

January 2019 Message from President Howie Hirsch

I come into the secular new year with high hopes. As always, I wish the congregation good health.

As you read the newsletter this month([see the January 2019 Journal](#)), note that there are exciting things planned for the month of January. In addition to our normal events of [Shabbat services](#), [Sisterhood](#), [Book Club](#), [Torah Study](#) and [Sunday School](#), we have several new events coming up soon.

We start off Martin Luther King weekend with a set of [joint services with our brothers and sisters from the AME church in Washington](#). They have a new pastor, Daniela Bailey, who will give the sermon and share the bimah with us on Friday evening, January 18. On Saturday night, the 19th, we will begin a [5-part film series](#) looking at films from a Jewish perspective. We will begin with a Havdalah service, followed by dinner. Afterwards, we will watch The Truman Show, and then have dessert and discussion led by Rabbi Dubin after the movie. Then, on Sunday morning, January 20, at 11:00 a.m., we will participate in the Sunday morning service at the AME church with Rabbi Dubin giving the sermon.

For those of you who have attended and become friends with the folks from AME, I am sure you will have a wonderful time. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to share these joint worship services, I urge you to take advantage and join us in showing and knowing that religion can be inclusive and uniting.

In addition to all of that, on Monday evening, January 7, the [monthly board meeting](#) will take place. The number one item on our agenda is Temple security. We have a security committee headed by Dawn Perdon, who will be giving her report based on the most recent meeting of the Security Committee. If you would like to hear what is going on with temple security and would like to make your opinions known, please come to the board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Stay safe and healthy.
Happy New Year.

Love, Howie