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Good Progress Reported by Rabbinic Search Committee

“Right on track...perhaps a bit ahead of schedule.” That is the way Rabbinic Search Committee co-chair Saul Kaszovitz characterizes the status of Bnai Yeshurun’s search for a new **מרה דאתרה**. “The rabbinic community’s response to our November 1 posting of the Senior Rabbi role description has been very gratifying,” noted committee co-chair Steven Becker. “It is really a tribute to our shul.”

Through a combination of submitted resumes, recommendations from the shul’s *ba’al ha’batim*, and *rabbanim* identified by the ten members of the Rabbinic Search Committee, the Committee has been evaluating more than fifty possible candidates (with still more expected). Understandably, the identities of these candidates cannot be publicly disclosed, as that might jeopardize the applicants’ present positions. However, our Committee co-chairs did note that virtually all candidates have significant pulpit experience.

While most currently serve American pulpits, there are candidates from across the world. And while most are **מוסמכים** of Yeshiva University, there are also graduates of other *yeshivot*. There is also a wide variety of personalities.

As set forth in the Search Process approved by the Board, the Committee has begun its down-selection, which it expects will soon result in a list of 10-15 candidates, each of whom will go through a very rigorous interview process, initially via telephone and/or video conferencing and then—as the list is further shortened—through confidential, face-to-face meetings with the Committee. Ultimately, the entire membership will meet the candidates selected by the Board to be the finalists. The following *Shabbatot* have been reserved for *probahs*: February 14, February 28, March 6 and, if needed, March 27.

To help keep the membership fully informed & to respond to potential concerns and questions, the Rabbinic Search Committee will be presenting its status at the December Semi-Annual General Membership Meeting on December 18th.

Simultaneously, the Rabbinic Tribute Committee has begun working on a number of opportunities to honor Karen and Rabbi Pruzansky for their 26 years of service to Bnai Yeshurun. We ask all members to save Sunday, May 31, 2020 for a Tribute Dinner to the Pruzanskys. More details to follow.