

Supervisory Council Announcement



History of involvement

Since our days in Mashad to our migrations to Teheran, Kew Gardens and Great Neck, the involvement of our community members has been one of the keys to our community's unity, survival and strength.

Duty to serve

It is all of our duties to volunteer and serve and give back to our wonderful community at some point. It is our responsibility to be a role model to the next generation and teach our children how we strengthen our community through our involvement.

Leadership of the boards

At this critical juncture in our history as we face the risks of assimilation and radicalization, and as we face the pressures brought about by the American culture we more than ever need our Central Board and Synagogue Boards to take a leadership role to guide us safely into our future.

Gratifying experience

The experience of serving the community is one of the most gratifying experiences of our lives as we are able to make a difference in the lives of our future generations. Moreover the experience of serving on a board with other accomplished community members is often a learning experience as well.

Benefits of our system

- Our boards' democratic representation is unique in Great Neck
- Multiple Minyans cater to various inclinations and age groups
- Jewish Education is backed with Talmud Torah, Pre School, Scholarships
- Summer camp is affordable and friendly in a beautiful facility
- Gym is highly utilized by our community members
- Youth programs span from karate and guitar classes to tournaments and shiurs
- Senior programs include weekly and daily programs
- Social programs span a variety of needs

Next generation step forward

It is now time for the next generation to step forward and lead the community into its future. In the next term we are likely to pay off all of our debts and start planting the direction and the seeds of the next major community project. Those who get involved will likely make decisions that will guide our community for generations to come.

Achievements of Central Board and Synagogue Boards

Those tireless community servants who give their time for all of our benefit deserve our continued gratitude and respect. Each term the boards have had lasting achievements. During the current term, the Central Board has paid down the debt for the YMJC building from \$4.27 million to \$2.7 million and has cut the operating budget from \$2.8 million to \$2.4 million a year. It has also cut our interest expense on the debt from \$327,000 to \$155,000 per year. The Central Board has involved the community in important social issues through town hall meetings to get our feedback and has made a substantial difference for the better in areas such as marriages and parties and has been willing to confront our drug and alcohol issues in the youth. This CB has presided over the creation of the Angel Fund and the self sufficiency of our pre school program. It has signed the Takkanah opposing mixed marriages and is finalizing the transfer of all of the Shaare Tova's real properties to the ownership of the UMJCA but under a separate LLC.

The Shaare Shalom board this term has cut expenses by \$100,000 a year while delivering more programs and many improvements to the Shaare Shalom property and it has succeeded in organizing many minyans and shiurs.

The YMJC Board has set up a dizzying schedule of programs every day for community members from 2 to 92 years old. The senior lounge has been finished and made operational daily and many improvements have been made to the property such as finishes of the inside of the heichal.

Improvement of financial position

As the \$5.0 million debt of the community has been paid down to \$3.2 million this term and the Central Board has received the first million dollar donation in the history of our community, our financial position has vastly improved. Considering the reduction of our operating budget by 15 percent this term it is now reasonable to assume that the next board will pay off the debt and start to plan for the next big project for the community.

Why do we have term limits?

Our system has incorporated term limits so that there will be room for new volunteers with fresh ideas that match the times to run our community affairs. Past board members are able to continue serving on other boards and return after one term.

Procedure of Nomination Forms

Pick up the form and nominate yourself and or others that you believe will serve us best and actualize yourself by giving back to the community. Email or fax the forms to the address on the forms or hand it to any member of the Supervisory Council. Your help in nominating and encouraging candidates is greatly appreciated. We all want to make sure that our next generation is better off as a result of our efforts.

The current members of the Supervisory Council, Ramin Aziz, Cathy Banilivy, Ramin Gorjian, Behnam Hakimian (Iranian), Linda Kamali, Mansour Karimzadeh and Eddie Levian **thank you** for your continued support of our unique community.