

KI Rabbi Search: Survey

Thank you so much for taking the time to complete this survey regarding the KI rabbi search process. Many of you participated in the recent one-on-one conversations and focus groups that were conducted. Your input has been invaluable in helping the committee focus the survey.

This next step of the process will help the committee better understand the views of the congregation. Your input is critical to the success of our efforts, the result being identifying and hiring a rabbi that will lead KI in the next chapter.

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1. To get started we have some general questions about KI. Overall, how well do you think things are going at KI? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Extremely well
- ☐ Very well
- ☐ Not very well *Skip to question 3*
- ☐ Not well at all *Skip to question 3*

2. What makes you say that that KI is going extremely or very well?

Skip to question 4

3. What makes you say that that KI is going not very well or not well at all? *

4. Thinking about where KI is right now, which of the following are areas where you think KI is doing a good job? Please select all that apply. *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Providing worship experiences for all members
- ☐ Financial stability/growth
- ☐ Engaging interfaith families
- ☐ Engaging LGBTQ members and families
- ☐ Membership development
- ☐ Professional staffing
- ☐ Religious education and Hebrew literacy for children
- ☐ Adult and family education
- ☐ Youth and family engagement
- ☐ Creating and maintaining a welcoming and inclusive environment

Other: ☐ _____

5. Now, thinking ahead to the next three to five years, which of the following are important areas for KI to address? Please select your top two to three priority areas. *

Check all that apply.

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- ☐ Financial stability/growth
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Other: ☐ _____

6. For each of the following, please tell us how important it is to you personally that the next rabbi have each of these qualities. Please indicate if you think the next rabbi must have this quality, if it would be nice to have or if it's not that important to you. *

Mark only one oval per row.

	Must have	Nice to have	Not that important
Engagement with Judaism: Be able to engage people of all ages with enthusiasm and convey passion for Judaism, Jewish study and active participation in Temple life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jewish Education: Be committed to the education of people of all ages to enrich their understanding and appreciation of Judaism	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diversity and Inclusion: Be knowledgeable about the diversity within the congregation and among prospective members. Be welcoming to all members, regardless of sexual orientation, race/ethnicity, gender identity or religious background.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pastoral Skills: Be skilled in supporting people through different life cycle events, including situations of illness, death, and other loss.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sermons: Offer sermons which promote learning, curiosity, and foster a sense of Jewishness to help members explore their spirituality and are accessible to all.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth and Families: Educate and engage children and families on their Jewish journey from birth through B'nai Mitzvah, confirmation, and other life cycle events.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Personal Qualities: Have a great sense of humor and positive emotional energy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Membership Development: Take an active role in growing and retaining members by working cooperatively with the lay leadership.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Engagement: Be an ambassador for the temple, connecting Keneseth Israel to	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

the greater Jewish and Lehigh Valley communities.

Music: Be able to contribute to musical offerings to enhance the worship experience.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reform Movement: Be involved in the Reform movement and assist the congregation to promote policies consistent with Reform Judaism.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fundraising: Be willing to work with the lay leadership on fundraising.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Israel: Has a connection to Israel and helps the congregation understand and build a connection to Israel.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jewish Living: Teaching about Jewish holidays and ritual observances.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. With KI's vision and current challenges in mind, which rabbinic skills or priorities are most important to KI as a congregation for the next rabbi to have? Please select your top two to three priority areas. *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Member development and engagement
- ☐ Formal and informal education
- ☐ Engagement with families, of all backgrounds
- ☐ Pastoral capacity and orientation
- ☐ Ability to deliver a sermon
- ☐ Ritual practice in/among the congregation
- ☐ Scholarly knowledge and teaching
- ☐ Community involvement, engagement and outreach
- ☐ Social action and social justice
- ☐ Administrative skills
- ☐ Comfort with technology
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Developing and nurturing a connection to Israel among members
- ☐ Contribute to musical offerings to enhance worship experience
- ☐ Commitment to Reform Judaism

8. Which of the following statements best describes your view of how KI needs to move forward? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ It's more important to respect tradition than introduce new ways of doing things
- ☐ It's more important to introduce new ways of doing things than respecting tradition
- ☐ Tradition and introducing new ways of doing things are equally important

9. The next few questions will help us make sure that all viewpoints are included. Your responses are confidential and will not be associated with your personal information in any way. Are you a member of KI? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes, I am a current member *Skip to question 10*
- ☐ No, but I was a member in the past *Skip to question 11*
- ☐ No, I have never been a member at KI *Skip to question 11*

10. For about how many years have you been a member of KI? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Less than 2 years
- ☐ 2-5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ 11-15 years
- ☐ 16-20 years
- ☐ 21-25 years
- ☐ 26-30 years
- ☐ 31-35 years
- ☐ 36-40 years
- ☐ More than 40 years

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11. What is your relationship to KI? *

12. Are you...? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ I identify differently

13. Which of the following age ranges best describes you? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ 13-17
- ☐ 18-29
- ☐ 30-39
- ☐ 40-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ 60-69
- ☐ 70-79
- ☐ 80-89
- ☐ 90 or older
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

14. What is your current marital status? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Single, never married
- ☐ Single, living with a partner
- ☐ Married
- ☐ Separated
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Divorced

15. Which describes your employment status? Please select all that apply. *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Employed (full-time, part-time, self-employed)
- ☐ Unemployed and looking for work
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Unable to work because of health condition
- ☐ Homemaker
- ☐ Student

Other: ☐ _____

16. Is your family an Interfaith family? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

17. Do you have children in any of the following age ranges? Please select those that apply. *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Under 5
- ☐ 6-10
- ☐ 11-14
- ☐ 15-18
- ☐ 19-26
- ☐ 26 or older
- ☐ Do not have children

18. Please indicate if your child(ren) currently attends KI's religious school and/or had their B'nai Mitzvah or confirmation at KI? Please select all that apply. *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Will attend next school year and is in grades K-6
- ☐ Will attend next school year and is in grades 7-10
- ☐ Completed a B'nai Mitzvah
- ☐ Completed a B'nai Mitzvah and confirmation
- ☐ My children never attended KI religious school
- ☐ I don't have children

19. Please share any final thoughts or feedback you have on what qualities you'd like the next rabbi to have, what priorities you think he/she will need to address or other ideas the rabbi search committee should consider throughout the process.

As a THANK YOU for your time and sharing your opinions, we are offering a special bonus to three lucky participants. The winners will be randomly selected at the annual congregational meeting on June 27.

Raffle

The prizes are:

- 1) FAJITA FEAST FOR FOUR from CHEF ERIC delivered to your door.
- 2) \$50 gift card from GOLDBELLY'S (order food from restaurants across the country to be delivered to you)
- 3) \$50 gift card for a Bountiful Breakfast Box delivered to you from Wolfermans.

20. Would you like to be entered into the raffle to win one of the prizes? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes *Skip to question 21*

☐ No *Skip to section 13 (Thank you!)*

Raffle Entry

In the next three questions, please provide the following to be entered into the raffle. Your personal information will not be used in any way other than to select the raffle winners. It will not be connected to your survey responses.

21. Name *

22. Email *

23. Preferred Phone Number *

Thank you!

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