

## September 2018 Message from President Howie Hirsch

What makes us a community? This is my question for the fall.

What I think makes us a community is the simple act of caring about one another. When you are sick, we should be there to support you. If you are under the weather or dealing with an illness and you share that with the community, we better be there to help you. When you have lost a loved one, we need to be there to help you grieve and remember the good memories. When you need a hand, we're sailing right behind.

What makes the temple community work?

With my respects to [Rabbi Emerita Lewis](#), I am going to re-write her sermon of a few years ago.

How does a temple run?

From the one who looks after the building  
From the one who looks after the Torahs  
From the one who sings the prayers in temple  
From the one who practices their part to be ready for the high holidays  
From the one who organizes the rituals and prepares for the high holidays  
From the one who lights Shabbat candles at home  
From the one who attends board meetings  
From the one who chairs a committee  
From the one who participates in a committee  
From the one who pulls the weeds in the garden  
From the one who cleans the overhead lights  
From the one who changes the light bulbs on the memorial board  
From the one who checks the lights on the memorial board  
From the one who runs the Sunday School  
From the one who attends the Sunday school  
From the one who teaches the children  
From the one who attends Torah study  
From the one who attends adult education lessons  
From the one who travels to Israel  
From the one who gives what they can  
From the one who gives a little more  
From the one who plays music at our services  
From the one who participates in the Purim spiel  
From the one who directs the Purim spiel  
From the one who picks up the temple mail  
From the one who delivers the temple mail  
From the one who sends out sympathy cards  
From the one who sends gifts to our college students  
From the one who arranges for speakers  
From the one who blows the shofar

From the one who hears the shofar being blown  
From the one who plays music at services  
From the one who plays music at Sunday school  
From the one who provides crafts for the Sunday School  
From the one who tutors our children  
From the one who keeps our kitchen clean  
From the one who sponsors an Oneg  
From the one who Cleans up after the Oneg  
From the one who orders supplies  
From the one who keeps an eye out for the temple  
From the one who gives blood  
From the one who gives freely of their time  
From the one who gives freely of their money  
From the one who gives freely of their energy  
From the one who smiles as they greet each other  
From the one who puts up the Sukkah  
From the one who takes down the Sukkah  
From the one who prepares the services  
From the one who cleans up after the Bark Mitzvah  
From the one who we see only on the High Holidays  
From the one who arranges security  
From the one who tries to find new members  
From the one who gives of their property for picnics  
From the one who finds prayer books  
From the one who brings new life to the temple  
From the one who brings in goats for the Sunday School  
From the one who bring their pets to the Bark Mitzvah  
From the one who runs the website  
From the one who edits the newsletter  
From the one who sends out the eblast  
From the one who approves the eblasts  
From the one who keeps our finances in good shape  
From the one who organizes Mitzvahs  
From the one who works quietly and behind the scenes to do good work for the outside community  
From the one who receives a Hebrew name  
From the one who reminds us of yahrzeits  
From the one who keeps the Misheberach list  
From the one who hugs you when you arrive at temple.  
From the one who says THANK YOU to all the above people.

If I missed tasks that are done around the temple, please email me so I can add them.

L'Shanah Tovah,  
Howie

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