



**RELIGIOUS COUNCIL**

**MAGEN EPHRAIM SEPHARDIC ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD**

**195 STEAMBOAT TMT**

**SUPERVISORY COUNCIL**

**UMJCA STANDING COMMITTEES**

**2023**

# Religious Council

## Mission Statement:

The Religious Council is composed of a group of competent men who have a thorough knowledge of Jewish Sephardic halacha and Mashadi minhagim and religious practices.

## Chairpersons:

Rabbi Eliyahu Ben Haim  
Nissim Bassalian

## Members:

Morris Aziz  
Rabbi Mosheh Aziz  
Nissim Bassalian  
Bessalel Ben Haim  
Rabbi Eliyahu Ben Haim  
Rabbi Yosef Bitton  
Louis Ebrani  
Moshe Enayatian  
Doron Hakimian  
Mehrdad Kohanim  
Rabbi Mordechay Kohanim  
Adam Kordvani  
Josh LeVian  
Robert Livi (Secretary)  
Shmuel Livian  
Rabbi Adam Sabzevari

## **Magen Ephraim Sephardic Academy School Board**

### Mission Statement:

The purpose of the School shall be to establish, maintain and conduct a Jewish Day School for boys and girls rooted in Sephardic Jewish heritage and Mashadi Jewish tradition, and to inspire and encourage students to build an academic foundation in Torah and other aspects of a comprehensive secular education with the further aims and purposes set forth in the school by-laws.

### President:

Eddie LeVian

### Members:

Afshin Bassali

Cathy Banilivy

Moshe Enayatian (Chair of Hebrew Education Committee)

Daniel Etessami

Barbie Gohari

Nasi Gorjian (Co - Treasurer)

Emil Hakimi (Secretary)

Collette Hakimian

Justin Hakimian

Benny Hematian (Vice President)

Jonathan Hazghiyan

Farshad Kalaty

Eddie LeVian (President)

Moossa LeVian (Treasurer)

Daniel Namdar

## **195 Steamboat TMT**

### **Mission Statement:**

The TMT's mission statement is to help build and deliver the proposed development of the Shaare Tova Synagogue, Yonatan Community center and Magen Ephraim Sephardic Academy for use by the United Mashadi Jewish Community of America.

### **Chairpersons:**

Omid Hakimi  
Effy Namdar

### **Members:**

Tony Aziz  
Oliver Etessami  
Nasi Gorjian  
Allen Hakim  
Omid Hakimi  
Brian Hakimian  
Doron Hakimian  
Rex Hakimian  
Jonathan Hazghiyan  
Bobby Hematian  
Steve Ijadi  
Jackie Kamali  
Moossa LeVian  
Effy Namdar  
Mehdi Nassimi

## **Supervisory Council**

**Mission Statement:**

To call and supervise the elections of the Central Board and the Synagogue Boards at the due time as prescribed by the By-Laws.

**Chairperson:**

Cathy Banilivy

**Members:**

Cathy Banilivy  
Allen Hakim  
Allen Hakimian  
Herbert Livi  
Parham Shaer  
Mahtab Zar

# **UMJCA Standing Committees**

**(In order as they appear in the UMJCA By-Laws)**

## **Finance and Budget Committee**

### Mission Statement:

To receive and review all budget requests from member synagogues, organizations & committees and submit to CB a proposed budget based on projected revenues.

### Chairperson:

Michael Afarin Mayer

### Members:

Michael Afarin Mayer (Central Board)  
Tony Aziz (Central Board)  
Oliver Etesami (Central Board)  
Evan Hakimi (Ohr Esther)  
Doron Hakimian (Central Board)  
Bobby Hematian (Central Board)  
David Hazghiyan (Shaare Shalom)  
Steve Ijadi (Central Board)  
Jason LeVian (Shaare Rachamim)  
Moossa LeVian (Central Board)  
Jon Kashanian (Ohr Esther)  
Yoram Nasrolai (Shaare Shalom)  
David Sianes (Shaare Rachamim)  
Etan Hakimi (Ohr Esther)  
Ryan Liviem (Shaare Rachamim)

## **Talmud Torah Committee**

### Mission Statement:

This committee handles the curriculum, teachers, enrollment, etc. for Talmud Torah program.

