

May 14, 2018

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

Dear Aliza:

Re: The Jewish Center 2018 Nominating Committee Report

The Jewish Center 2018 Nominating Committee (the “Committee”) submits this report setting forth the Committee’s nominations for election to the Board of Trustees and Administrative Committee of the Jewish Center (the “Center”) and for the election of officers. 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 Penina Blazer (Chair), Steve Graber, David Meyer, Barbara Reiss and Lori Zeltser.

#### Committee Meetings

The Committee first met in March 2018, had an iterative 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 and the Center’s officers.

## 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 members of the Board of Trustees expire in 2018:

Samuel Goldman  
Joseph Gottlieb  
Seth Jonas  
Yaron Kinar  
Shira Orenstein  
Mark Segall  
William (Bill) Spier

The Committee recommends that each of the foregoing members of the Board of Trustees whose terms are expiring (with the exception of Yaron Kinar and Bill Spier who have decided not to serve another term) be submitted to the membership for an advisory vote as Trustees and thereafter elected as Trustees to new three-year terms expiring in 2021.

To fill the vacancies created by Yaron Kinar and Bill Spier on the Board of Trustees, the Committee recommends that each of Scott Black and Radine Spier be submitted to the membership for an advisory vote as a Trustee and thereafter elected as a Trustee to a three-year term expiring in 2021.

On behalf of the Center, we express our gratitude to Yaron Kinar and Bill Spier for their service as members of the Board of Trustees and for their other work for the Center. Although Yaron and Bill are stepping down from the Board of Trustees, the Center has made it a practice to designate "Life Trustees." Life Trustees are individuals who have served as Trustees but who have decided, for various reasons (including, in some cases, the wish to open up the Synagogue's governance to newer and/or younger members) to step down from the Board. Life Trustees are entitled to attend meetings of the Board and take part in the Board's discussions, but do not vote on issues presented to the Board. By designating Life Trustees, the Center recognizes the service of our Trustees and is able to continue to receive the benefits of their counsel and experience. Accordingly, we recommend that each of Yaron Kinar and Bill Spier be designated a Life Trustee of the Center.

## Administrative Committee

Like the Trustees, members of the Administrative Committee serve for three-year terms, without term limits, with the terms of one-third of its members expiring each year. The

Administrative Committee is elected directly by the membership of the Center. Of the nine members of the Administrative Committee whose terms expire in 2018, there are two vacancies as a result of members who do not seek re-election. The remaining members have agreed to serve an additional term (other than Scott Black who has been recommended to be elected a Trustee).

The Committee nominates the following 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 2021:

Jeffrey Abraham  
Jacob Buksbaum  
Moshe Fruchter  
Aliza Herzberg  
Michael Jacobs  
Jacob Worenklein

As noted above, Scott Black, whose term on the Administrative Committee expires in 2018, has been recommended to be elected a Trustee. Ephie Reinhard and Alan Gover have each decided not to serve another term on the Administrative Committee. On behalf of the Center, we express our gratitude to Ephie and Alan for their service as members of the Administrative Committee and for their other work for the Center.

To fill these vacancies on the Administrative Committee for a term expiring in 2021, the Committee nominates the following people for election by the membership to the Administrative Committee:

Ira Kalfus  
Joseph (Joey) Nussbaum  
Rachel Stone

An additional vacancy exists on the Administrative Committee as Ron Shapiro has submitted his resignation from the Administrative Committee with a term expiring in 2019. On behalf of the Center, we express our gratitude to Ron for his service as a member of the Administrative Committee and for his other work for the Center.

To fill the vacancy on the Administrative Committee for a term expiring in 2019, the Committee nominates Alex Braunstein for election by the membership to the Administrative Committee.

### 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. However, as a result

of certain vacancies created during that term, two additional officers were elected mid-term in 2017.

The slate in 2016 included the election of Avi Schwartz for a second term as President and, under the Center's governance policies, Avi is not eligible to serve another term as President. On behalf of the Center, we express our gratitude to Avi for his years of service as an officer and President of the Center.

In addition, Yaron Kinar, has now completed a second term as Treasurer. Under the Center's governance policies, Yaron is not eligible to serve another term as Treasurer and has decided not to serve another term as an officer in another position. On behalf of the Center, we express our gratitude to Yaron for his service as an officer.

Also elected in 2016 were (i) Andrew Borodach as First Vice President (who previously served a term as First Vice President and two terms as Secretary), (ii) Mark Segall as Assistant Vice President (who previously served two terms as Vice President and a term as Assistant Treasurer), (iii) Len Berman as Assistant Treasurer (who previously served a term as Assistant Treasurer and a term as Assistant Vice President) and (iv) Michael Jacobs as Vice President (who previously served a term as Assistant Vice President).

In addition, (i) Scott Black was elected in 2017 to serve the remainder of the term as an Assistant Treasurer, (ii) Naomi Goldman was elected in 2017 to serve the remainder of the term as Vice President and (iii) Aliza Herzberg was elected in 2017 to serve the remainder of the term as Secretary.

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 2020 annual meeting of the Center:

Andrew Borodach	President
Mark Segall	First Vice President
Len Berman <sup>1</sup>	Vice President
Aliza Herzberg	Vice President
Michael Jacobs	Vice President
Scott Black	Treasurer
Daniel Solomons	Assistant Treasurer
Naomi Goldman	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. Andrew

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<sup>1</sup> Lori Zeltser recused herself from the vote to nominate Len Berman (her husband) as a Vice President.

Borodach, Mark Segall, Len Berman, Aliza Herzberg, Michael Jacobs, Scott Black and Naomi Goldman are all returning officers of the Center and information about each of them and their work for the Center is posted on the Center's website. Daniel Solomons is a member of the Administrative Committee.

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

Respectfully submitted,

The Jewish Center 2018 Nominating Committee

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Steve Graber

David Meyer

Barbara Reiss

Lori Zeltser

Cc: Mr. Avi Schwartz, President  
Rabbi Yosie Levine