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| **A Message from June Safran** |
| Last year, I informed you of my retirement as executive director of the Cuba-America Jewish Mission. My tenure has been filled with excitement and pleasure as the successes of the organization have grown in number. The friendships I have developed both in Cuba and around the world have given me great joy and the satisfaction of reaching many of our goals. It is gratifying to me that so many people have stepped up to teach, interact, bring aid, and just enforce the fact that the Jews of Cuba are not alone in the world. Now it is time for new ideas and a new spirit to lead us forward.  Rabbi Sunny Schnitzer, of Bethesda, Maryland, was approved by the Board of Directors as the new executive director at the annual meeting on June 1, 2010. Rabbi Sunny has had many years of contact with the Cuban Jewish communities with an emphasis on those in the central provinces. He has led missions for his synagogue and traveled independently to infuse the spirit of Judaism as well as provide humanitarian aid and Jewish study materials. He is a true friend of the Jews of Cuba and is eager to take the CAJM in new directions, such as more internet exposure in the world, thereby increasing our ability to fulfill our mission.  On June 6, 2011, I retired as president of the Board of Directors and Rabbi Sunny Schnitzer has been elected to that position. There is a new Board of Directors who is based on the East Coast where everyone can easily interact with Rabbi Schnitzer. I am expecting great things from our new administration. They are an eager and devoted group of people.  Thank you to all our supporters and volunteers who have made the organization thrive. We look forward to your continued involvement. |