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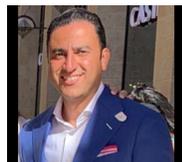
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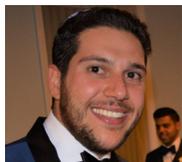
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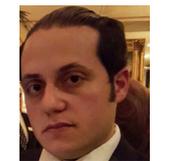
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Farid Aziz

At the age of 13, I emigrated from Iran to Milan, Italy. After completing my studies in Milan, I moved to the United States with my parents Amin (HajiAmin) “ZL” and Asnat Aziz, and my siblings, Leyla Karmely, Ramin Aziz, and Nasi Gorjian. For the past 22 years, I have been blessed to be married to my beautiful wife Rebecca, and we have 3 wonderful children, Yasmine, Nicole, and Daniel.

From a young age, I started organizing many Mashadi youth events and programs in our community. Between 2010-2013, I was an active member and treasurer of the Ohr Esther Board. During that term, with the help of all board members, we improved the senior lounge, launched the UMJCA programming, and helped to create the Charity Auction that helped our community come out of debt. In 2017, I was the treasurer and one of the main organizers of the Israel B’Nei Mitzvah trip and tour. Over the past few years, with the help of several other active community members, I organized indoor and outdoor soccer youth programs for over 100 Mashadi kids. I have also organized several Mashadi fundraisers that supported Jewish charity organizations such as Chai Lifeline and Tomchei Shabbat of Queens.

I am so blessed to be a part of this community and continuously appreciate the effort and time that goes into keeping our traditions and unity alive. I have a passion for making sure that we as a community are constantly improving and staying united. This passion continues to grow, and it is exactly what I wish to bring forward if I am elected to the Central Board.



Morris Aziz

I am Morris Aziz. I am proud to be a candidate for the Central Board for this upcoming term. My lifelong passion has always been serving the community. I have had the merit of serving the community on many different boards, including:

- 6 years on the Shaare Tova Board, 1 term as Vice Chairman
- 6 years on Shaare Shalom Board, 1 term as Chairman
- 3 years on the Shaare Rachamim TMT board.

I am also an active member of many UMJCA committees, including:

- Charity committee
- Angel Fund committee
- Yeshiva Scholarship committee
- Eruv committee
- Mikveh Moshe Men's Board

Additionally, I have spent many years as Gabbay in various minyanim:

- the MYC Town Minyan (on weekdays)
- Many years at Shaare Shalom
- Most recently at Shaare Rachamim.

Above all, I am a proud father of four children: Rabbi Mosheh, Shawn, Debbie, and David and grandfather to six grandchildren, may Hashem protect them.

If elected to the Central Board, I hope to continue actively fulfilling the community's needs. Our Talmud Torah and Jewish education must be strengthened even more, and we must further build safe and attractive facilities for our youth and our future. We need to organize even more exciting programs to engage all of our community members, both young and old, so that we can remain united and proud Mashadi Jews. Keeping our unity is the number one priority. As our community grows larger, I would like to facilitate more cooperation between all of our different boards and committees to help keep our community together moving forward. I am always open to hearing suggestions of what we can do to help our community grow stronger and better and working to implement those suggestions. It would be a great privilege to continue serving our community as a member of Central Board.



Marty Bassaly

My name is Marty Bassaly, son of late Dr. Amir Bassaly (z"l) and Lida Bassaly. I am married to my wonderful wife Maya and blessed to have sons Joshua, Aidan and Noah.

I have a degree in Accounting, am a licensed CPA, and work in Corporate Real Estate as a Chief Financial Officer. I have also been actively involved with the Mashadi Cultural & Educational Committee (known as the Higher Education Committee) for 25 years. During my time, the Committee has financially assisted over 200 Mashadi students in completing their college and post graduate studies (Medical School, Law School, Masters, etc).

The following below outlines my key goals to address for hopefully a 2nd term with the Central Board, while responsibly keeping our Community finances and budgets in mind:

- **Marriage Rates in Community** – we need to continue the great work done by the Marriage Committee to ensure our youth have a path or means to getting married without significant financial and social obstacles. Initiatives to include affordable housing, reduced wedding costs, etc.
- **Elderly Care in Community** – we need to address the significant population of our beloved parents and grandparents to make their care affordable for them and their families. Programs to include facilitating healthcare (Medicaid) and setting up legal documents (Estates & Trusts).
- **Career Mentoring and Workplace Opportunities for Community Members** – we have valuable resources in our own Community (college grads and older) that can assist existing Mashadi businesses. We also have various Mashadi business professionals that can mentor young Mashadis considering such careers. We are organizing a Mentorship Event for January 2020 and will organize another Career Fair in 2020. I hope to help create a program and network of Mashadis that meets routinely to such organize events going forward.



Farzad Dilmanian

I was born in Tehran in 1965 to Youness and Vajihe Dilmanian. My wife, Rachel, and I are blessed with three wonderful children, Lauren, Adam and Nadine, and are very fortunate for Lauren's recent engagement to Mr. Lance Zar.

I earned a Bachelor's of Science degree from Stony Brook University in 1987. I have been a principal of a real estate investment and development company for the past 32 years.

It has been such a privilege and rewarding experience to have served on the Central Board for the past three years, alongside an amazing group of community-minded men and women.

In the past term, I served on the Real Estate Committee, as well as the By-Laws Committee of the Central Board.

I believe we all have a duty to secure the future of our growing community. If elected to a new term, I hope that I can continue my efforts to help find sensible solutions to the current and future needs of this great community, while maintaining and strengthening our truly special unity.



Roya Dilmanian

I grew up in Tehran and graduated from a private high school with a mathematics major, and then attended the elite architectural school of the University of Tehran for one year. By the start of my second year, the Iranian Revolution had begun and I was engaged to be married. We moved to Israel, where we were married, and a year later moved to New York.

After I raised my children, I worked in various jobs, including jewelry sales, and eventually became an insurance salesperson for John Hancock Financial 23 years ago. After three years, I was recruited to work in Great Neck with the late Mr. Albert Massachi Z"L and ended up acquiring his business, as he was terminally ill.

Since the passing a decade ago of my late husband, Behrouz Dilmanian Z"L, himself a major contributor to the Central Board, I have been approached several times for candidacy, but did not have the time or agenda to fully commit.

Now, after many years of helping to care for my elderly parents, I feel that our community is not doing enough for our elderly and I would like to help direct funds and attention to this issue, which affects all of us. This is my primary motivation and agenda in running for the Central Board.



