

**MJCS PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE**  
**May 2017**

I am delighted, in every great sense of that word, to share with you that the Gala for Rabbi Judith was a tremendous success. As promised, we all laughed and cried and ate and drank and danced, and had a fantastic time celebrating Rabbi Judith and our community. And we also met our financial goals for the event! Many thanks to everyone who participated in making the Gala the extraordinary success that it was, and especially to the members of the Gala Committee chaired by wife Dana, our wonderful MJCS staff, to everyone who purchased tickets and live auction items (we now have all of the Shabbats on the Beach sponsored), to Lou Gossett and the Rabbi's grandson Louis, who both sent surprise videos for the Rabbi, to Cantor Marcello, whose song brought down the house, and most of all to Rabbi Judith, for being someone who we all loved celebrating.

If you weren't able to get a tribute into the Tribute book in time for the deadline, the good news is that because it is literally an open book, you can still add your tribute to the Tribute Book. Please email Board Member Monica DeMoulin at [mdemoulin@mjcs.org](mailto:mdemoulin@mjcs.org) for information on how to make that happen.

And now to keep you up to date with what's going on at MJCS:

- The Rabbi Search Committee has not yet found a new senior rabbi to step into Rabbi Judith's shoes (I know there's a shoe joke in there somewhere). The search continues, and in the interim, Rabbi Judith has agreed to stay with us through the High Holy Days. Which means another summer of Shabbat on the Beach with Rabbi Judith! The first one will be July 14<sup>th</sup>, and check your emails for the starting date and new location.
- This coming Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> is our Annual Meeting of Members, starting at 10AM. It will be in the small sanctuary. We will be presenting information about the year that was and what to expect in the year to come. And there's a lot. This is a really important meeting for MJCS members so we hope you can be there. And bring your questions!
- We have a lot of things planned for the next two years and we are looking to expand the number of Board Members. If you would like to nominate someone to the Board, please email your nomination in by no later than this Friday, since we will be voting on the nominations at the Annual Meeting. Send your nominations to David Assayag at [dassayag@mjcs.org](mailto:dassayag@mjcs.org).
- Speaking of David, he is our new full time Executive Director. We will have a community-wide introduction of David and his family at the first Shabbat on the Beach, which will be July 14<sup>th</sup>.

As always, thanks for listening.

Steve Weinberg, President