

## Message from the Rabbi



The theme of this year's Golf Manor Synagogue's Dinner is "Celebrating Community."

A community is only as great as the precious individuals who work tirelessly for the members of its constituency. And it is not unusual to discover that those who are the most devoted to such work, would choose to stay behind the scenes, hidden from public view.

Our Rabbis tell us that "Whoever chases after honor, honor flees from him and whoever flees from honor, honor will pursue him."

For many years, Howard and Marlene Mayers have managed to escape the efforts of the congregation to honor them for their many years of service to the Golf Manor Synagogue, the Cincinnati Jewish community, and the general community. Alas, honor has finally caught up to them. They could not run away forever.

Following in the footsteps of Nathan Mayers, z"l, Howard's father, who oversaw the construction of the beautiful Golf Manor Synagogue edifice, and in the spirit of the generosity of our honorary chairpersons, Sam & Rachel Boymel, Harry & Vi Solomon, and Dr. Sidney Peerless, the Mayers have made lasting contributions to shul and community, thereby enhancing the lives of thousands who have been the beneficiaries of their acts of lovingkindness.

Fortunately, Howard & Marlene are still youthful and vibrant! Which means we can look forward to their continued leadership and active involvement in our community for many years to come. This is truly something to celebrate!

May G-d grant them good health and happiness on an honor well deserved.

Sincerely,  
Rabbi Hanan Balk