Brief bits on the Holydays just past:

[In case you were wondering, the past two columns of mine consisted of the text of a couple of the planned sermons for the High Holiday season. All of them may be found on our website. Paper copies can be provided upon request.]

Nothing happens without preparation and participation (and if it is warm enough, a bit of perspiration, too), including the High Holiday month. I begin thinking about the season right after Passover. As no Cantorial Soloist was found this year, members of the Ritual and Liturgy committee went over the outline of material I had prepared, making suggestions for ways to fine tune it.

I think we all appreciate everyone who helped out during the services themselves by accepting English readings or Aliyot. I would like to extend a special Todah Rabbah and Ya'asher Kochechem to those who helped out with some of the Hebrew bits on Yom Kippur. If you would like to help out in that fashion next year, please let either myself or Jeff Weinstein, (Ritual and Liturgy Committee Chairman) know.

For several years now, the community has erected a Sukkah for Sukkot. This year was no exception - and if you want to help out next year, let Jeff know.

Thanks to the children of the Religious School, the Sukkah was decorated well again this year.

I look forward to seeing you during the rest of the busy programming year.