Oliver Etessami

Having served as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the board of Ohr Esther for the past 6 years, and with the support of my wife and family, it would be a privilege to continue to serve the community on the Central Board in this most important upcoming term.



Jack Ezrahan

I was born in Tehran, Iran in 1967. I am the son of Rabbi Yedidia and Yafa Ezrahan. Married to Michal, daughter of Yitzchak (z"l) and Helen Abrahami (Hematian), we are blessed with five children: Gilad, Elisheba, Oded, Revital and Talia.

I spent my early childhood in Iran attending Etefagh School in Tehran and Talmud Torah classes under late Mola Yosef Dil (z"l) until the age of 11. At home I was raised on strong Jewish values: manners, love and respect to others, and in my early childhood I've learned from my parents and grandparents about our ancestor's history in Mashhad and how they observed Judaism in secret during very difficult years while they endangered their existence. In 1979 my family and I moved to Israel where I finished middle school and high school, and where I received my bachelor's degree. I also received a recognition award in the Knesset (Israeli parliament) from the President of Israel for my volunteer work helping immigrant students from all around the world.

I immigrated to the United States in 1986 and graduated from Gemological Institute of America with a Graduate Gemologist degree. Later I became a member of Diamond Dealers Club in New York and have been engaged in the diamond trade industry until today, where I currently serve on the Board of Arbitrations of Diamond Dealers Club in New York.

I have over 20 years of experience in volunteering and being involved in Kanissa affairs all year round especially on Shabbats and Holidays.

I am currently a member of the Israel and Zionism Committee of UMJCA, and played a key role in organizing various programs. I have worked with numerous different board members and they can testify that I have been always a positive listener, team player and leader.

I am proud and feel privileged to be a member of united Mashadi Jewish Community, which I love deeply.

We have a great established, organized and united community. While we need to preserve all the achievements so far, yet we still need to search for our weaknesses and improve on them. I am honored to be a candidate for the Central Board and, having served on different committees and board and given my involvement in the community, I believe I'll be able to make significant contributions as a member of the CB.



Nasi Gorjian

I am the daughter of Amin “ZL” and Asnat Aziz. I was raised and completed school in Milan, Italy. At the age of 18, I immigrated to the United States with my family. Today I am the proud wife of Allen (Essy) Gorjian and mother to Joel, Jonah, Joseph, Jacob and Jeremy. Ha-Shem also blessed me with two amazing daughters’-in-law, Ashley, married to Joseph, and Naomi, engaged to Jonah. I have been working in medical management for 25 years.

I am extremely proud to be part of the Mashadi community, and serving this community has always been my passion. I have been actively involved for the past 18 years:

- 2016-2019, Elected Central Board Member and Chair of the Budget Committee: It has been an honor to work with the other dedicated members of the Central Board, to be involved in many committees of UMJCA and to manage the community budget.

- Camp MJC /Co-Founder , managed finances, staffing and day-to- day planning. Camp MJC serves more than 500 community children and provides employment for more than 100 community youth.

- UMJCA Programming: 10 years ago actively participated in the creation of UMJCA Programming. We provide high-quality classes for all members of the community, from kids to adults.

- MJC Basketball Program: 18 years ago initiated and established the MJC Basketball program, a mainstay activity for approximately 450 boys and girls.

- Club MJC: Together with a like-minded team of young mothers, we initiated a weekly playgroup at Ohr Esther, open to all community children.

I am looking forward to help with our new project, a multi-purpose facility that will house the Share Tova of Great Neck and will meet the religious, educational and social needs of the entire community.

I would be honored to be part of the next Central Board. As a Central Board member I will continue advocating for the community needs within the framework of our Mashadi values and the wisdom passed down to us by our elders.



Mika Hakimi

My name is Mika Hakimi. I am 52 years old and married to my lovely wife of 20 years Nilly Hakimi (Zarovaboli). I am also a father of three boys.

Current Central Board Treasurer

Accomplishments Current Term:

- Implemented the Venmo Payment system into the UMJCA billing. This has modernized our collection process with over 1000 transactions this year alone.
- Re-worked our Synagogue's billing systems to fall under the UMJCA umbrella. This allowed access to instant funds for all buildings as well as a more accurate payment to UMJCA
- Creator and organizer of the Simcha Torah Raffle program which has taken a difficult Holiday for fundraising into an extremely successful one for our Jewish Education Programs
- Co-organizer for the Chinese Auction, which has generated contributions of more than half a million dollars. We have used these funds to modernize and beautify our buildings
AS PROMISED

Future Goals (IF RE-ELECTED TO BOARD AND AS TREASURER):

- To protect your pledge funds to be used wisely within our current 3 buildings during a time where the board is taking on the construction project for the new building BH.
- Innovate our current invoice process to allow community members to receive emailed invoices and allow payments online.
- To centralize all 3 buildings expenses. By combining the bills we will reduce costs and bring clarity amongst buildings when it comes to service providers.



Omid Hakimi

My name is Omid Hakimi, son of Changiz (ז"ר) and Shahla Hakimi, husband to Daniela Hakimi and father to 4 amazing kids.

An important term is coming up in which we must decide if we are ready for a new community project, if we can afford it and of course what facilities should be included in it.

There are many more important topics that need to be addressed and I hope to have your trust to be part of these discussions and decisions



Todd Hakimi

Todd Hakimi was born in 1973 to Ben & Lyda Hakimi. He's the 2nd of three brothers. Todd is the proud husband of Yasmin and has five children (Julia, Tyler, Claire, Kyle & Connor). He is the son-in-law to Khosrow & Dina Shahverdi.

Todd graduated from Hofstra University and has been working with his mother in commercial Real Estate for the past 20 years. He's a licensed Real Estate agent and currently helps manage and lease properties in Connecticut and Florida.

Presently, Todd volunteers for Tomchei Shabbat of Queens and delivers Shabbat meals to needy families. In addition he's a gold card member with the New York Blood Center and donates blood/platelets approximately 6 times a year. Todd is very active with the pro-Israel community and avidly supports AIPAC. He also helps coach little Baseball for his son's baseball teams.

Todd has shown in the past that he's willing to sacrifice his time and energy for the betterment of the community. He hopes to take this to the next level and serve his beloved Mashadi community by becoming a member of the Central Board. If elected, he promises to uphold and advance his Mashadi-Jewish values; promote unity within the community and to be a voice for all community members.



