

Special Events Committee Report 2009/2010

As the portfolio responsible for our Synagogues major fundraising events, the Special Events Committee oversees the Golf Tournament, the annual Gala and, in cooperation with Men's Club, the Purim Carnival.

Of course, like everyone else in the fund raising field, this last year we have faced some real challenges as regards the fundraising aspect of our events. However, we were able to meet the challenge head on and, while we were not able to attain the same amounts as we were able to raise in the past, our committee did great work, the community supported us wholeheartedly and we were still able to accomplish solid gains to put back into the general fund.

That being said, I believe that really, the most important aspect of the work this committee does is in staging great events that bring our community together in fun and celebration. And this year we absolutely achieved that all important goal. I have to say that this year's committees and their chairs excelled in producing amazing, incomparable events.

My gratitude and thanks to my directors – each of whom liaised with one of the events and worked with the Chairs as an integral part that team but still worked on the overall Special Events committee as well. To Rozanne Burstein, Mike Katz and Alan Jacobs, it was a great year. Take pride in what we accomplished and all the hard work you did.

And to Golf Chair Jeff Solny, Purim Carnival Chairs from Special Events Maier Rosenberg and from Men's Club Rick Shumacher and Alex Romano and our Gala Chairs Terry and Ronnie Retin and Barbara Anik – thank you, thank you, thank you. Until someone takes the reins of an event like these they just don't know what a task it is and how involving it becomes. All of you are to be commended for the outstanding events you staged and for your commitment and dedication to the program and so, to our community.

Respectfully submitted

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