

## *Letter from the President*

I am pleased to announce that Congregation Beth Israel will begin the sale of tickets for our second **Super Raffle** this April. Last year's raffle was a huge success netting the congregation \$15,000. Once again, only 300 tickets will be sold at \$100 each. **The odds are only 300 to 1 that you can be the winner!** The Grand Prize is **\$10,000** and you will also have the opportunity to win 2nd prize which is \$1000, or five other prizes of \$500 each.

The success of this Super Raffle depends upon you and your participation. We would like each congregant (single or a couple) to purchase a minimum of two tickets. Not only do we want you to buy tickets but we would like you to spread the word to your family and friends. Give them the opportunity to be winners too. The faster the 300 tickets are sold, the faster we can have the drawing and announce the winners. There are also some incentives for you. The congregant who sells the most tickets will get \$500, and whoever sells the Grand Prize ticket will also get \$500.

I am depending upon the congregation to actively participate in this fundraising event. Your participation in selling these raffle tickets will help to keep our dues down at Beth Israel. This raffle will generate \$15,000 for CBI, money we desperately need to operate.

In the next few weeks you will be getting a call from a fellow congregant asking how many tickets you would like. Please take **additional tickets** and sell them to your friends and family. Since these tickets are numbered, it is important that they do not get destroyed. **All completed ticket stubs and checks must be mailed to Congregation Beth Israel; 141 Hilton Avenue, Hempstead, New York 11550. Any unsold tickets must also be returned to the synagogue.**

We are hoping the drawing will take place this fall, but it can not take place until ALL 300 tickets are sold. Keep in mind, you DO NOT have to be present at the drawing to win.

I am sure that the Super Raffle will be just as successful this year as last year. Hopefully, the tickets will sell out even faster this year with more participation from YOU in selling additional raffle tickets to your friends and family.

Good luck to everyone!

Richie