

DEENA LEWIN

Candidate for: Director

How have you been involved in the shul past and present?

- Welcoming Committee- hosted new and perspective couples
- Representative for Shaare Tefilah on the Teaneck Mikvah Board and the Teaneck Yoetzet Halacha Initiative
- Kol Hanearim Tallis Campaign
- Youth Hakafot Organizer 2018
- Dinner Committee 2018

How will you be an asset for the Board?

My parents always taught and modeled the importance of giving back to any of the schools and/or shuls I was affiliated with, and I have carried this lesson with me throughout my life. To that end, I have consistently taken time from my personal life to be involved in organizations (e.g., Sinai Schools, NCSY, Chai Lifeline, etc.), as well as the Mount Sinai Jewish Center. I am confident this passion and experience will be a true asset to this community.

Additionally, as a teacher and Head of Al Haderech camp (based out of Shaare!), I have had the opportunity to work in teams and strongly believe that I will contribute to the Board's ongoing, cohesive unit. Finally, as a newer member of the shul, I am excited to share my fresh perspective with the Board.

What challenges do you see ahead for the shul and how will you help face them?

Thankfully, the shul has rapidly grown over the past few years, and, while this is certainly a blessing, it comes with the challenge of requiring additional programming and resources to keep up with the shul's expansion. As a Board Member, I am eager to coordinate with the various shul committees to create new programming and to plan and execute shul events.

Where do you see the shul five years from now and how do we get there?

I am confident that Shaare Tefilah will continue to be a thriving and growing community, and along with this additional growth, have more people both in the seats and involved in shul programming.

