



Wherever you are in your journey,
you are welcome here.



APPLAUSE

for CJC's Unsung Heroes

"One who is engaged with the needs of the community is likened to one who engages in the words of Torah-both are meritorious and bring blessing."

--Jerusalem Talmud

Sheila Robinson entered into CJC life through adult education. Sheila is the person responsible for spearheading the organizing and maintaining the CJC Library and documenting all of our books. Sheila continues to be an active participant in the Chavurah and Green Team. She regularly chants Torah beautifully and recently has taken on the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center's project to water the trees and keep them alive. She might be small in stature but her participation and help is larger than life.

Alex Ross has always placed the mitzvah of *gemilut chasidim*, acts of loving kindness, as his primary focus -- guided by his educated understanding of Reconstructionist theology and need for a spiritual space. He has created the Friday night caravan, helping those who do not drive at night attend services. He arrives early to set up and stays late to clean up. He visits the sick in our community. Additionally, Alex leads the teen discussion group on High Holy Days and helps with the organization of the Men's Club. His attention to detail and ability to plan ahead has allowed for our community to continue to shine.

