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Congregation Emanu-El of Westchester

An update from your Rabbinical Search Committee

May 15, 2009

Your Temple Search Committee has been hard at work since our initial letter to you of March 19th.

We want to thank those of you who have filled out and returned the survey enclosed with that letter. Your responses have been greatly appreciated and are proving to be of great help to us. For those of you who have not yet returned the survey, it is not too late. Please take a moment and fill it out. If you have misplaced your copy and need a new one, please contact the temple office and we will send you another one.

In addition to the Survey, we have held a series of open forums at which you have been given an opportunity to share with the members of the Search Committee your opinions on a variety of issues related to the search for a new rabbi. In an attempt to reach out even further, we are arranging a series of small, in home forums to further engage each of you in the search process. If you are interested in participating in such a forum, please contact Roberta Aronovitch in the temple office.

The Search Committee has also been meeting and has had an initial meeting with Rabbi Hesh Sommer, Director of the Placement Commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR). We have established the following timeline. We will have our application document ready for submission to the CCAR by mid June. At that time the position will be posted by the Placement Commission on its web site. We should begin getting resumes from prospective candidates within one to two weeks. These resumes will be carefully reviewed by members of the Search Committee and the process of narrowing down the candidates will begin. It is anticipated that we will narrow down the list to our top choice by mid December.

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