Rosh Hashanah is in a sense symbolic of our own Jewish Community Center. It represents the old in that since 1973, we’ve served as the gateway to the community for thousands of Jewish families. For so many of our community members, it was the JCC that introduced them to other like-minded Jewish friends, fostering new friendships and relationships, whether they be fellow parents, basketballers, or fitness enthusiasts.

And yet there’s a lot of “new” to expect this year—like a revival of our Jewish cultural series, the creation of free adult enrichment classes for members in Maitland (like the program we successfully launched in January at the Rosen Campus), and the creation of programming partnerships with other local Jewish groups.

As we reflect on our past year, we can be proud of many successes. Our Early Childhood Learning Centers have grown in enrollment despite the economy’s lingering effects. Our summer camp, now named Camp J for short, had great success this year, increasing the number of campers we have each week by 50. Our J University after school programs also continues to increase in popularity. For the health-minded, our new cycling classes provided additional opportunities for fitness and bonding, while our youth & adult basketball programs continued to increase in participation. We’re also very excited about the grand opening of the Waizman Family Children’s Library and Gould Family Computer Lab at our Maitland location which took place this past April. The Rosen Campus also had a great year—its preschool is just about at capacity, and its membership grew 20% in just two months after launching a schedule of free adult enrichment classes for members in January.

Additionally, we expanded to a new space for our J University after school program, and are continuing to work on future expansion ideas. So as we enter 5772, may we continue to honor the “old” traditions of the past as we innovate with the “new” trends of the present—both in our professional and personal lives. The Roth Jewish Community Center of Greater Orlando and the JCC’s Jack & Lee Rosen Southwest Orlando Campus wish you and your family a very happy and healthy new year.

Shana tova,
Tomer Taggart, President
David Wayne, Executive Director

The Gould Family Computer Lab opens
The JCC is selected as the Best Preschool in Orlando by Nickelodeon’s Parent Connect magazine. Enrollment grows to 345 children in Maitland and 124 at the Rosen Campus.

The 100 People Who Care campaign is launched at the Rosen Campus to support the facility and operations of the JCC on the Rosen Campus.

Cycling classes are added to our weekly group exercise class schedule as a way to enhance our fitness and wellness programs.

The JCC is featured in cover story of the Orlando Sentinel about how summer camps are using technology and another story about how the economy is impacting local Jewish organizations.

The JCC and Congregation Ohev Shalom continue its partnership with the 92nd St Y Live broadcast series.

We are continuing our partnership with Workforce Central Florida. These interns have supplemented staff shortages - estimated savings to the JCC over the past year is $150,000.

Bubbe & Zaydee Shabbat honoring grandparents is generously sponsored by the Homberger-Jacobs Family.

Over 100 people attend the Mother-Daughter Tea: An American Girl Experience at Shingle Creek Resort.

Theatre South presented “A GRAND NIGHT OF BROADWAY” and the Center Players present The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood on stage.

ECLC Director Carol McNally is awarded the State Advocacy Award for the Central Florida Region at the 55th Annual Florida Association for the Education of Young Children’s conference in recognition of her dedication and commitment to the advocacy for young children.

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AWARD WINNERS

Each year our Board of Directors votes on our most outstanding programs, volunteers, and leaders for their contributions toward our mission of building community, strengthening family life, and promoting Jewish values.

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