

## **AYS House Committee Report**

Fiscal 2014 – 2015 has been a challenging year for the House Committee. As we regard The Shul as not only our spiritual home, but a “House of G-d” we must be committed to sustain it in better shape that we wish to keep our personal homes. It is a tangible representation of our congregation and a reflection on each of us.

Even though our congregation’s size has remained stable over the past few years, our Synagogue was built to sustain a larger congregation through the baby-boom and now we must sustain it. This is an ever increasing financial challenge given the aging infrastructure of our 50+ year old facility.

Our projects completed during the past year include:

- Extensive pruning and foliage canopy raising at rear and sides of property
- Replacement of toilets in Rabbi’s Office and Upstairs Mens Room
- Procurement of a new freezer and two new commercial slicers for the meat kitchen
- Contracting for roof repairs and gutter cleaning
- Repair of the thermostat control on dairy kitchen freezer
- Replacement of the fire door in the Harry Shapiro chapel
- Completion of sewer backflow testing in accordance with Richmond County Code
- Repair of security lighting in rear parking lot
- Repair of structural components of the Sukkah
- Rewiring and repair of the menorah in the Harry Shapiro chapel

Work needing to be conducted in fiscal 2015 – 2016 includes:

- Replacing of the fire exit doors on Main Sanctuary and Pomerance Social Hall
- Completion of foliage pruning on remainder of the property
- Tree surgery to remove at risk trees and limbs
- Repair / replacement of broken gutters and downspouts
- Repair of water damage in foyer, coat room, bathrooms, and meat kitchen hallway.
- Contracting for a new ventilation system in dairy kitchen.
- Replacement of Synagogue front signage
- Repair of Synagogue’s front exterior lighting
- Completion of repair to roof in the Mikvah
- Additional repairs to the Sukkah
- Procuring an awning over the Library exterior door to alleviate the potential for water damage
- Repair of dairy kitchen exterior door

As the current committee members work full-time, the assistance of one or more of our seasoned congregants would be a welcome addition to our efforts.