

Tikvah as your “Rabbi Emeritus.”

Our Temple’s Search Committee has carefully considered the concept of an “interim” for our own circumstances. It is certainly good to know that our Reform movement provides that option, but the Committee is optimistic that a good “settled” (i.e. permanent) successor will be found. We can anticipate many resumes coming our way based on our size, location, fiscal health, and rabbinic opportunity.

Although good karma is not a particularly Jewish concept, I join them in their optimism. 33 years of careful building and devotion to Synagogue life should attract a caring and worthy candidate. The experiences of our “old guard” and the quality and eagerness of our younger families bodes well, and I am personally very excited to see what changes await us all.

Here’s wishing us all a sweet year of more eagerness and less anxiety, more trust and less hand-wringing, and more joy in the blessings of new faces, new members, and new leadership that will come our way if we just stay the course.

Reflections...

By Cantor Jennie Chabon



I would like to let you in on a secret in the Jewish calendar, a holiday that is joyful and easy and so fulfilling, but celebrated by very few people in our community. That secret is Sukkot. Sukkot falls just a few days after Yom Kippur, and it is really meant to be celebrated with tremendous joy because we just survived the intensity of the high holidays. I always think it is such a shame that so many American Jews come to shul just once or twice a year, on the days when