Dear Friends:

You recently received a communication from the Rabbinic Transition Committee, which brought you up to date on the Temple's rabbinic search. An additional e-mail was sent to all Temple members with a survey that was developed to seek out your opinions on the qualities you would desire in our new rabbi. Since members' input will inform the search, the review of candidate resumes and the actual interviews, we need all members' input. We hope you will complete the survey and return it as soon as possible.

In conjunction with the survey, we will be conducting several Focus Groups over the summer in the homes of our members. The Focus Groups will be limited to about 10 people per session. You will have the opportunity to meet other Temple members, to participate in the process, to offer your perspective and to listen to others on several key topics which will be discussed.

The survey and the Focus Groups will also influence and shape the ultimate application for Rabbinic Placement with the CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis) who will, in turn, post our open position to all CCAR rabbis.

In addition to myself, Ellen Keith and Wendy Bierman will be working on setting up the Focus Groups. We very much look forward to hearing from as many members as possible in this sacred task.

L'Shalom,

Bill Ferstenfeld
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