

## **President's Message September 2014**

With the New Year around the corner, I write this message reflecting on this past year and anticipating a good, sweet upcoming year at the Jewish Center. Our strong commitment to community forged ahead, with a successful rally to transition. We welcomed Rabbi Zamore and a new leadership team. The JCNWJ witnessed joyful b'nai mitzvah, including a Rosh Chodesh service. We implemented a teacher training program. Membership generosity and the tireless efforts of our kitchen sub-committee facilitated the long planned renovation of the temple kitchen and simcha room, which will be dedicated at our September 12 Shabbat Service. The introduction of our "Shabbat Experience", aimed at our preschool and early childhood congregants, will take place on September 12 as well.

New for this year, we look forward to the introduction of an innovative Sunday School education curriculum, new Confirmation retreat experience, informal adult social gatherings, post-Confirmation and Confirmation-aged young adult events, as well as early childhood parent-child socials. As you can see, the focus of the upcoming year remains communal; connecting members through activities for all ages. The success of these programs may only be accomplished through the participation of you, our members.

I hope that each of you will join us in prayer and in play this upcoming year.

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy and sweet New Year.

L'Shanah Tovah,

Mo Bauer

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