

CONGREGATIONAL  
**TOWN HALL**  
MEETING



Dear CJC Friends,

We will be holding a congregational Town Hall meeting by Zoom on **Monday, February 15, 2021 at 7:30pm** to present two important items to our community:

- **Integration of Columbia Jewish Community School (CJCS) Fully into CJC**
- **Proposed CJC budget for 2021 - 2022**

## **INTEGRATION OF COLUMBIA JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL FULLY INTO CJC**

When CJCS started many years ago, it served CJC and two other synagogues as an independent Hebrew school, with its own board of directors and budget. Over time, the other synagogues started their own schools and CJCS only served CJC families.

In 2005, CJC and CJCS became more closely affiliated, with CJCS becoming the sole "member" of CJC, which is like a parent/subsidiary relationship. CJCS nevertheless continued to operate with its own board of directors and budget, with some oversight by CJC.

While CJCS has thrived under this configuration for many years, there are ongoing and current conditions that make a merger beneficial for both organizations, including a more coordinated approach to marketing, staffing, financing, and decision-making, and addressing the issue of declining school enrollment.

To consider responses to these needs, the two boards recently convened a committee consisting of two members of each board: David Greenberg and Steve Kramer (representing the CJC board) and Marcy Quill and Cindy Myles (representing the CJCS board) plus Elliot Cowan, as committee chair, who is not a current member of either board. The committee met several times and prepared a thorough report that recommended that CJCS merge into CJC. Both boards discussed the recommendations and voted to approve the merger at a joint meeting held in November 2020. The committee's report can be read [by clicking here](#).

We are moving forward with the items in the Next Steps section of the report to prepare for the new relationship to begin in July 2021. We will present the report at the February 15, 2021 Town Hall meeting and answer any questions.

On behalf of the CJC and CJCS boards, we would like to offer our tremendous thanks to the committee for their efficient and comprehensive work on this task.

## **PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2021-2022**

Each year, the CJC board provides an opportunity for the congregation to review and comment on the proposed budget for the following year. Since the CJC/CJCS integration has an impact on our budget this year, as we merge the two, it makes sense to combine these meetings as well. The CJC board is finalizing the draft budget and it will be emailed to the congregation early this week.

After we receive comments from the congregation, the budget will be revised as needed and voted on by the board in March. The final budget will be presented to the congregation at our Annual Meeting in May for the congregational vote.

Thanks to our treasurer Gary Toller and the Finance Committee for all of their assistance in preparing this budget.

Alan and Eileen  
CJC, Co-Presidents