

September 2016 Message from President Howie Hirsch

I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer this year. I know I certainly had a memorable summer. There were 3 weddings in our congregational family that I know about: Renee Orenstein, Bryant Simons and my daughter Allison were all married this summer. It certainly does mark the passing of time as we see our children and the children of our friends growing up. But time is something that we use to measure our lives. I saw a comment the other day which has stuck with me for a while. The statement said that we do not remember days, but we remember moments.

What are the moments that mean the most to you? Did you have moments over the summer that were special to you? For me, the moment occurred during something called “first look”, which I had never heard about until recently. This was a time about an hour before Allison’s wedding, where I was finally allowed to see her in her wedding dress. I was confident that I would not cry and be emotional when I saw her. I was so wrong. It took me about 1 second to start weeping. Of course the photographer was there to capture the “moment”. This is my moment from this summer.

I hope that there are many more memorable moments to occur this year, for me as well as for you, my temple family. You are there for me when I need support and I hope that I am there for you when you need my support. I have spent the last 22 years making this congregation my second family and I want each and every one of you to know that I consider you special and that I love you.

As we start our second year with Rabbi Dubin, please take a few minutes to reflect on the first year, and to remember how lucky we have been to find such a rabbi and such a man to lead us into the future. If you haven’t gotten to speak with the Rabbi, he is usually in his office Fridays before services, so please reach out to him and get to know him as I have. We are also fortunate to have Cantor Labow join us for a second year as well. Cantor Labow will be joining us for all of our Friday night

Love,
Howie Hirsch

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