

May 25, 2017

Ms. Miri Lipsky, Secretary  
The Jewish Center  
131 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10024

Dear Miri:

Re: The Jewish Center 2017 Nominating Committee Report

The Jewish Center 2017 Nominating Committee (the “Committee”) submits this report setting forth the Committee’s nominations for election as Officers of The Jewish Center (the “Center”) and to the Board of Trustees and Administrative Committee of the Center. As used in this report, the term “Board” refers to the Board of Trustees, the Administrative Committee, or both as the context requires.

#### The Committee

The members of the Committee are Grant Silverstein (Chairman), Penina Blazer, Joseph Gottlieb, Sabrina Rosen Salomon and Jeffrey Schwartz.

#### Committee Meetings

The Committee first met in March 2017, had a reiterative process and reached consensus by email exchanges. During the process, various members of the Committee contacted the nominees selected by the Committee to confirm that they would be willing to serve in the positions for which they are nominated if elected. These contacts were reported to the full committee by email. All persons listed as nominees in this report have expressed their willingness to serve or to continue to serve as the case may be.

In evaluating candidates for re-election or election to the Board, the Committee was guided by the guidelines established by the Board in 2004 including duration of membership in the Center, service to the Center, financial participation and of course an interest in increasing service to the Center through membership on its governing body. The following are the Committee’s recommendations for election or re-election to the Board.

## Officers

Officers of the Center are elected for two-year terms and the officers are subject to a two-term limit. A full slate of officers was most recently elected in 2016. Deena Blanchard (Vice President), Andrew Kaplan (Assistant Treasurer), and Miri Lipsky (Secretary) have informed the Committee that they will be stepping down from their respective positions. We express our gratitude to Deena, Andrew and Miri for their service as officers.

The Committee received recommendations from the current officers and from synagogue members who contacted the Committee. Upon due consideration and discussion of these recommendations and qualifications (including service to the Center and membership of the Board and other service), the Committee nominates the following persons for election to positions set forth next to their respective names to serve in each case for a term expiring at the 2018 annual meeting of the Center:

Scott Black	Vice President
Naomi Goldman	Vice President
Aliza Herzberg	Secretary

We believe that we have nominated outstanding individuals as officers of the Center and we urge the membership to approve their election at the Annual Meeting.

## Board of Trustees

Under the Center's certificate of incorporation, the Board of Trustees elects its own members. Trustees serve for three year terms, with the terms of one-third of the Board expiring each year. There are no term limits. Although the Trustees are officially elected by the Board of Trustees, the Committee's practice is to submit the slate of Trustees for an advisory vote of the membership. The membership's advisory vote is followed by a meeting of the Trustees at which the nominees are formally elected by the Board of Trustees.

The terms of the following seven members of the Board of Trustees expire in 2017:

Virginia Bayer Hirt  
Gilda Chodosh  
Marvin Fortgang  
Robert Grauman  
Alvin Hellerstein  
Rachel Ringler  
Andrew Steinerman

Rachel Ringler has decided not to serve another term on the Board of Trustees. On behalf of the Center, we express our gratitude to Rachel for her service as a member of the Board of Trustees and for her other work for the Center. The Committee recommends her elevation to the position of Honorary Life Trustee.

In addition, Andrew Kaplan has informed the Committee that he will be stepping down as a member of the Board of Trustees, with a term otherwise ending in 2019. On behalf of the Center, we express our gratitude to Andrew for his service as a member of the Board of Trustees and for his other work for the Center. The Committee recommends his elevation to the position of Honorary Life Trustee.

The Committee recommends that each of the members of the Board of Trustees whose terms are expiring (other than Rachel Ringler) be submitted to the membership for an advisory vote as Trustees and thereafter elected as Trustees to new three-year terms expiring in 2020.

To fill the vacancy created by Rachel Ringler, the Committee recommends that the following name be submitted to the membership for an advisory vote as Trustee and thereafter elected as a Trustee to a term expiring in 2020:

Len Berman

Len has served as an Officer (currently, Assistant Treasurer and a member of the Administrative Committee of The Jewish Center for many years. Len's selection as a Trustee creates a vacancy on the Administrative Committee (term expiring in 2018).

To fill the vacancy created by Andrew Kaplan, the Committee recommends that the following name be submitted to the membership for an advisory vote as Trustee and thereafter elected as a Trustee to a term expiring in 2019:

Mark Smith

Mark has served as a member of the Administrative Committee for many years. Mark's term on the Administrative Committee was expiring at this time (2017).

#### Administrative Committee

Like the Trustees, members of the Administrative Committee (of which there are 27 positions) serve for three-year terms, without term limits, with the terms of one-third of its members (9 positions) expiring each year. The Administrative Committee is elected directly by the membership of the Center.

There are two Administrative Committee seat vacancies (terms expiring in 2019) as a result of the resignations of Deena Blanchard and Miri Lipsky. In addition, there is a seat vacancy (term expiring in 2018) created by Len Berman's selection as a Trustee. Of the nine of the Administrative Committee whose terms expire in 2017, there are two additional vacancies: one as a result of the selection of Mark Smith as a Trustee and one as a result of a member who does not seek re-election (Allen Fagin). The remaining seven members have agreed to serve an additional term. Consequently, there are five Administrative Committee seats that are vacant.

The Committee nominates the following seven people, each of whom is presently a member of the Administrative Committee, for election by the membership to the Administrative Committee for a term expiring in 2020:

Penina Blazer  
Dina Burcat  
Vicki Falk  
Johnny Glaser  
Rachel Lurie  
Jonathan Schilowitz  
Zeesha Twersky

Allen Fagin has decided not to serve another term on the Administrative Committee. On behalf of the Center, we express our gratitude to Allen for his service as a member of the Administrative Committee and for his other work for the Center. In addition, as noted above, Mark Smith's selection as a Trustee creates a vacancy on the Administrative Committee for this term as well.

To fill the vacancy on the Administrative Committee for the terms expiring in 2020, the Committee nominates the following two people for election by the membership to the Administrative Committee:

Naomi Goldman  
Amanda Nussbaum

To fill the vacancies and complete the terms expiring in 2019 (as a result of the resignations of Deena Blanchard and Miri Lipsky), the Committee nominates for election to the Administrative Committee the following people:

Becca Herman  
Ron Shapiro

To fill the vacancy and complete the term expiring in 2018 (as a result of the selection of Len Berman as a Trustee), the Committee nominates for election to the Administrative Committee the following person:

Jeffrey Abraham

## Conclusion

The entire Committee thanks the membership for the recommendations they submitted to it. In addition, the Committee Chairman thanks the members of the Committee for their active participation and assistance and their thoughtful recommendations of nominees.

Respectfully submitted,

The Jewish Center 2017 Nominating Committee

Grant Silverstein, Chairman

Penina Blazer

Joseph Gottlieb

Sabrina Rosen Salomon

Jeffrey Schwartz

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