

Special Events Year End Report

2010-2011

I have now completed my first year as VP of Special Events and it has been quite a fantastic year! The directors of the Special Events Committee, Barbara Anik, Ron Fischer, Ronnie Retin and Jeff Solny worked as an exceptional team and I would like to thank each and every one of them for their hard work and commitment.

Special Events is responsible for Temple Aliyah's fundraising events. These events in past years have included the annual Gala, Purim Carnival and Golf Tournament. However this past year, we went a different course. We offered the community to partake in a once in a lifetime event and opportunity-to write a torah. Our Torah-Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow honoring Rabbi Vogel's 18 years of service in our community. We began the event on November 11 with approximately 250 people and we celebrated midway with almost 600 people in attendance.

We added a Mahjong Classic to our Golf classic, and it was a huge success. With fundraising remaining forever challenging, I believe we have been successful to date with the newness and additions we brought to the community this year.

The Special Events Committee was extremely blessed to have the expertise of our Development Director Debbie Fogelman work so closely with us this past year, and have the support of David Brook our Executive Director. The projects were grand, the work load excessive and the committee could never have been successful without the team work of the dedicated directors and staff.

I would like to thank Jeanie and David Finkelstein, and Jonathan Burstein for Chairing the Torah Project, and Deborah Turobiner for Chairing the Midway Torah event.

Respectfully submitted

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