

## Special Events Committee Report 2008/2009

As the VP of Special Events, the first and most important order of business for me is to thank all of the folks who so unselfishly gave of their time and effort to turn our annual fundraisers into such special programs.

To my directors and committee members – Anne Dater, David Finkelstein, Shirley Mauer, Ronnie Retin, Robin Rosenberg, Julie Safley and Jeff Solny – thank you so much for your understanding, help and support that made everything work so well. And to our event chairs – who are really the ones in the trenches dealing with the day in and day out grind of putting our amazing events together...thank you, thank you, thank you!

The Golf Tournament – David Finkelstein and Julie Safely  
The Purim Carnival – Jerry Appleby, Maier Rosenberg and Rick Shumacher with a big thank you to Men's Club  
Viva Aliyah, our annual Gala – Bob & Tory Epstein and Gil & Wendy Klier

And to all of you – our fellow congregants – who came out and participated in these events...thank you for supporting our committee and the very special events that help make us a community.

This was an especially challenging year for our committee and our Shul as the members of our Synagogue were unavoidably feeling the effects of the countries new economic reality. But, our community's support was still there as those that were able to contribute on a higher financial level did so and, those that were not as fortunate still participated to the level they could. So, while we may not have raised the amount of money we had hoped to this year, our events were that much more special as the community came together with a great time for all.

If you were fortunate enough to have attended any of the programs – or even all three – then you know how amazing they all were. If you didn't manage to make it to any, you really missed one of the great benefits of belonging to Temple Aliyah.

As I said in my report last year, there is an underlying theme running through all of these events that speaks of far more than just raising money. I believe that of much greater importance is how the events we oversee reach across all segments of our Temple Aliyah community...bringing us all together and embracing everyone from all segments.

As I complete my term as VP of Special Events, I would like once more to thank all those who gave of themselves to me and my committee and helped to make these last two years so great.

Respectfully submitted,  
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