

President's Report
Annual Meeting – May 4, 2014

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the close of another wonderful year at Temple Emanu-El. We have had many new Members and an increase in Religious School students, especially the High School.

It's been a busy year and fortunately we have not had any major problems with the building, like last year's replacement of the boiler.

We started off the 2013/2014 year with a Summer Havdalah Under the Stars and our Open House, where we welcomed our newest Temple Members. I once again thank you for supporting our children by attending the Religious School and HEFTY Creative Services. Our Annual Martin Luther King multi-denominational service in January was a great success. Our Temple Emanu-El Choir, led by Mindy Harris, was wonderful and sounded beautiful.

Thank you to our Adult Ed Committee, for procuring and preparing the wonderful Adult Ed programs throughout this year. The Book Club, led by librarian Paula Breger, has been active once again. The Chesed Committee, led by Sharyn Russell, has been busy providing support and comfort to our Members during times of need and packaging and delivering goodie plates on Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah and Purim. If you have not yet done so, I urge you to sign up for Lots a Helping Hands. Please sign up on our website, TempleEmanu-El.org.

On May 30th, we will have our Confirmation Service. We will also wish our High School students the best of luck as they graduate and head off to new future studies and new adventures. Also at this service we reward our Religious School students for their hard work all year with awards. I encourage everyone to attend this very important service to honor our children.

On June 13th, we will have our Installation and Volunteer of the Year award recipient: Rhoda & Fred Feldman, our Adult Ed Committee Chairs.

Thank you to all Board Members and Committee Members, as well as our many volunteers, who have worked so hard to make this past year a successful. These dedicated volunteers contribute to make Temple Emanu-El what it is today.

Thank you to Rabbi Ira, as our Spiritual Leader and for his hard work as our representative in the Merrimack Valley. Thank you to Mindy Harris for a job well done as our Cantorial Soloist, song leader, Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutor and Choir leader. Many thanks to our hard-working teachers; who make learning rewarding and fun. I want to thank the staff of Temple Emanu-El : Nancy LaFleur, who works tirelessly as our Temple Administrator; Debbi Levasseur, Religious School Principal, who makes sure that our children have a quality Jewish education in a fun and caring environment; Cheryl Hill, our Religious School Administrative Assistant; and Kim Giannopoulos, our Bookkeeper, and Don Kumis, our Custodian.

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as your President for the past two years. I have learned so much about our community and have met so many wonderful members. The Talmud states that "Any person who works for the needs of the community, it is as if that person is studying Torah." By volunteering and becoming involved at Temple Emanu-El, we are bringing Torah and Judaism to life. I hope you will continue to join me in being an active part of our community. I leave you in the very capable hands of David Belsky and our Board of Directors.

Respectfully,
Lynn Dreyfuss Martin
President