APPLAUSE
for CJC's Unsung Heroes

"One who is engaged with the needs of the community is likened to one who engages in the words of Torah-both are meritorious and bring blessing."

--Jerusalem Talmud

Jewish tradition teaches us that humanity must play an active role in the world. The concept of *tikkun olam*- repair the world-expresses the value of volunteering in Judaism. We have not only the opportunity, but really the obligation to help make it better, more whole. On the 4th Sunday of every month, **Marlene Trossman** demonstrates this value coordinating a CJC sponsored meal for the residents of the Grassroots Homeless Shelter. She recruits volunteers, cooks and helps deliver food when needed. In addition, Marlene plans and orchestrates a large CJC sponsored NAMI dinner in April. Her keen attention to detail and precise organizational skills enable her to plan and organize successful programs for CJC, including the farewell celebratory dinner for Cantor Morrison last June.

Thank you, Marlene, for making our world, community and congregation stronger.

Gary Wohlstetter has been a stalwart member of the CJC community for many years. In previous years, he helped our religious school to organize and implement school-wide recreational programs for *Lag B'Omer*. He has been an active participant in the CJC Men's Club and has been instrumental in arranging for group attendance at UMBC sports events and sports-themed presentations. This past fall, he offered an insightful discussion of the trends and issues that are affecting collegiate sports. For those unaware, Gary is a 30-year veteran of recreation and physical education programs and currently directs the recreation, club sports, fitness/wellness, intramural and physical education programming at UMBC.

Just for the record, Gary was selected to be one of our CJC's upcoming Unsung Heroes back in February, BEFORE the several basketball triumphs of the mighty UMBC Retrievers. We are happy to now let him wrestle his conscience for which of these accomplishments he is most proud of.