### Chairpersons:

Moshe Enayatian  
Mehran Kohanim

### Members:

Nora Ebrani  
Moshe Enayatian  
Bijan Hakimian  
Khosrow Hakimian  
Mehran Kohanim  
Mahtab Zar

## **Arbitration & Mediation Committee**

### **Mission Statement:**

Members of the Arbitration & Mediation Committee facilitate discussion between community members with intent of achieving a resolution in marital/family, financial, business , and other disputes. Upon request, the committee may act as the arbiter in such cases.

### **Members:**

Michael Afarin Mayer  
Morris Aziz  
Rabbi Nassim Bassalian  
Haleh Banilevi  
Albert Gorjian  
Allen Hakim  
Brian Hakimian  
Mehran Hakimian  
David Hazghiyan  
Jonathan Hazghiyan  
Mehrdad Kohanim  
Khandan Kalaty  
Bahram Kamali  
Ruth Kamali  
Mansour Karimzadeh  
Eddie LeVian  
Mehdi Nassimi  
Jamshid Zar  
Mansour Zar



## **Charity Affairs Committee**

### Mission Statement:

Committee gathers charity, including from daily minyan, and distributes to needy causes, including those in Israel. Gathers charity from daily minyan and distributes to needy causes.

### Chairperson:

Jamshid Zar

### Members:

Morris Aziz

Gideon Gorjian

Leon Hakimian

Michael Hakimian

Linda Kamali

Herbert Livi

Jamshid Zar

## **Cemetery Committee**

**Mission Statement:**

To arrange and manage the burial of deceased members of the community.

**Chairperson:**

Louis Ebrani

**Members:**

Michael Afarin Mayer

Mr. Nassim Bassalian

Louis Ebrani

Farshad Etessami

Cobby Gorjian

Edo Livi

Herbert Livi

Mehdi Nassimi

David Sianes

## **Long-Term Planning & Census Committee**

### **Mission Statement:**

To identify existing issues and anticipate future issues affecting our community's long-term needs and help formulate strategies on how to achieve those goals based on relevant statistical data.

### **Chairperson:**

Hooman Yaghoutiel

### **Members:**

Robert Davoodzadeh  
Nasi Gorjian  
Allen Hakim  
Michael Hakimian  
Nadav Hematian  
Michael Kamali  
Mansour Karimzadeh  
Rabbi Michael Livi  
Edward Nassimi  
Lauren Yaghoubi  
Hooman Yaghoutiel

### **Data & Census Sub-Committee Members:**

Ramin Aziz  
Dr. Daniel Benilevi  
Mehran Etessami  
Oliver Etessami  
Allen Hakim  
Lobat Hakimian  
Khandan Kalaty  
Michael Kamali (Co-Chair)  
Mehrdad Kohanim (Co-Chair)

### **Senior Facilities/Housing Sub-Committee Members:**

Neda Behnam  
Anna Carmili  
William Hakimi  
Leon Hakimian  
Michael Hakimian (Co-Chair)

## **Long-Term Planning & Census Committee (continued)**

Jelveh Kamali  
Edo Livi  
Ramin Mardkha (Co-Chair)  
Janet Navai

### **Core Community Values Sub-Committee Members: (in formation)**

Rabbi Yosef Bitton  
David Hadjibay  
Brian Hakimian  
Rabbi Michael Livi  
Natascha Shaer  
Lauren Yaghoubi

## **Israel & Zionism Committee**

### Mission Statement:

Promote Zionism in the community through events and education. Education on combating anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism.