Khosrow Hakimian

- Member of the UMJCA
- Past President of Shaare Shalom Synagogue Board

Goals and Ideas for the Future Central Board:

- To reduce all community expenses without reducing community services
- To maintain and hold onto all properties owned by the Mashadi community
- To improve Talmud Torah education for the youth of our community
- To help find a solution for drug and alcohol usage
- To help the youth of our community get married
- To continue to keep the pride and name of the Mashadi community



Shawn Hakimian

Parents: Son of Behrouz and Suzy Hakimian

Wife: Adina Hakimian, daughter of Faramarz and Minoo Hakimian

Children: Emily, Brandon, Alyssa, and Bryan

Education: NSHA (K-8), HANC (high school), Hofstra University

Career: Real estate owner and entrepreneur

Past and Present Community Work:

- Chai Lifeline- hosted a large fundraising event and has served on the dinner committee for several years
- StandWithUS- hosted a large fundraiser event and in the process of organizing more programming/events
- AIPAC- active member for many years
- FIDF- past member of the FIDF real estate division
- Mashadi Real Estate Network- co-founder- helped organize approximately 15 real estate dinners providing networking opportunities and information to Mashadis in the real estate industry
- Condo and Co-Op Boards- collectively served approximately 20 years on three separate condo/co-op boards (president of the two of the boards)

Some of my areas of interest include:

MARRIAGE & FAMILY PLANNING-

Many people feel slow rate of marriage is in part due to the high cost of living. We should look into potential housing solutions (new housing stock, help with co-op and condo applications, etc.) that would provide reasonable housing options to young members of our community.

COMMUNITY CENTER-

If properly planned, a community center would provide excellent youth and senior programming, serve as a home to our amazing camp, help address issues relating to playgroups, and provide a beautiful new sanctuary for our growing community.

Other areas of interest include senior programs, career mentoring, and long-term planning for the community.

I hope to have the honor of being elected to the Central Board and serving our wonderful Mashadi community.



Jonathan Hazghiyani

I am married to Stefanie (Kachanian) and we have 4 children: Oliver, Chantal, Jolie and Liam. My parents David and Jila Hazghiyani (Hezghia) have instilled in me and my sisters, Shirin, Debbie and Shana the importance of being thankful for what we have and among many things to give back to our amazing community in any way imaginable.

I have had the pleasure of being active in the community since I was 12 years old:

- Vice President of Central Board (2016-2019)

- Chairman/ President of Ohr Esther Board (2010-2013): We made Ohr Esther a family center for all ages while also initiating UMJCA Programming, Jewish Education Committee, Chinese Auction and Buy it Now

- Co-Founder and Chairman – Camp MJC – Our community Summer Camp

- Secretary Ohr Esther Board (2007-2010)

- Co-Founder-Singles and Young Couples Minyan-(in Shaare Shalom-2002)
This Minyan became one of the cornerstones of the future of YMJC

- Co-Founder-Colbeh Youth Minyan – First Youth Minyan in Great Neck in 1992

If elected, among many things, I would like to focus on:

- Building our new Multi-purpose facility to meet the religious, social and educational needs of the entire community

- Increase our Jewish Education Programs and offerings to all ages especially our youth.

- Create affordable housing for our community members, especially for our young couples and Seniors

- Continue to modernize our approach to Fundraising

- Continue to offer a myriad of programs, Jewish education, services and events for all members of our community

- Making sure we always remember where we all come from and maintain our traditions and values

- Making sure the Central Board keeps working united as a team while representing the entire community

I have always and B”H will always do whatever is possible for our community and am humbled in the trust you have always put in me and my family. I hope to continue to keep your trust and would be honored to continue to serve in the next Central Board.



Benny Hematian

Benny Hematian was born in Tehran in 1979 and immigrated to the U.S. with his parents, Anita and Effy Hematian, as an infant.

After high school, he attended New York University, where he received a B.A. degree in Marketing & Management with honors.

Benny is currently President of Effy Group, and manages the operations of a large multi-national jewelry brand.

Benny started his community service activities as a youth, on the Mashadi Youth Committee, where he served as President, and has remained active ever since on many community boards and committees, including his current role on the Transitional Board of Shaare Rachamim Synagogue.



Khandan Kalaty

My name is Khandan Kalaty and I am humbled to be nominated for this term's central board election. I was born in Tehran and had the privilege of living in Israel for 3 years during my adolescence before migrating to the U.S. My experiences in Israel have planted the roots of Zionism in my heart which remain strong until this day. My passion has always been to serve our community and to do whatever I can for its safety, for our future within our local communities, and for our role as Jews in the diaspora during these turbulent times. Our Jewish identity together with our Mashadi traditions are what need to be embraced to ensure our continuity within this society.

I am sincerely grateful to be a part of such a wonderful community and will always be looking to help improve it in any way I can. One of my goals is to assist our community with affordable housing for our youth, as well as our elderly members. Many families find it difficult to keep up with the high cost of living in today's world, which makes it difficult for us to continue moving forward as a community. Another issue that needs to be addressed is the topic of marriage. This includes helping our single members find their spouse, as well as providing access to couples counselling. Additionally, I wish to assist in maximizing the use of our Community Center project. It has the potential to bring this community together in so many ways, and we must ensure that it reaches this potential and serve as a proper multi-functional facility that would accommodate much of our needs.

Having had the opportunity to be one of our mayor's campaign managers during the last election, I have seen how strong we are as a community and how our voice matters if we stand together, and I believe we must work together with other communities in order for progress to be made. If elected, I will do my best to continue on the path of our previous leaders on their tireless efforts in strengthening our community's future.



Babak Kamali

I am the youngest of four siblings of the late Yousef & Rahel Kamali. 27 years of marriage to my beautiful and supportive wife Naghmeh have blessed me with three wonderful children - Monique, Dylan and Kyle. I moved to the United States in 1978 and graduated from Hofstra University with a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Economics.

Community service has always been an integral part of our family, with my brothers Bahram and Bahman having previously served on the Central Board and my sister Nooshin volunteering a significant amount of time towards various charities.

I have been honored to serve as the Recording Secretary of the Central Board over the past 3 years. I have been actively involved in many committees and Community projects, including the UMJCA Real Estate Committee that was tasked with identifying a location for the proposed center. My involvement has included studying our Community's current and future needs, space planning and creating a mission statement for the new facility.

I am truly grateful to be part of such a united and vibrant Community and believe that we can further strengthen it by creating and promoting a healthy Jewish environment for our youth to flourish in.

