

Parkway Jewish Center Shaar Ha-Shamayim

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Dear Fellow Congregant,

I promised, at our Emergency Meeting held several months ago, that I would keep you informed and up to date on the status of our synagogue. Therefore, the purpose of this letter is just that. The Board and many of our committies have been working very diligently over these past months to insure the continuation and preservation of Parkway Jewish Center.

The Rabbi Search Committee headed by Efrem Schwartz has been especially busy reviewing resumes, checking references, and interviewing prospective candidates. To date we have not hired a rabbi. Making a good match between a congregation and a rabbi is a very difficult task. It is the feeling of the Board and the Search Committee that rather than make a poor choice just for the sake of filling the position, the search should continue. I assure you, however, that even if we are unsuccessful in filling the position during the next six weeks, the search will continue until such time that the proper candidate is found.

Arrangements have been made, through the United Synagogue, to obtain the services of a guest rabbi for the upcoming High Holiday season. In addition, Cantor Michael Kravitz will be returning to serve as our cantor. We are also discussing with the Jewish Theological Seminary the feasibility of using student rabbis to serve our congregation during this interim period.

The School Board, under the chairmanship of Mitchell Pakler, is busy making plans for the opening days of Hebrew School on Thursday, September 5 and Sunday School on September 8. A Religious School coordinator has been hired and the Hebrew School curriculum has been totally revised. Please assist us in our planning by sending in your school registration immediately.

Just a reminder that the Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 25 at 7:45 p.m. At that time the slate for the coming year will be voted upon and you will be brought up to date on any new developments. Your presence at the meeting is indicative of your support and commitment to our synagogue. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me or Tony Battle. Both of us along with the other members of the Board will be happy to speak with you at any time.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

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Acting President