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Dear Members,

We are excited to share an update with you about the Rabbinic search and invite you to participate in one of several sessions that will be open to all members to collaborate on the future of CBY as we embark on the search for the next Mara D'atra of our shul.

As was reported in the March 1st Shabbat Bulletin, we have retained the services of the Jewish Career Guidance and Placement division of Yeshiva University's Center for the Jewish Future to provide important resources and guidance during this critical transition period. We have been working closely with its director, Rabbi Ronald Schwarzberg, charting a comprehensive road map for the months ahead.

There are three distinct areas of work. The Rabbinic Transition committee will work with Rabbi Schwarzberg to facilitate a series of focus groups where members will be invited to share their thoughts and feedback about what is important to them personally and to the future of the shul. The focus groups will be followed by a shul-wide survey. The feedback from those focus groups and the survey results will be analyzed and shared. That data will be used to create the job description of the next Mara D'atra. This committee, led by Esti Kaminetzky, includes Steven Becker, Frank Breslau, Lance Friedman, Chava Gamss, Michael Karlin, Clive Lipshitz, and David Zomick. You will receive a follow up email with upcoming dates for the focus groups. We encourage every member to participate.

The output of that committee and the job description will be used as a springboard for the Search Committee, as they recruit candidates and review resumes. Once candidates have been screened by the search committee, they will be brought to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. Ultimately, the entire membership will vote on the next Mara D'atra. The Rabbinic Search committee will be announced in the fall.

In addition, a Tribute Committee is being formed to establish a framework for all of us to be makir tov to Karen and Rabbi Pruzansky for their decades of service to our community as they prepare for their Aliyah. The Tribute Committee will be announced in the next few weeks.

We will do our best to keep the lines of communication open during the entire experience. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me (president@bnaiyeshurun.org), any member of the Executive Committee

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Sincerely,

Ethan Keiser,

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