

## ***President's Perspective. . .***

While the weather outside has not yet caught up with the calendar telling us that the end of summer is forthcoming, Anshai Torah is certainly getting ready for fall. In spite of the heat, we have had a busy summer and exciting things are happening. Our Board of Directors, officers, staff, clergy, and committees are working collaboratively on several fronts, insuring the very best for our shul from education and programming to the spiritual journey and beyond.

For sure, one of the highlights has been welcoming our new Director of Education Jason Cathcart, his wife Vicki and their three children Jordan, Daniella, and Samara. Under Jason's leadership, our Religious School is off to a fantastic start. I am confident that Jason will bring new energy to our program and to your children. Last Shabbat, we said goodbye to our new and returning college-bound students knowing that you and Anshai Torah have prepared them well for life on campus, that campus Hillel's will provide them with resources and a sense of Jewish community, and that we will miss them.

Connie Hochberg, our Kitchen Director has now completed a full year of catering Anshai Torah programs and events with her creative and delicious menus. Come to a Shabbat morning service and enjoy the beautiful kiddush lunches she and her team prepare. . .your taste buds will thank you.

Our twice-daily minyan continues to thrive, thanks to the tremendous efforts of our members. Unfortunately, there are so many who have the need to say kaddish; fortunately, we are able to be there for them. This is quite near and dear to my heart as it was the need to say kaddish for my father that first brought me to the doors of Anshai Torah. If you are available any weekday morning or evening, please join one of our minyanim. You will be doing such a mitzvah for our Anshai family.

Our auxiliaries are off to a great start with an abundance of programming from the Sisterhood, Men's Club, and Hazak. As you are completing your membership applications, please join one of our auxiliaries and be part of the fun. There is something for everyone.

And on that note, membership applications are due so get those forms in. Please consider becoming a Chai member. This tiered program enables us to provide membership to all and your participation is so appreciated.

Lastly, by now you are probably aware of the new High Holiday Mahzor that we will be davening with this fall. This prayer book will enhance our collective spiritual experience as it provides extended commentary, translation and trans-literation of our prayers and traditions. Please consider participating in this initiative. Honor a deceased loved one by sharing their story on a beautiful bookplate. What a meaningful way to bring the lives of those we cherish and remember into our community from generation to generation.

I look forward to working with all of you this coming year to continue moving our shul forward from strength to strength.

*Warmly, Marcy*