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Dear Congregants,

In a letter sent to the congregation in late October, the Board of Trustees announced the elimination of the Assistant Rabbi/Educator position and the decision to establish a Cantor/Educator position. Input from our membership has been consistent regarding the desire for the congregation to have a person, or persons, possessing cantorial talents and skills. This, coupled with our need to provide appropriate educational opportunities primarily for our children, but also for our adults, has led the Board of Trustees to authorize a search for that person, or persons, to fill the role of Cantor/Educator.

In order to fulfill this desire and need, Board President Richard Fink authorized the formation of a committee to begin this search. The committee members are: Sarah Artzi, Tracy Jeck, Katherine Leonard, Phillip Pepper, Sarah Schultz, Paul Simon, Kim Spitzer, Dan Weisz, Amy Wilson and Jerry Wolf. The committee membership is a representative cross-section of the synagogue's membership, and had its first meeting on December 16, 2013.

Our search will be conducted nationally and locally. We will utilize the services of both the Cantors Assembly and the Jewish Educators Assembly. Locally, we will consider the wealth of competent and talented individuals within the community.

We welcome your comments, ideas and opinions. Please feel free to contact us at: CAI.Search.Committee@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Stephanie Roberts, Co-chair

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