If I am honored to be re-elected to the Central Board, I will continue to work tirelessly to address our Community's needs while preserving our core Jewish and Mashadi values and minhagim. Furthermore, I look forward to continue serving as an open-minded and unifying voice on the Central Board that offers financially-responsible solutions for our Community as we plant the seeds for our future. I hope to be fortunate enough to receive your vote of confidence in this upcoming election.



Farzan Kashimallak

My name is Farzan Kashimallak. I'm 39 years old, son of Farideh and Farajollah Kashimallak married to Anita. I'm a father of four girls and one boy.

I graduated Boston University in 2001 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Marketing. I just completed a 3 year term on the board of Ohr Esther.

We successfully achieved the goals we set out which were to obtain a Rabbi for our synagogue and renovate the main sanctuary to be more spiritual and accommodate more seating for our youth.

I seek election for the next term of Central Board to be involved in the important decisions that need to be made regarding the next 3 years for our community, and to use the skill sets I have to best serve our great community and its members.



Mehran Kohanim

My name is Mehran Kohanim. I am married to Sharon and we have three children, Julia, Sophia and Andrew.

My mother is Mrs. Parvin Kohanim and my father was the late Mr. Haroun Kohanim. For the past 3 years I have been serving on the Board of Shaare Shalom Synagogue as the Secretary and the Assistant Treasurer.

With the help of our board, I helped to form a committee of many great volunteers from Central Board, Shaare Shalom, Sisterhood and Ohr Esther. Together as a committee we accomplished the long overdue renovations of Shaare Shalom Synagogue.

It is truly an honor for me to serve our dear community. Moving forward, I would love to help bring unity to our great community and help preserve the traditions that our forefathers have instilled in all of us.



Andy Levian

My name is Andy Levian. I am blessed to be married to Talia Etessami with 3 beautiful daughters. Graduated from NYU Stern School of Business and had the honor to serve as Chairman of the Ohr Esther Synagogue Board as well as several other boards and committees over the past 12 years. I am forever grateful for what this community has given me, which is why I will contribute back as much as I can for the benefit of our next generation. My board experience, personal business and past education has given me the background and understanding necessary for managing our community's buildings and guiding funds to projects in a wise and responsible manner.

I believe our Central Board's primary objective should be to ensure that our Community Center will be serving all age groups and religious backgrounds of our community, leaving no community member left out. We need to emphasize that this project will address the obvious needs facing our next generation, from playgroups for children, Jewish education, substance abuse threats, health and fitness, new ballrooms and event space, expanding programs for our seniors, and more. At the same time, we need to make sure that budgets will be met responsibly, with sufficient fundraising commitments in place.

As Co-Chair of the Chinese Auction over six years, we focused on alternative fundraising to leverage the business relationships we have to seek donations from outside the community, which successfully brought in hundreds of thousands of dollars. I am certain we can do the same at the Central Board level. Rather than being solely reliant to raising money from ourselves, our goal should be to have enough donations coming in from outside the community every year to cover a large portion of our operating budget, without overburdening our own community members.

Community service experience:

Two terms on Ohr Esther Synagogue Board as secretary and Chairman

Three years on Central Board Budget Committee

Six years as Co-Chair of annual Chinese Auction

Two terms on Mashadi Youth Committee as Treasurer and Vice President

I am truly humbled to have been nominated for such an important position. Elected or not, I hope to always continue serving the community that has done so much for me.



Effy Namdar

Hi, my name is Effy Namdar, son of Iraj and Leah Namdar, husband to Odelia Namdar.

I was born and raised in this amazing Mashadi Community. As a community, we have achieved tremendous growth over the past 30+ years in America.

If elected, I look forward to serving our great Mashadi community by working together to build a better future for our youth, our elders and our community as a whole.

We will make use of our most talented people for the benefit of our community with an aim to address our Various community needs:

- To deliver a new Mashadi multi-purpose Community Center
- To continue growing our Mashadi Jewish Education Programs
- To deliver affordable Housing options for our youth to get married and afford to stay and live within our community
- To deliver affordable housing options for our elders, in close proximity to our synagogues and their families
- To own income producing assets to help reduce our dependence on Kavods from community members

Thank you for your consideration and hoping to be able to be a part of shaping our United Mashadi future for many generations to come.



Dr. Robert Rahmani

My name is Robert Rahmani. I immigrated to the United States in 1990 with my parents, Ehsan and Soraya Rahmani, along with my three younger brothers. I was ten years old at the time. I initially started elementary school in West Hempstead, followed by Hebrew Academy of West Queens. For high school I enrolled in HANC, and that was where I met all of my Mashadi friends and became introduced to the Mashadi community in general. I then enrolled in Yeshiva University, majoring in Biology and minoring in business. I was accepted to NYCOM medical school. During my last year of medical school, I married my beautiful wife Claudia (Levian) Rahmani. I then did my Internal Medicine Residency in Lenox Hill hospital. I continued for my Cardiology fellowship at Tampa Bay Heart Institute in Tampa, Florida.

I have been in private practice for the past 7 years and have had the honor of taking care of many community members.

The community has many important issues and projects coming up in the near future. My goal in running for the Central Board, is to help in any positive way I can to bring these goals to successful fruition for all.

Shaare Shalom Synagogue Board Candidates



Besalel Ben Haim

Besalel served two terms on the Shaare Shalom board, two terms on the Shaare Tova board and one term on the religious council.



Hertzell Cohanpour

I am an information technology executive, specializing in data and analytics. I have been serving our community for the past 12 years, 9 of which I served in the Central Board. I believe one of the key distinguishing factors of the Mashadi community is its thriving synagogues. If elected, as a Shaare Shalom board member I aim to ensure our synagogues, particularly Shaare Shalom, continue to thrive and remain inviting places of worship and gathering for everyone.



Yousef Davoudzadeh

Born in Tehran in 1956, I studied at Ferdowsi elementary school, graduated from Alborz High school and continued my higher education at Aryamehr university in Tehran till 1979 when I immigrated to the U.S.

I graduated from Polytechnic Institute of N.Y. in 1982, now called NYU School of Engineering with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and since then working in the Real Estate industry in both Investment and Development fields.

I have previously served for our community as:

- One of the authors of the Proposed By-Laws of the community in 1995.
- Longest serving co-editor of Megillah for nearly 25 years.
- Board Member and Treasurer of the first Mashadi Pre-school in Shaare Shalom for 3 years.
- Active member of the Mashadi Heritage Exhibition in 1985.
- Associate editor of the Mashadi History Book.

