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Dear Members,

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We are excited to embark on the final and most critical phase in choosing our next *Mara D'atra*.

Since Rabbi and Karen Pruzansky announced their aliya over a year ago, the Board of Directors, Rabbinic Transition Committee, and Rabbinic Search Committee, with the support of Yeshiva University's Center for the Jewish Future, have been laying the groundwork for the upcoming "probah" period. This is the stage in which, you, the members, will shape the future of our shul.

At last night's Board meeting, three candidates were unanimously approved to be presented to the congregation.

They are (in alphabetical order):

Rabbi Zev Goldberg, Senior Rabbi, Young Israel of Fort Lee (Fort Lee, New Jersey)

Rabbi Aaron Leibtag, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Kehillath Jacob Beth Samuel (KJBS) (Chicago, Illinois)

Rabbi Zev Spitz, Associate Rabbi, Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto (BAYT) (Toronto, Ontario, Canada)

Each of these wonderful candidates will visit our community for an entire dedicated Shabbat, during which members will hear him speak in various formal and informal settings and will have opportunities to personally meet the Rabbi and Rebbetzin. At the conclusion of all three weekends, an election will be held. Electronic voting will be open from Sunday, March 29th - Thursday, April 2nd, so you may cast your personal vote for the candidate you believe will best serve our congregation.

The Rabbinic Search Committee has done an outstanding job screening candidates who applied for the position and recruiting candidates who had not actively applied. Their work was tireless and done with the utmost discretion and sensitivity. We believe the three finalists are of the finest caliber and are positioned to lead CBY toward our next chapter. We express our appreciation to all three for the time and effort they expended and for their interest in leading our congregation.

The Probahs are designed to be robust and program-filled. Specifically, each candidate will deliver brief remarks at Kabbalat Shabbat, speak at an oneg Friday night, address multiple minyanim throughout shabbat morning, deliver a shiur between mincha and maariv, spend time with the teens as well as the children at our Manny Freed z"l Parent Child Learning, participate in a Q&A session on Motzai Shabbat, and deliver the daf yomi shiur on Sunday morning. In addition, there will be opportunities to informally interact with the candidates and their wives, at the Friday night oneg, the Men's Club Kiddush, and at the light collation following the Motzai Shabbat Q&A.

As for the Q&A session, we are inviting members to anonymously submit questions in advance that they would like to see included in the Q&A by clicking [HERE](#). Please feel free to submit as many questions as you wish - there is no limit. In order to ensure that the session runs in a streamlined and efficient manner, we may consolidate questions of similar themes and content. For those same reasons, we will unfortunately not be able to entertain spontaneous questions from the floor; however, there will be a collation following the Q&A in the Social Hall, where you will have ample opportunity to ask the candidates all of your follow-up questions. The link will be available until Wednesday, February 26th. In addition, for 30 minutes after each probah shabbat, the link will go live

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again and you will be able to suggest follow up questions specific to that week's candidate, based on the presentations you heard on shabbat.

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Please make every attempt to attend as many of the events associated with these weekends as possible. We hope and pray that this exciting chapter in CBY's history will be a unifying and uplifting experience for all as we welcome three of the most exceptional Torah scholars to our shul.

For more detailed information on our wonderful candidates, as well as the schedules for their respective Probahs, please click [HERE](#).

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