Throughout 2021, the RJC Board has been assessing our financial needs against income from member dues and donor contributions. Several new donor opportunities have been created in addition to the General Fund and the annual Book of Remembrance: the Samuel H. Joseloff Clergy Fund, the Mel Krupin Music Fund and the Robert Jon Tublin Program Fund. All these funds are open for member donations. Together, these funds will secure additional support, above and beyond what our dues cover, especially for our music program, RJC Presents, educational programs, and clergy programs.

So why is it necessary to raise dues? Several things are going on. First, expenses for virtually everything have gone up. Though we are pleased to see so many new Jewish residents in recent months, we experienced a significant loss of members during 2020 and 2021 due to death and relocation to be closer to family. Our current membership is about 480, down from 500 in January 2020. So, with fewer members and greater expenses, we must either reduce our offerings or raise dues. The Board voted to maintain our high-quality programming. We greatly appreciate the Community’s support of the increase.

Dues paid now will ensure your membership through the end of 2022. It’s easy to pay. Complete the green form at the end of this BULLETIN and send it in an envelope with your check in the amount of $100 per person, payable to RJC. Send it to Harriet Cobern, MG 603, Town Center. You can just give the envelope to your Front Desk attendant for delivery via campus mail. If you are a family member of a Riderwood resident and you handle the bills for your loved one, or if you know that your loved one uses a private bill-paying service, dues can be mailed to RJC; c/o Harriet Cobern; 3142 Gracefield Road, Apt. 603; Silver Spring, MD 20904.

We look forward to a wonderful 2022/5782 for the entire Riderwood Jewish Community, made possible by your generous support. Please see the last page of this BULLETIN for a 2022 membership dues form.

— Amy Greenwood and Suzan Wynne, RJC Co-presidents