Below is some of the upcoming Synagogue Board's responsibilities which I can contribute to:

- Smooth transition of younger generations to MJC from other synagogues.
- Tightening up the security of the synagogue as much as possible.
- Trying to unify our Minhagim within existing minyans.
- Help with financials of the Synagogue.
- Hire more gabbayim to maintain the holiness and quietness of the main sanctuary on Shabbat.
- Help with the Repair & Maintenance of our synagogue building.

May G-d bless our Mashadi Community and whoever voluntarily dedicated their time and effort for the betterment of it.



Michele Dilamani

It has been a privilege to have been immersed in community work for many years. I have served on several committees and subcommittees at different times. It was an honor to serve on the Transitional Central Board, whose main mission was to write the By-Laws as a guideline for our growing community. I was the Vice President of the first official Central Board. I'm currently a member of the By-Laws committee, Higher Education committee and Marriage committee.

We are truly a blessed community with a rich past and a bright future. The secret of our success has always been our unity.



Efi Rene Hakimian

College degrees: City Planning
Sociology
Geography

Hobbies: Fine arts (mostly self taught)
Socializing with people about different schools of thought

I decided to run for Shaare Shalom board to serve our Community in HaShem's name. As we all know our community is facing situations at all levels where we have to make decisions to improve our community's social environment. We need to let the positive spiritual energy help us. As a businessman, I feel very proud to be the founder of my own business in the food industry, which in the coming year will have very good earnings BH. I know the Emuna within my own community, and am hopeful Hashem will give me the strength and wisdom for the guidance of the future of our community.



David Hezghia

I was born in Mashad in 1949. I moved to Tehran and attended a Jewish school called Kourosh and ORT Technical School and studied Live Electric and Auto Mechanics. In 1979 I moved to USA. I am proudly married to Jila. We have 1 son and 3 daughters. Our son Jonathan is married to Stefanie, our daughters, Shirin is married to Rodney Rahmani, Debbie is married to Isaak Nassimi, and Shana is married to Daniel Rahmani.

I have been involved in our community for the past 30 years:

- Treasurer of Central Board (2014-2016)
- Member of Central Board (2012-2014)
- Chairman Shaare Shalom Board (2010-2012)
- Treasurer of Shaare Shalom Board (2008-2010)
- Talmud Torah Board member
- Organizer of Yom Kippur Colbeh Minyan for the past 25 years
- Treasurer - Central Board- During this term we built Mashadi Jewish Center / Shaare Shalom

Through these experiences I learned that I work very well with people and love to help and serve my community. My personality is such that I work very hard at anything I do and make sure I finish the job at hand, while taking into consideration everyone's needs. I am very proud to be a member of the Mashadi Community and that our children and grandchildren are following the example and the midot we instilled in them throughout the years.

I see it in myself and have the opportunity to return and help and serve the community again. I am a team player and one of my goals is to keep the community united and Shaare Shalom the center of the Mashadi Community.

Ladies and Gentleman, we have amazing candidates this year and I am sure everyone will do a great job. I know it will be difficult to select who to vote for in this election. I would be honored if you vote for me as I believe I can do a great job serving on the Shaare Shalom Board and working for our great community. May G-d bless our great community and all that work so hard for our community.



Mark Karimzadeh

I was born in Tehran, Iran, and moved to London, England at the age of 4. Growing up in London, I began working in the community and Synagogue at age 11, by getting involved with the “Youth Service” of our Synagogue for 7 years, as an organizer and gabay of all the services.

My love of sports and music got me involved with the London Maccabi Association, and led to my volunteer work as a regular Radio Presenter of a music and talk show at the top London Children’s Hospital, Great Ormond Street, for 7 years. Throughout my time in college, at Manchester University, I was involved with the “Jewish Society”, primarily as officer for publicity and marketing, as well as Israel and Zionism. I graduated from Manchester University with an Honors B.A. degree in Economics.

After moving to New York, I became involved with the Youth Committee, at first helping with various programs and publications. I was elected to two terms of the MYC, serving as vice president. My involvement with the American Friends of Bet El led to my being honored with their “Young Leadership Award” in 2001. I also served three terms on the Board of Shaare Tova, serving in various roles. Most recently, I have served for two terms on the board of Shaare Shalom Synagogue, acting as executive secretary, and subsequently as vice-president, and working closely with the President on all aspects of the Synagogue. I was also honored to spend a 3 year term on the Supervisory Council. In 2013 I was elected to serve on the Central Board.

If elected, I hope to be able to continue improving the smooth running Shaare Shalom synagogue, and try to find ways to increase attendance to our Synagogue services, and to enhance, improve and develop programs for our fast growing number of singles and young married couples, while helping to properly budget for these services that we provide to our community. There are many new projects on the horizon, which have to be carefully steered in order to achieve the best services we are able to offer to all the different members of our beloved community.



Adam Liviem

Hi, my name is Adam Liviem, son of Faramarz & Janet Liviem, and I am truly honored to be a candidate for the Shaare Shalom Synagogue Board.

-Serving the community has always been a passion for me. I have served the past 7 years as Gabbay of the highly successful and world famous 8:05 minyan together with Parham Shaer.

- Blessed to be married to Eva Liviem, daughter of Freydoun & Minoos Kashimallak.

-The father of 5 children, Daniel, Yaacov, Binyamin, Chana, & Emmanuel

-Proud brother in law of Rabbi Mosheh Aziz and Besalel Ben Haim

-Creating a total positive experience at Kanissa should be our essential goal, increasing attendance at all Shaare Shalom minyanim on Shabbat and on weekdays and for people to enjoy their time spent in Kanissa. Both religious and non-religious alike should feel that Shaare Shalom can be their home.



Dani Namdar

Dani Namdar was born in Tehran in 1958 to the late Fazlollah & Kouchak Namdar.

At the age of 18 he moved to the US to pursue his higher education at Hofstra University and graduating from City College of NY with a bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering and Minor degree in Child Psychology.

As a young adult Dani has experienced the transition of our community as immigrants who survived many obstacles while keeping their faith, tradition and unity.

Throughout these years Dani has shown great passion and devotion for community work and wishes to continue to serve and help the community in necessary areas. His goal is to promote unity and encourage our youth to follow the same path of our fathers and pursue future advancements.



Manouchehr Namdar

Manouchehr Namdar, a true Mashadi. Born in Mashad, Manouchehr moved to Tehran in his teenage years, and eventually emigrated to Israel. Studying and working on Kibbutz Lavi – working in in many parts of the kibbutz.

