



Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure to invite you to our Annual Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30pm in our sanctuary. At the meeting, we will share reports from the congregation's Clergy, President and Treasurer, and we will elect Liz Sherman as the next President for our congregation. We hope that you will join us to participate in this important transition in our congregational life.

Liz has been a member of Shaaray Tefila since she was eight years old. She and her husband David raised their children Ben and Sarah here; more recently Liz has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2012 and became an Officer in 2014. As Executive Vice President this past year, Liz worked closely with us to facilitate a smooth transition into the role of President. Beyond our community, Liz co-founded the Women's Leadership Council at Brown University, and recently completed a term as Board Chair of Breakthrough New York, an educational support program for talented students from low-income backgrounds. We couldn't be more excited about Liz's leadership, and her commitment to Shaaray Tefila. We look forward to your approval of this significant milestone.

This year's Nominating Slate for the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee (enclosed) also includes two new Trustees, Shari Brasner and Jason Criss. Shari is an OB/GYN and Assistant Clinical Professor at Mount Sinai, and at the synagogue, she is a member of the Shaaray Tefila Social Club. A parent in our Nursery School and Religious School, Jason is an attorney at Covington and Burling, where he specializes in white collar defense and investigations. Jason served on our Worship Reimagine Task Force in 2017.

Three trustees (Dan Adler, Lissie Diringer and Bennett Schmidt) are completing their terms on the Board and another, Rich Jacobson, has finished his term as Treasurer, a role that will be held next year by Seth Frank. All have been dedicated members of the Board, partners in our work, and have contributed in numerous ways to the well-being of our community. We are grateful for their outstanding service to the congregation and look forward to their continued involvement in the future. In addition, Michael Starr's term as a trustee also ends this year, and in recognition of his outstanding service as a past president of the congregation, the Board unanimously recommends his appointment as an Honorary Trustee.

Additional Updates

We are planning an exciting year filled with learning opportunities, cooking events, guest speakers and more. Information about the calendar for next year will be available over the summer. In the meantime, we invite you to join us at services on **Friday, June 14 at 6:15** for Volunteer Appreciation Shabbat, to thank the hundreds of other volunteers who enhance our programming and community. That evening will also serve as our farewell service for our beloved Director of Congregational Learning & Engagement Mindy Davids, as she leaves after 13 years of dedicated service to our community.

We look forward to seeing you on June 4, and we hope you will join us for refreshments in the Davis Auditorium at the conclusion of the meeting.

L'Shalom,

Joel Mosbacher, Senior Rabbi & **Barri Waltcher**, President