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Congregation Beth Torah

President's Column

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Thank You

As I write this we have raised \$54,980 in response to our appeal to cover the cost of repairing the roof of our education wing. The generosity demonstrated, quite honestly, brought a tear to my eyes on more than one occasion. I was deeply touched by those who gave at a level I did not imagine and from those who dug deep to give what they could.

While the final bills are not in and some minor work does remain we do have a surplus. This surplus is not going to be put into the general operating fund but used to initiate a new chartered fund to pay for future capital expenses. These types of expenses can include maintenance such as replacing our aging air conditioners or the preventative work required periodically on the roof of the sanctuary and oneg room. These are all predictable and much like in our own home we put aside for that proverbial (or literal) rainy day this new fund is how Beth Torah will save going forward.

Equally important is for all of us to thank the volunteers who are the "outgoing" members of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee who have helped to make this past year the fun-filled, meaningful and successful year that it was. All of them volunteered their time and energy, some for quite a few years, in many different roles. Along the way, and especially in this past year whether they know it or not have each taught me how to be a better person, Jew and leader in this community.

Transitioning to new behaviors and priorities is not easy but we're all in this together.