

## **President's Message December 2004**

What's going on around here? It seems every time I pick up the phone or read an email lately, someone else in the congregation is having surgery or catching a cold. This has been a tough month around the center. I want to thank everyone who has sent their help and their good wishes to Iris as she recovers from her surgery. I wish a speedy recovery to all of you who have had a tough month, along with their caregivers.

On the positive side, many good things have happened over the last month. We have had our first event for the NFTY high school youth group, we celebrated Emily Stanton's Bat Mitzvah and we had a wonderful time at our cantor-led sing-along last evening. We began our conversational Hebrew class with our wonderful Lisa Braunstein teaching. We are currently taking a break and plan on resuming after the New Year. I hope many will take advantage of Lisa's generosity.

The Thanksgiving/Chanukah season is now upon us, and I hope that we will all take a few minutes out of our busy lives to be grateful for what we have. As I read the other day in Pirke Avot, Who is rich? One who is happy with what one has. My wish for you is that you are all rich this holiday season.

Shalom,  
Howie