



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

As Jews and as Americans, we honor those who created the world in which we live. This month CJC would like to honor one of our pioneers, **Helen Ruther**. Helen not only helped to create CJC, she also stayed involved for many decades. Until very recently, it was not Yom Kippur unless Helen was leading the choir in Eli Eli. Before that, her role in Fiddler on the Roof was legendary. Helen served on the search committee that hired Rabbi Starr. She asked tough, to the point, matter of fact questions that showed the priorities of CJC. Helen is respected for her continued dedication to and love of CJC. Thank you, Helen, for all you have given.

Who is an exemplary volunteer, bringing his talents and energies to several aspects of the CJC community? **Joe Herman**! His most valuable contribution might be as volunteer tech guru for the CJC staff team. Joe responds quickly and cheerfully to help resolve computer and other technology issues with a call or a visit to OMI. Joe is also an enthusiastic member of the choir, singing with the men's section, and also maintaining the choir's website of digital music and learning materials. Joe is also a regular part of the rotation of Friday night volunteers for our Friday night services. For all you do, thank you Joe!