Later he decided to move to Europe, beginning in Germany and making his way to building a successful business in Copenhagen, Denmark. Along the way he became fluent in Hebrew, German, Danish and of course English. As a community activist in Copenhagen, he became very involved in the Synagogue and helped the small Jewish community while serving as the gabbay of the orthodox synagogue.

During the six day war in Israel, Manouchehr without hesitation, volunteered to help the country while all the young men were at war.

After the Iranian revolution, with his family's move to NY, he also moved here rebuilding his business in New Jersey, while never forgetting to help anyone who was in need. He then met and married his wife Norma (Levian) and raised two children Yoel and Debbie, with the addition of a son-in-law, Yair.

Manouchehr has, and will always be there for the community and for the Jewish people. He has ideas to help keep our community united while preserving the culture and minhagim that make our community so special. Anyone that knows Manouchehr knows he is a doer, a giver, and is always looking to help his fellow man., and if elected, will continue to do so.



Parham Shaer

Ohr Esther Synagogue Board Candidates



Sammy Ghassabian



Etan Hakimi

My name is Etan Hakimi, son of Mitra and Khosrow Hakimi. Husband to Gabriella (Zar) Hakimi and father to our three children Scarlett, Violet, and Hunter. I am a graduate of SUNY Albany with a dual major in Finance and Marketing and earned my law degree from St. John's University School of Law. I am running to have the honor to serve on the Ohr Esther Synagogue Board. I have been extremely fortunate to be part of our great community and I am excited to have the chance to contribute and do anything possible to help other members benefit from our beautiful Kanissa even more than I have over the years. As a member of the Board I would work with the other members and community leaders to continue to:

- provide a welcoming environment suitable for all community members to attend Kanissa on Shabbat and during holidays;
- create events and programs for singles to have fun and socialize together at Ohr Esther;
- support our MYC and our Young Adults Minyan; and
- work with Ohr Esther Security to keep us safe when visiting our Synagogue.

I look forward to serving our community and to contribute in a meaningful way.



Ariel Hakimian

My Name is Ariel Hakimian. I am the husband of Daniella Hakimian and the father to 3 wonderful children: Mason, Brooks and Zoe. I am the son of Angela & Behnam Hakimian.

I have had the honor of serving on the Ohr Esther Board for the past three years. It has been so rewarding to put in effort and achieve astounding results with my fellow board members as a team. From major renovations to the entire facility, to installing bollards outside of the playground to protect our children, with pride bringing Rabbi Maroof to Ohr Esther, and many accomplishments in between.

It would be an honor for me to continue serving our wonderful community. My essential goals going forward are to place an emphasis on unity in our synagogue and it's congregants, and to continue providing safety and growth of our children (our future).



Justin Hakimian

I am honored to be considered a candidate in the upcoming elections for the Synagogue Board of Ohr Esther.

I am the son of Esther and the late Bijan Hakimian (Jabarzadeh). I am 40 years old, been married to Sarah Hakimian for over 13 years and am blessed to have four children (Jonah, Gabriel, Layla and Joel).

My education has spanned North Shore Hebrew Academy, Great Neck South (High School) and SUNY Albany (Bachelor's degree). My background is in finance and real estate - after graduating in 2001, I spent 4 years at Morgan Stanley. In 2005, I joined what was then called Rothschild Realty Investors, now called Almanac Realty Investors; I joined the Almanac partnership in 2016. Uniquely, I have served on the Board of Directors of 7 privately-held real estate companies located around the country, so I have considerable experience serving on Boards.

I have been blessed throughout my life to have been surrounded by many family members that have routinely given back to our community in countless ways and I am hopeful I can give back as well.



Michael Hakimian

My name is Michael Hakimian, son of Bahram & Janet Hakimian (Jabarzadeh), and husband of Sadie Hakimian. I graduated from the Cooper Union (Civil Engineering 2005), and I hold a NYS license as a Professional Engineer. I'm currently a real estate developer and manager at the Hakimian Organization. I have volunteered at Tomchei Shabbat of Queens (food pantry) for 15 years, and the Vigilant Fire Department for 5 years.

I had the pleasure of serving on this past Ohr Esther Kanissa Board as Vice Chairman, during which time we were able to procure a Rabbi, transform the main Sanctuary (stained glass, new marble heichal, etc), renovate the senior lounge, add a junior minyan (5th-7th grade), build heichal cabinetry for the singles minyan, and more (B"H).

I believe that Shabbat services are virtually the only regular opportunity for most of us to connect with Judaism and our incredibly valuable Mashadi Tradition. If elected, I will try to work with our Rabbis to facilitate spiritual growth, help form personal connections, host events to maintain our unparalleled unity, and take other initiatives to make the overall kanissa experience more attractive to transform estranged patrons (especially ladies) into regular attendees



Shelby Hakimian (Noroozadeh)

My activities as a community member include being an Ohr Esther Board member, co-treasurer of MYC, member of Marriage Committee, Gabbai for the Ohr Esther Youth Minyan, participation in SHORE4life and Israel Zionism Committee. My first community service was in 2011 when I joined the Israel Zionism Committee to help produce a newsletter that was used to inform the community about the importance of defending Israel on college campuses. In 2012, with the participation of SHORE4life, I traveled to Washington DC to represent the needs of our community members to Congress. It is my honor to say that in the summer of 2012 our goals were met and this legislation that we supported was approved by Congress and enacted into law. During my term on MYC I have worked with our committee as well as other boards and committees to bring our youth together. In addition to serving as co-treasurer, we have successfully executed numerous programs, getaways and Shabbatons that brought our community together and helped facilitate marriages. Some programs include AIPAC, Pocos Retreat, Winter Retreat, Aladadi, Yom Haatzmaut, Living Room, and numerous Shabbat Lunches. I have been an active member on the Marriage Committee for 6 years now. Since then we have worked with the community singles to identify the issues surrounding the lack of engagements and marriages. Some of our accomplishments in Marriage Committee include appointing trained Mashadi matchmakers, creating several singles events and trips, negotiating an affordable wedding package, hiring professional dating coaches, training Mashadi dating coaches, creating MYC Directory, and hosting parents forums.

After being on MYC and an active Gabbai in the singles minyan at Ohr Esther for three years I ran for the Ohr Esther Board. During my term on the Ohr Esther board we worked as a unified team to serve the community. Some of the many accomplishments include filling the Rabbi position in the main sanctuary, vast building renovations and repairs, creating a minyan to help prepare children for their Bar Mizvah's, creating an express minyan, increase Kanissa attendance by opening up more seats in all minyanim, and expanding and advancing kids Shabbat programming.

