



Temple Israel

908 HIGHLAND AVENUE • NEW CASTLE, PA 16101

LARRY DONIGAN
PRESIDENT

SIDNEY RACKOFF
RABBI

Dear Member,

After over five years of discussions, the merger committees of Temple Israel and Tifereth Israel have negotiated a tentative merger agreement. A copy of the agreement is enclosed with this letter for your review. The boards of both congregations have given their approval. However, the proposed merger will not be accepted unless the membership of both congregations votes in favor of the merger.

We have scheduled a congregational meeting for January 21, 1997, at 8:00 p.m., to consider the proposed merger. (Tifereth Israel will have a separate congregational meeting on the same date, at the same time.) At that meeting, we will spend as much time as it takes to discuss all of the questions and concerns from all of the members who attend. Your attendance, and your input, are very important. Please attend if you can.

Our by-laws do not now permit absentee ballots. This means that members who are unable to attend the January 21st meeting would not be able to vote on the proposed merger unless we change the by-laws. Therefore, we have also scheduled a separate congregational membership meeting for January 14, 1997, at 8:00 p.m.. The purpose of the January 14th meeting is to consider a proposal to amend our by-laws to permit absentee ballots. If at least 2/3 of the members present at the January 14th meeting vote in favor of the proposed amendment, we will be able to accept absentee ballots at the January 21st meeting to consider the merger.

Two absentee ballot forms are also enclosed with this package. If you are not able to attend our January 21st meeting, please complete the absentee ballot and send it to Irv Kuhr. His address is 530 North Main Street, Apt. 704, Butler, PA 16001. Single members should send in one form. Each adult in a family membership has 1/2 vote. Adults in family memberships should each complete separate absentee ballots. Irv has agreed to serve as our Judge of Election. Please understand that we will only be able to count the absentee ballots if the proposed amendment to the by-laws is approved at the January 14th meeting. All absentee ballots must be received by Irv not later than January 19, 1997 in order to be counted. Please call Irv at (412)282-0782 or myself at (412)654-0862 should you have any questions or concerns that you would like addressed before our meeting.

Sincerely,

Larry Donigan
President

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Enclosures



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TEMPLE ISRAEL ABSENTEE BALLOT FORM

At a general meeting of the Congregation of Temple Israel, to be held on January 21, 1997, the membership will vote on the following matter:

Resolved that the proposed merger between Temple Israel and Tifereth Israel Congregations be approved and consumated as described in the proposed merger agreement that has been provided to all of the members for their consideration.

_____ IN FAVOR

_____ AGAINST

_____ Signed by member

_____ Print Name

Note 1: If you are part of a family membership, you and your spouse each have 1/2 of a vote. Each of you should complete and send in separate ballots.

Note 2: All absentee ballots must be received by the Judge of Elections by January 19, 1997 in order to be counted. Ballots received after that date will not be counted.

Note 3: No absentee ballots will be counted unless the authorization to do so is approved at the January 14, 1997 congregational meeting.