

Yom Kippur Appeal 5783 – Dave Clayman, President  
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This is, for me, the hardest part of being president of Congregation Beth Shalom. I am not good at public speaking. I cannot offer you insights into Halacha and Jewish practices. I cannot offer you spiritual insights based on Torah, Mishna, and Talmud or guidance from Pirkei Avot. That is for our Rabbis.

What I can say is that the continuation of Beth Shalom means a lot to me. I hope it does to you as well. I sense a regrouping of and increased energy in our Shul. There are many people who are working hard to make Beth Shalom a warm and welcoming place. Les and Sandy have worked hard to combine the men's club and the sisterhood. They are bringing many new events to our Shul. Do not miss the meeting on Sunday. Your board of directors work hard to guide Beth Shalom. Jackie and Mike do a great job. Jackie's keeps the office running and takes the scrip orders. Mike keeps the building clean and makes sure everything works.

The most important part of Beth Shalom is you!! Attendance at services has been increasing. That is great! People are more involved in men's club / sisterhood events. Speaking of which, watch the weekly

bulletin for more events this fall, including lunch in the Sukkah.

We held a welcome back party for the snow birds. We will hold a send off party for our snow birds that are migrating south. We will miss them and feel sorry for them. They will miss the red and gold beauty of fall in the north east. They will miss the beauty of fresh snow weighting down the boughs of evergreen trees. The silence of skiing through a pine forest blanketed in fresh snow and hearing the tap tap tap of a nearby wood pecker. They will miss that run down the mountain on silky soft fresh powder.

Let Jackie know when you intend to fly away, so we can plan the sendoff party.

Here is the hard part. To keep Beth Shalom, we all have to work together. We need to be actively involved in our shul. We need to come to services. We need you to take part in our social programs. We need to contribute to support Beth Shalom financially. The high holiday pledge is your way to support our Shul. Please take out your pledge cards. Be as generous as possible. You know what to do. And come to shul. Bring your friends.

Introduce unaffiliated Jewish friends to Beth Shalom. Help us grow. Help us rebuild Beth Shalom to 100 families.

May you be inscribed in the book of life for a healthy and happy new year.

Thank you.

Members of the Board of Directors will pick up the pledge cards.

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President

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