

## **President Board Report: July 19, 2018**

### **Norms or B'rit:**

The meaning of the Hebrew word "b'rit" is a covenant, pact, or treaty. It is one of the Hebrew Scriptures' most important concepts, appearing over 270 times. In a lot of ways, a b'rit is like a set of Norms that we agree to. So, Norms are our Board's B'rit, covenant, pact, or treaty. I believe it is important at the beginning of each new Board year, to reaffirm our Norms or our covenant or B'rit with each other. That's why I asked you to write your set of proposed Norms for the year. I received Norms from all of you, minus two, and I am asking you to review the Norms as presented. I am hoping that we can agree that we will adhere to these Norms for the year. Once you review them, let's have a motion to approve.

### **Jewish Federation Annual Campaign 2018**

We held the Annual Campaign Calling Session on Wednesday June 7 to raise funds for the Jewish Federation, one of the requirements of receiving a grant from the Federation. Many of you joined us, along with some of our non-Board member Committee chairs and Monika Kimball who is now one of our reps on the Federation Board. We called our members and asked them make pledges to support the amazing work of the Jewish Federation worldwide. To date, Campaign 2018 has 254 Pledges of \$263,757.00. Their goal is \$600,000, so there is always a need to make calls. We brought in \$3,118.00 in one hour. Campaign Director, Sue Bendalin, and Federation President Janet Wechter, join me in thanking you for your support and contributions. Our gifts determine how much they can provide in grants and programming to support local, national, and international causes. Remember, every dollar contributed changes a life for the better.

### **Leadership Series:**

As we have mentioned, we will be holding our Board Orientation and Dinner on August 12 at my house. All Board members and all invited have RSVP'ed and will be attending. Besides dinner and some social time together, we have a reflective activity planned as well. This orientation will be a lead-in to the Nominating Committee's upcoming Leadership Series, brief yet engaging workshops on key topics such as "Defining Spirituality," "Leadership Styles and Skills," and "Exploring Our Temple." While this series will be open to all Temple members, I highly urge you (our trustees) to participate in these workshops. We're setting a foundation to build strong leaders, which is crucial to the future and legacy of our temple. These workshops are intended to provide the needed support for those of you, and others, who have stepped up or will step up to be involved as temple leaders, so please attend. I will keep you posted. So far, the dates for the first three are Sunday, October 28, Sunday, December 16, and Sunday, February 10, all at 2:00 pm. Future topics may include Congregational Governance, Financial Responsibility, and Our Mission-Vision-and Values.