As a member of Ohr Esther Board I will continue to preserve and enhance our unity and Mashadi tradition and culture through religious, Zionist, educational, and social programs and publications.



Jonathan Kashanian

My name is Jonathan Kashanian , son of Firouz and Gilda Kashanian. My wife Charlotte and I have been blessed with four beautiful children.

As we are all one big family, I am very much honored to be part of our community and I believe everyone should give back and I'm thankful for all the people who apply their time and effort. I wish to serve on the Ohr Esther board to help in continuing the growth of our community and synagogue and to assist in building a strong future for all our children. I would be honored to apply my work ethic and knowledge for the upcoming term.



Joshua Kashanian

Son of Essy and Sholeh Kashanian. Married to Pamela Kashanian, and father of 3 boys.

Looking to give something back to a community that has given me so much. If elected, I will proudly represent our traditions, core values, and continue the great work our current and previous boards have done.



Eli Kashi

Born in Iran and raised in Israel and New York, I have always been deeply connected to our beautiful Mashadi community and its traditions. My four children all attended our Shalom Early childhood center, and our family regularly attends services at Ohr Esther; so I am very familiar with the building and its needs.

I have served as a member of the Ohr Esther board for 3 years and have created and implemented the security program that keeps us and our children safe today.

I have also been part of the Israel Zionist committee for which I coordinated speaker visits and organized the Yom Hatzamut celebration at Ohr Esther. I am involved in program initiatives at Shaare Shalom and volunteer coaching sports for our children, such as indoor soccer, to encourage our youth to spend productive time together and be united. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve as a member of the Ohr Esther board again.



Joseph Kashimallak

I am Joseph Kashimallak, son of Farajollah and Farideh Kashimallak, son-in-law of Morris and Ester Livian. I'm 35 years old and was born in New York. My wife Jasmine and I have four great children aged 9 to 2.

I graduated from Boston University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, concentration in Entrepreneurship. I work with my father and brothers in our family business. I'm honored to be nominated for the Ohr Esther board this term. This community has given me so much, and I look forward to the privilege of giving back.

As an open-minded team player, I'll be willing to accept suggestions from any and every community member. I look forward to continuing the upkeep and beautification of our building, while remaining financially responsible.



Jonathan LeVian

My name is Jonathan LeVian. I am the husband of Naomi LeVian (Ben Yehuda) and father of Amaya LeVian. I am humbled by the opportunity to be able to serve the community again. I feel that it is not a choice, but our duty to give our time to serve the community.

I have some experience doing community service, as President of MYC from 2012-2014. Here are a few of our team's biggest accomplishments during the term:

- The launch of the community's Bet Midrash program – SBM
- Bringing back the Hachodesh and calendar profitably, in FULL color, with new Mazal Tov section
- First ever charity basketball tournament resulting in ambulance donation
- Creating the MYC social media channels, including the engagement announcements on @mycofficial
- Coordinating many singles events, including parties, mixers and trips

If I am elected to the 130 board, here are some of the things I would set out to do:

- Create a forum to hear out what the members of 130 want, what they believe can be improved and find more ways the board can help serve the needs of the community
- Create a census of the people who should be coming to synagogue in the building, and the age demographics, and make sure that there is enough room in the building for everyone to be able to come and have a seat on a shabbat or high holiday
- Make sure there is community programming for all ages in the building. There is a void in programming for young married couples that attend 130. Ideas include holiday events (Purim/NYE/Hannukah, etc.), targeted Jewish education classes, programs for parents and children
- Create programming to encourage more women to come to synagogue on Shabbat
- Create more programs for the Rabbis of the building to serve the members of the community
- Selfish goal – improve the coffee served on Shabbat!



Lorenzo Livieim



Jospeh Loloi

My name is Joseph Loloi. I am currently an attorney at Weitz & Luxenberg P.C., and prior to that, a state prosecutor with the Bronx District Attorney's Office.

I have served on the UMJCA Public Affairs Committee since March of 2019, which has been a very rewarding and eye opening experience.

If elected, I would strive to increase kanissa attendance, help promote Jewish values, provide support to our youth, and ensure that our Community continues to grow and prosper.

Shaare Rachamim Synagogue Board Candidates



Shawn Aziz

My name is Shawn Aziz, son of Morris & Rika Aziz. Married to my amazing and supportive wife Shayna and father of 2 beautiful boys, Yosef and Noah.

For as long as I can remember I have been taught to give back to the community. As a kid, my parents would encourage us to volunteer at clothing drives, chinese auctions, and more. After Chagim my father would bring us to kanisa for hours to help put all the siddurs away, and even bring us to help clean kanisa before Pesach.

Some past roles & events I have run/co-run:

- MYC Board Member
- Director of Shaare Shalom Taamim Club on Shabbats
- Israel Day Parade
- Wheels for Life Basketball Tournament Fundraisers
- Annual Selichot Lectures & learning programs

Current roles:

- Director of Shaare Rachamim Youth Program
- Active involvement in SBM (Beit Midrash)
- Co-Commissioner of MBL (Mashadi Basketball League)
- Founder & Editor in Chief of Mikraei Kodesh (Community Holiday Companion)

My goal and passion is to help promote Jewish education. Nothing is more important than our children. I hope to focus my time on improving our youth programs and doing anything else I can to help our community.

I love my community with all my heart.

Shahar Cohen

My Name is Shahar Cohen. I'm the son of Shlomo and Sissi Cohen, and I'm married to my dear wife Natalie daughter of Daryush and Lea Nowbakht. I am blessed with four beautiful young boys. I was born in Milan Italy, and moved to New York over 20 years ago. I finished my studies here in the States and pursued an entrepreneurial career in the Limousine business and later moved on into the jewelry industry.

As the opportunity to run as a member of the board arose, I felt an obligation to run and to try to give back as much as possible to this congregation as it has given to my family throughout all these years.

My wife and I along with our children enjoy very much attending Shaare Rachamim every week. We take full use of its resources, as it has become a very integral part of our lives.

As a father of four boys, I am particularly careful and committed in the future of our youth.

Members of Shaare Rachamim are mostly comprised of young adults and new parents, and as such it is my priority to put a tremendous emphasis on the children that come to our synagogue, as they are the backbone of our synagogue. I want to focus on ways that not only will bring them to shul, but will also keep them engaged inside the building with more incentive programs, classes, and activities for both boys and girls. I strongly believe it is our duty to give our children a place where they can grow as spiritual Jews and as individuals of our beautiful community.

