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Dear Friends,

On behalf of Assembly District 73, I would like to extend my congratulations to Temple Shaaray Tefila on their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Shaaray Tefila is a religious staple on the Upper East Side and in New York City, and we are forever grateful for the religious freedom and education that you have brought to our neighborhoods. This synagogue has celebrated Jewish life cycle events with 9 generations of New York Jews, educating tens of thousands of young people in the Jewish tradition. Their services have comforted New York's Jews through joyous and challenging times, and with the state of the world right now we deeply thank them for their service.

Shaaray Tefila's clergy and lay leaders have been more than just synagogue leaders; they have been stalwart community leaders. From taking a strong stance against slavery in the lead up to the Civil War, to making bandages for soldiers in World War I, to welcoming Jewish refugees from Europe in World War II, to supporting the establishment of the State of Israel in the late 1940's, and all the way to helping welcome an Iraqi Muslim refugee family in 2018, Shaaray Tefila has been a beacon of justice-making for its entire history. They have hosted a weekly lunch soup kitchen for 25 years. They have advocated for equal rights for all; they have supported equal marriage and economic justice. They are members of the Metro Industrial Areas Foundation, a multi-faith community organizing network building power across lines of difference to make New York more just for all New Yorkers. We are forever grateful for their advocacy to make our city a better place.

I once again congratulate Temple Shaaray Tefila on their milestone and wish them all the best in continuing their amazing work in my district and in New York City.

Sincerely,

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