

**REPORT OF THE TEMPLE ALIYAH BUILDING & LAND COMMITTEE
2008/2009 FISCAL YEAR**

Over the past fiscal year, the Temple Aliyah Building & Land Committee has worked closely with David Brook and Carlos Venegas to oversee the general maintenance and enhancement of the of the Synagogue facility, while working within a very limited budget allocation. Fortunately, there were no significant unforeseen building repair issues.

The Committee started the year overseeing the completion and delivery of the beautiful new furniture located in the galleria, the final project of the prior committee headed by David Finkelstein. Also during the year, the badly worn and damaged partitions in the Lubin and Titus halls were refaced with new fabric selected by the Committee, significantly improving their appearance at a relatively modest cost. New lighting was added to the parking lot entrance and new banner signage was installed at the front of the property to provide better visibility on both sides of Valley Circle Blvd.

In an effort to make the synagogue a more desirable facility to host catering related events such as bar/bat mitzvahs and wedding receptions, the committee enlisted the services of congregant Bill Bilkiss' market research firm Focus & Testing, Inc., which generously conducted a survey of congregants at no cost to the temple. The results of this survey provided important information that is being used to plan other enhancements to the Tidus and Lubin halls.

Recently, with the help of committee member Neil Drucker, the committee conducted a site survey of the synagogue to assess and improve the facility's handicap accessibility. The site survey revealed certain areas where improvements could be made at relatively low cost to the synagogue and the committee will be following up on these items in the coming weeks.

I would like to thank Carlos Venegas for his wonderful commitment and dedication as well as his staff for all their hard work maintaining the synagogue facility, making it a more comfortable place for all of us. Congratulations also to Carlos on his 15 year anniversary with Temple Aliyah. Thank you to David Brook for his help and guidance over the year. Thank you to directors Art Geilman, Neil Drucker and Judy Fischer as well as committee members Anne Dater, Sina Razban-Nia, Harvey Grafman and Tori Epstein for all their help and input over the past year. Special thanks to Tori Epstein for taking minutes for the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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