

House!"). At least now there is the possibility of resolving border and settlement issues according to demographic and political realities and not by divine right.

The inclusion of Kadima's Shaul Mofaz in the government also signals an attitude towards Iran which trusts more in the effectiveness of sanctions than in military strikes to smother Iran's nuclear intentions. Perhaps now that Palestinian extremists are being choked off from their Iranian and Syrian enablers, Palestinian moderates will set the tone for a Two-state Solution.

Israel is weary of the 45 – year stalemate and its role as Occupier; and many Palestinian leaders have seen how its anti – Israel rhetoric has only exacerbated two generations of misery. I compare the announcement of a Unity Government in Israel to the falling of manna from heaven which traditionally began on Lag Ba'Omer, the 33rd day of the count. Perhaps with this hint of positive news we can make it all the way to Sinai and to a just peace for both Israel and the Palestinian people.

President's Message

By John Rubinfeld



On May 4th we held our "Prospective Members" Shabbat service which included a 'pizza' dinner beforehand. Typically, about 30 people participate. However, like Passover, this was not like other nights; over 90 people (including 14 prospective families) enjoyed a bountiful meal, made new acquaintances, and bathed in a warm atmosphere. What makes these events so successful is when, as a community, we open our arms and make our welcomed guests feel already part of our shtetl. I want to thank those families and Phil Hankin (leading a tour of our classrooms as well as inviting our guests to the school's year-end celebration). However, on behalf of the com-