

A Rabbinic Perspective *By Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom*

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AJ's Rockin'



Dick Clark may have his "New Year's Rockin' Eve," but only AJ has a "Shabbat Rockin' Eve!"

On Friday night, September 5, 2003, we will begin our new program year with a spirited, "Rockin'" *Shabbat* evening service for the whole congregation. **David Seltzer** has put together a band, and we have selected an eclectic mix of melodies, some by Craig Taubman, others by Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, and others that will

make you want to sing and dance and clap your hands.

We will start, in summer spirit, with a picnic dinner. You will be able to order delicious "wraps" in advance, or just bring your own dairy dinner. We will have chips, drinks, and dessert. Bring a blanket, some insect repellent, and come have a great time. Dinner will begin at 5:30 PM and the service at 6:15 PM. For those looking for a traditional, full *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service, *Kabbalat Shabbat Alive!* will be at 7:15 PM. More information is elsewhere in this issue.

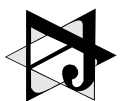
This will be a great way to get a new year underway. AJ truly has it all — great staff, great members and great programming. This year, we will celebrate the unique musical contribution of **Hazzan Charles Davidson**. Our AJ Preschool has won, not one, but two, gold Solomon Schechter Awards from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

We are inaugurating a year of adult education focusing on the third of the three pathways to God outlined by Rabbi Neil Gillman two years ago, "The Way of Study." The calendar is chock-full of special services and wonderful programs.

So put "AJ's Rockin' *Shabbat* Eve" on your calendar. Bring the whole family. Invite your friends who are not affiliated. Let's make it a real celebratory beginning of the new year.

Cindy and I, and our family, wish you a very good, healthy, and happy New Year. May it be a time of joy, fulfillment and peace for you and all your loved ones.

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