

## Seabreeze Article

Welcome to the new season at MJC&S! Now into my second year as your President, I am very excited about this season. We have lots of new events and programming being planned and will continue with our successful programming like Shabbat on the Beach, Torah Study, and Waking Up to Jewish Ethics. Our newly invigorated Sisterhood already has planned a number of exciting events and has plans for more. We will be launching our Malibu Center for the Arts @MJCS programming (which already includes the highly successful Malibu Film Society), with opportunities for our members to schmooze, sing and dance, and experience great performances, lectures and other participatory events.

Over this past year I have been blessed to experience the wonder of our community and the extraordinary people who comprise it. From the outpouring of love at Rabbi Judith's Gala, to the loving support of our Hand in Hand kids, the great gift of having so many of our post-b'nai mitzvah kids reading Torah during the High Holy Days, the dedication to supporting those in need or who are grieving, giving the LGBTQ community a special seder – and I could go on and on -- we truly are a warm and inviting home for all who wish to commune, pray, play and celebrate with us.

This year we also will bring us a new rabbi with Rabbi Judith retiring after the High Holy Days. The Board and Rabbi Search Committee is actively engaged in finding a new rabbi, and our goal is to have that decision made by December 2017. Only Members of MJCS can participate in the final selection decision. Your continued membership and support thereby will ensure a successful and enduring transition.

We also would love to see more of you actively engaged in our leadership, event programming and participation and our outreach. We actively are seeking your ideas and thoughts. We now have an Executive Director, David Assayag, who is charged with ensuring that great ideas become realities.

As you already know, ours is a very special Synagogue and Jewish Center, made more special by members like you. On behalf of the Board, Rabbi Judith, Cantor Marcelo, and our administrators, teachers and staff, we truly appreciate and thank you for your continuing membership, and look forward to sharing with you a new season filled with light, joy and great things for us all.