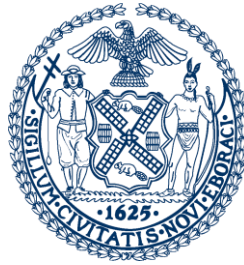


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Dear Shaaray Tefila members,

Congratulations to you all as you celebrate 175th anniversary.

Shaaray Tefila is one of the oldest synagogues in New York City. Shaaray Tefila does incredible work for Jews of all ages. It has educated tens of thousands of young people in their Jewish tradition and welcomed thousands of children into the covenant of Israel, and thousands of b'nei mitzvah into the age of responsibility. Shaaray Tefila has also comforted New York's Jews through joyous and challenging times.

Shaaray Tefila's contribution to the community has been tremendous. Shaaray Tefila's clergy and lay leaders are not just synagogue leaders but stalwart community leaders. They are members of the Metro Industrial Areas Foundation that build power across lines of difference to make New York more just for all its residents. Shaaray Tefila has advocated for equal rights for all and supported equal marriage and economic justice. In the past 25 years, Shaaray Tefila has hosted a weekly lunch soup kitchen.

Shaaray Tefila has shown a serious commitment to its mission in the past. Because of this, many Jews have benefited and will continue to benefit due to the work done by your organization.

I offer my regards to Shaaray Tefila's clergy and lay leaders. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to the lives of Jews in New York City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Kallos".

Ben Kallos  
Council Member