

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Much has happened in the past several weeks. Terrorism and wildfires have dominated the news. Here in Pittsburgh, we experienced one of the worst anti-Semitic terrorist attacks in recent history. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of those who were injured and who lost their lives at Tree of Life Synagogue. These events have brought an awareness to the importance of our Temple's security. After consulting with our local White Oak police department and closely monitoring the Federation's recommendations, we have taken several measures to reinforce our present security. Temple doors will be open 30 minutes before services and locked once services start. Someone will always be present to open the doors for late comers. Our security system has been updated. We have installed panic buttons throughout the Temple and a camera and voice intercom at the door. Other than before services, Temple doors will always be locked. We are looking into a "safe room" next to the sanctuary and motion activated lighting around the building. Unfortunately, current times warrant these security measures.

As the winter months approach and the weather gets colder, many will be heading south and west. We will miss you and we look forward to your healthy return once the weather gets warmer.

It has been my pleasure serving as president the past six months. I want to thank the Board and everyone else for their help and support. As you know, members of our Executive Board rotate into the presidency every six months. As of December 1st, Lindi Kendal will become president.

Dick Leffel

