

It has been a very busy year. So many things took place throughout this fiscal year and there are so many things in the works. Here are just a few items:

Committees have been hard at work planning events that align with our mission statement. Also, we have a strong Brotherhood who is up and running with a great slate of officers and we have a strong Sisterhood who has a strong board moving into the next year, as well. I look forward to working with both groups for future programming.

Grants: I will continue to apply for grants in the future, but here are some that were awarded this past year:

- We continue to utilize The Better Together grant for intergenerational programming. This grant is now a matching grant; we were awarded \$5,000 and we have to match the \$5,000.
- We received a \$25,000 Sage grant which will allow us to build a lower bema in front of the higher bema in our Sanctuary. This will allow accessibility for everyone to participate in services and programming.
- The Jewish Community Foundation of Central PA's Lipsett Committee awarded Temple Ohev Sholom \$1,600, and a \$500 grant was awarded from the Penn-Cumberland Garden Club. These two grants allowed us to plant a vegetable and flower garden at Temple Ohev Sholom. All foods harvested will be donated to the JFS Food Bank and our other community friends.
- A \$75,000 infrastructure grant was awarded that will help to install two new HVAC systems. This was very exciting to receive.
- We received word that Ohev was awarded a \$25,000 PCCD Non-Profit Security Grant which will be used in the next fiscal year to install two new "reading room" entrance doors, a new gate, new door handles for the religious school and door panels for other parts of the building, and protective window film for some office windows.

Since the beginning of this past fiscal year, the members of the Temple's facilities committee, Jon Snively, and I spent a lot of time with our vendors managing situations with the roof (most of the office, religious school and Chapel roof was installed); HVAC systems (both here and at Mt. Moriah) (installed or fixed); Hood, Ventilation and Suppression systems for the kitchen (installed) and sprinkler system (installed); and landscaping. A lot was accomplished.

Moving forward, applying for grants and collaborating with outside agencies, both Jewish and non-Jewish, will remain a top priority. We have been in talks with Jewish Family Service to rent our space, along with Susan Leviton.

I have been busy helping the Capital Campaign and the 175th Anniversary Committees. For Temple Ohev Sholom to survive another 175 years and continue to grow, we all must do our part and give to the campaign. Also, if you would like to be a Life and Legacy Donor, please reach out to me.

FYI: We rent space. If you are interested in renting Sisterhood Hall or another part of the temple for a special occasion or meeting, please reach out to me for pricing. We rent out space if it fits into our calendar.

Lastly, if you are interested in volunteering, there is always something to do. Don't be shy, just give me a call.

One of my favorite sayings is: "It Takes a Village." Thank you to everyone for your continued support. Thank you to the Board of Trustees and other volunteers who have helped me this year. Thank you to the staff, the best staff around: Amanda, Jon, Lisette, Deb, Conrad, Scott and let's not forget our amazing Rabbi. And thank you to all of you who made the decision to make Temple Ohev Sholom your second home.

Respectfully submitted,
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