**. Everyone appreciated your Rosh Hashana performance and we look forward to your encore at the Yom Kippur Neilah service. Thanks to **Adam and Nat Litman** for sounding the shofar at our morning services throughout the month of Elul.

Thanks to **Michael Braunstein, Adam Greenberg and Phil Salzman** for opening our morning services and to **Seth Miller, and Gregg Duftler** for leading the mincha services.

Thank you **Carol and Steve Goldschein** for your generous donation of our beautiful new sukkah in honor of the birth of your grandson.

Thanks to all our Sukkah builders and decorators, **Kenny Duftler, David Cepler, Janice Cepler, Aaron Cepler, Adam Gartner, Nat Litman, Michael Braunstein and Steve Goldschein.**

Thank you to **Bea and Joel Hoffman** who graciously extended hospitality and gave their home to Cantor Blum and his Family for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Thanks also to those who opened their homes to Cantor Blum, **Rabbi and Mimi Wohlberg, Judy & Steve Simon, Zeva and Dan Meraz, Michelle and Ken Gartner, Pauline and Stewart Ratzker.**

Thanks to our office staff led by **Rosemary Hart** for the outstanding effort you have put in for the high holy days.

Thanks to **Patrick Illanes** and our entire building maintenance staff for keeping the Synagogue in such beautiful condition.

Thank you to our Ritual Committee, **Kenny Duftler, Wally Sturm, Nat Litman, and Mark Strauss.**

To our Ritual Chairman **David Zwerin**: Thank you for overseeing the overseers and helping wherever you see a need. You manage every synagogue issue from the most strategic to the most detailed, with incredible enthusiasm and intensity, during the holidays and throughout the year. Thank you for being there for us.

And of course, it's with most sincere appreciation that I would like to thank our Spiritual leader for the past 44 years, **Rabbi Jeremiah Wohlberg** – not only for the High Holiday Sermons, but for all you do throughout the year. The beauty, warmth and inspiration of our worship services are the envy of many from outside our community and we are most fortunate to have you as our Rabbi.

Thank you