If elected I would like to simply continue doing the outstanding work the previous board members have done so far for this synagogue, and to help our dear Rabbi Bitton in his relentless pursuit of making each one of us better Jews as well as better individuals among our big Mashadi family.





Moshe Enayatian

Hi my name is Moshe Enayatian and I feel humbled and honored to be nominated as a candidate to run once again for the Board of Shaare Rachamim.

I've been blessed with a wonderful wife and 5 amazing children. Together with my wife Monica, our collective passion and focus has always been on Jewish Education. We have had the unique opportunity to spend the last 10+ years teaching young couples the importance of love, patience, being thoughtful and having G-d at the center of their relationship. I believe those to be the same values that make our community so incredible.

If elected, my goals would include working with a team under the guidance of our Rabbi to help make Shaare Rachamim a viable option for all newly married couples. To create a comfortable and inviting atmosphere to draw a diverse crowd so that we can continue to serve and be a source of inspiration for the best community in the world.



Daniel Etessami

My name is Daniel Etessami, and I am the son of Farshad and Liza Etessami. I am married to Rachel (daughter of Bernard and Esther Livi), and God has blessed us with three amazing children. My grandfather, Mr. Abdolrahim Etessami, has spent his entire life serving the community, and my father dedicated almost 25 years of his life doing the same. Just like my grandfather and father before me, I believe it is my duty to pledge my time and service to the community that has already given me so much in my life. Serving on the board of Shaare Rachamim for the past three years has been an amazing experience, and I would be honored to be re-elected and continue serving this wonderful community.



Mehran Etessami

I feel very blessed to be a member of the Mashadi Jewish Community, and believe that it is a great privilege to be able to serve and give back to the community and help it advance when we are able to. I try to emulate my late father, Moussa Etessami (ז"ל) (of blessed memory) whom I witnessed giving of his time and resources with great integrity throughout my childhood and youth.

I have served on many community boards and committees, for much longer than I would like to admit, including the following:

- Megillah Magazine: Managing Editor of the MYC's Megillah publication for over 20 years.
- HaChodesh: Started the HaChodesh newsletter / calendar and served as editor for over 20 years.
- Mashadi Youth Committee: Served on three MYC Boards, including as President.
- Ohr Esther Synagogue: Served on the Transitional Management Board and the first elected Board of OhrEsther (YMJC).
- Community Directory: Helped the late Mr. Haroun Kohanim (ז"ל) maintain a Farsi directory database on a desktop computer. Later on, designed a new format of the Directory and helped the Kohanim family and the Central Board maintain the database and publish several editions of the Directory.



Jacob Hakimi

My name is Jacob Hakimi, son of Joseph and Mahshid Hakimi. I am married to my wonderful wife Hedy (daughter of Freydoun and Minoo Kashimallak). We have five amazing children (Temimah, Yosef, David, Aliza, and Nava).

I consider myself very fortunate for being a part of our great community, and I believe it is my duty to contribute to its continued success. Through the years, I have done whatever I can to give back to our community. I have served on MYC, and taught at Learn It Up and Ivread.

I have been attending Shaare Rachamim for these last 5+ years and have assisted the outgoing board in implementing it's Nut Aware policy and I plan to continue to work on that. In addition, I believe we would benefit greatly from a revamped shabbat kids program in order to create a more convenient and enjoyable environment for families to bring their kids.

I would be grateful to be given the opportunity to contribute to the growth and success of our community if elected to the board of Shaare Rachamim.



Leon Hakimian

My name is Leon Hakimian and I'm looking forward to running for the Shaare Rachamim board. When I first starting dating my wife, Elisheva, five years ago, the number one thing we had in common was our passion to help our community. I have always enjoyed planning numerous community wide events and that's what I would like to continue doing. Additionally, I would like to focus more on the next generation of youth, since they are all we have to promise that our community will continue to flourish. Please vote for me so I can continue doing this as part of the board in a larger scale.



Andy Kalatizadeh

"Make Shaare Rachamim Cool Again!"

@VoteKalati for my bio & to learn how I plan to win your vote!



Ronnie Kordvani

I am Ronnie Kordvani. Son of Iris and Ephraim Kordvani Z"L. I am a graduate of NSHA Middle school, HANC High School and Queens College with a Major in Economics and Minor in Business. My wife Jennifer and I are hopeful to help our Synagogue and community in any which way we can.



Daniel Livi

My name is Daniel Livi. I am the husband of Daniella, and son of Bernard and Esther Livi.

All my life I have been a beneficiary of our amazing community and I feel it is now my duty to give back.

I myself attend Shaare Rachamim every Shabbat, and I see many ways in which the Kanissa can improve as a whole.

As a member of the board, I will do my best to help Shaare Rachamim and the entire community grow and continue to succeed in every way possible.



Ryan Liviem

My name is Ryan Liviem, son of Faramarz and Janet Liviem. I'm married to Bitta, daughter of Effy and Anita Hematian.

I am humbled by the opportunity to run for the Shaare Rachamim board. If elected, I would hope, with the help of G-d, to continue to build on the wonderful foundations our previous board members have built.

Our community has a long history of dedicated individuals who have given of themselves for the sake of the congregation, and for the House of G-d. It would be an honor to join that list.



Daniel Namdar

Hello my name is Daniel Namdar and it's an honor to be running for the Shaare Rachamim board. The people who already know me can attest to the fact that I'm an easy person for anyone to approach and strike a conversation with. While all the experience of running a Kanissa and community events are important factors in electing someone to be on a board for our community; what I think is most important is the ability to speak with anyone and listen to what the people themselves really want. From small things like what food and which coffee to serve at shul, to how to spend the Shul's budget on different programming. I hope to get a chance to better serve our community and everyone in it!



Robert Nowbakht

What an honor it is to be nominated by fellow community members! I am truly humbled. Born and raised in Hamburg, Germany, Jewish values were instilled in me from a very young age. I attended synagogue since the young age of two, sitting quietly next to my father and absorbing the beauty of our Tefillot and religion. Attending synagogue regularly was a natural part of my growing up. My father himself being a long time Gabbay & Kanissa Board member of our Synagogue In Hamburg and later for UMJCA in New York, I had a great role model as to how to contribute to the Synagogue and the community in general. With HaShem's help, I am sure I can use the valuable know-how I gained to make Shaare Rachamim an even better place to pray and bring our children to on a weekly basis. Now that we have been blessed with the return of Rabbi Bitton to our community and our Synagogue, I look forward working with him and the upcoming Shaare Rachamim board. I would like to wish all candidates best of luck, and if elected, I look forward to serve our wonderful community.



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