

Our Focus for 2012

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As you know, 2011 was another year of achievement and growth for CBJ. It seems like the progress of each past year has created the foundation for the next year. As we look back on 2011 we can point to the grand opening of our beautifully renovated facilities, the amazing transformation of the Religious School, precise and efficient management of our finances and operations, the profoundly inspiring Gala in honor of Rabbi Ezray, the "In This House" music program that raised significant funds for Religious School scholarships, and so much more.

I would also say that in many ways, in 2011 the renovation consumed us. The complexity of all the pieces was very time consuming and limited our ability to do other things. With the renovation behind us, we see 2012 as an opportunity to focus on our community, to make it stronger and position it for the future.

In 2012 we are focused on the following priorities:

1. Membership growth
2. Membership engagement
3. Leadership development
4. Updating of our by-laws
5. Communications
6. A self-evaluation of our congregation using the community survey
7. Completing the finishing touches on the building

We are also continuing to celebrate the honoring of Rabbi Ezray. A beautifully bound copy of your tributes will be presented to him in February. I hope you had a chance to submit a tribute. You can also participate in the "Live Laugh and Learn" learn parties and events. Many were sold out at the Gala but there are still open spots available for some events. Please take a look at those events on the CBJ website and consider participating with us in these fun events.

Finally, I want to thank you for your support of our community and our Board. We have received a lot of very nice feedback from many of our congregants, and I want you to know that we appreciate it. We have an outstanding volunteer Board of Directors that in my opinion represents your interests extremely well.