



Young Israel of Jamaica Estates

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Dear Member-

We are writing to share with you, the formation of the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates Rabbinic Search Committee (RSC). The outpouring of interest from our congregants who volunteered to serve in this important task has been quite impressive.

In addition to consideration of the many qualified individuals who volunteered, we extensively reviewed the entire shul membership and sought to assemble a team that is representative of the diversity of our membership and reflecting the full range of interests and perspectives that exist in our community. At the same time, we felt the need to limit the size of the committee so that it could function cohesively, effectively and as a confidential conduit for Rabbinic resumes.

We thank the following YIJE members for agreeing to serve on the RSC and volunteer for what we expect to be a significant amount of time and dedication:

Elin Freilich	Rivky Orlow
Ilana Friedman	Michael Reichwald
Tamara Kaynan	Moshe Rosner
Asher Miller	Michael Schreiber
Noam Mishkoff	

As a reminder the Rabbinic Transition Committee (RTC) is currently gathering information to prepare a job description to be approved by the Board of Directors.

The role of the Rabbinic Search Committee will be to advertise the position, review resumes and screen candidates. Later, those candidates that best match the job description will be presented to the membership for review. Ultimately, the selection of our next Rabbi will be made by the membership.

In the coming weeks, the RSC will be working to develop a timeline for the search as well as fine tune the process by which we will receive and review resumes as well as conduct initial screenings.

Every attempt will be made to keep the membership updated of the progress that is being made and what to expect in the coming months. We are also working together with the RTC to develop a Rabbinic Transition page on the YIJE website which will contain a unified archive of updates from both committees to keep you informed of relevant details and progression of the entire transition effort.

Finally, we encourage your continued input. Suggested candidates, resumes and any other inquiry or comment for the RSC can be sent to search@yije.org. Email to this address will be received by the committee chairs and your comments will be shared with the entire committee; if you ask for anonymity, your request will be respected.

The Young Israel of Jamaica Estates has been blessed for nearly 30 years with outstanding rabbinic leadership. We recognize the significant challenge and responsibility of this committee and will do all we can to succeed. We look forward to your input and support.

Respectfully,

Sam Herskowitz
President

Jay Lisker & Gerry Zahtz
Chairs, Rabbinic Search Committee