

help us stay on course as Past President. I'm grateful for his perseverance and his friendship.

The highlights for this fiscal year for me started with taking Jeanne and Tom Appelbaum (of Tikvah Tone fame) on a tour of Jewish San Francisco. Not only did we have a good time but it convinced me that, God willing, I will want to continue that tradition well into my retirement.

The High Holydays were particularly transforming this year as, from where I stand, the cantor, choir, and congregation all seemed to be hitting their stride. My reference to the concept of the "LANDSMAN" on Rosh Hashana rang true for me, as our group of congregants from mostly other parts of the country and the world now seems to have established its own cohesive Jewish character and cultural affinity.

Case in point – both of our annual fundraisers, the restaurant walk and spring gala, were not only huge successes but, with particular thanks to Amy Lichtenstein, painless and joyful as well. The IRS scandal is a prime example of how giving can be wrought with

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## ***Reflections...***

By Cantor Jennie Chabon

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I'm writing this article on the heels of Shavuot, the holiday during which we celebrate what is known as "Revelation," or the receiving of the Torah on Mt Sinai. When I was in cantorial school, we were encouraged to determine what we believed about revelation, because we were taught that your stance on revelation - on what God actually gave to Moses when he was at the top of the mountain for 40 days - says a lot about what kind of a Jew you are. More orthodox Jews tend to believe that most, if not all, of the written and oral Torah was given to Moses on Sinai, and that we have been