### Chairperson:

Shawn Hakimian

### Members:

Payam David Dilmanian

Jack Ezrahan

Arezou Tolou Hakimian

Itai Hakimian

Mehran Hakimian

Shawn Hakimian

Nicole Idelson

Khandan Kalaty

Elie Kashi

Jasmine Kashimalak

Rabbi Michael Livi

Farshid Liviem

Igal Nassim

Netali Nissim

Ryan Rahmanan

## **Social Services Committee**

**Mission Statement:**

To help guide, advise, and notify community members of available government programs and benefits such as Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, and other social services.

**Chairperson:**

Anna Carmili

**Members:**

Cathy Banilivy

Anna Carmili

Michael Hakimian

Abraham Mazloumi

Joey Sassoon

## **Public Affairs Committee**

### Mission Statement:

Our mission is to represent and advocate for the interests of the Mashadi Jewish community in the United States. We are committed to building strong relationships with our local and federal public officials to ensure that our voices are heard on issues that impact our organization and its members.

As a community, we are dedicated to promoting and supporting Israel and the Jewish people across the world. We believe in fostering a sense of unity and pride in our Jewish identity, while also promoting understanding and respect for our traditions and beliefs.

### Chairperson:

Allen Hakim

### Members:

Cathy Banilivy  
Shawn Behnam  
Cobby Gorjian  
Emil Hakimi  
Arezou Tolou Hakimian  
Mehran Hakimian  
Jonathan Hazghiyan  
Khandan Kalaty  
Michael Kamali  
Elie Kashi  
Tedi Kashinejad  
Eddie LeVian  
Joseph Loloi  
Edward Nassimi  
Mehdi Nassimi  
Houshang Nematzadeh  
Jamshid Zar

## **Communications Committee**

### Mission Statement:

To coordinate communications regarding community matters and affairs respective to centers, programs, and committees (for example, CB announcements) using the Central Board WhatsApp, social media, email lists, and other communication platforms.

### Chairperson:

Dr. Daniel Benilevi

### Members:

Ramin Aziz  
Dr. Daniel Banilevi (Central Board)  
Etan Hakimi (Ohr Esther)  
Angela Hakimian (Sisterhood)  
Arezou Tolou Hakimian (Sisterhood)  
Leon Hakimian (Central Board)  
Shawn Hakimian (Central Board)  
Nadav Hematian (MYC)  
Adam Liviem (Shaare Shalom)  
David Sianes (Shaare Rachamim)



## **By-Laws Committee**

### Mission Statement:

To examine any proposed amendments to the by-laws and advise CB on any dispute or clarification needed on the by-laws. Updates and interprets the by-laws of the community.

### Chairperson:

Edward Nassimi

### Members:

Robert Davoodzadeh  
Michel Dilamani  
Ilan Dilmanian  
Oliver Etessami  
Allen Hakim  
Emil Hakimi  
Babak Kamali  
Mansour Karimzadeh  
Benny Hematian  
Bobby Hematian  
Doron Hakimian  
Eddie LeVian  
Shmuel Livian  
Edward Nassimi  
Houshang Nematzadeh

## **Mikveh Committee**

### Mission Statement:

To maintain, upkeep, & coordinate visits to the mikveh facility, as well as to promote and encourage the use of mikveh for 'Taharat Hamishpakhah' (family purity).

### Chairperson:

Leon Hakimian

Rika Aziz

### Members:

Moshe Enayatian

Morris Aziz

Leon Hakimian

Rika Aziz

## **Shalom Pre - School Committee**

### **Mission Statement:**

At Shalom Early Childhood Center, we strive for excellence, love, and traditional Sephardic Jewish values. Our mission is to provide a nurturing and inclusive environment where children can thrive academically, emotionally, and spiritually. Rooted in the love of Israel, we embrace Jewish traditions, instill moral values, and celebrate a deep sense of community, preparing our young learners to become future leaders with a strong connection to their heritage and a compassionate outlook on the world.

### **Chairperson:**

Cathy Banilivy

### **Members:**

Tony Aziz

Cathy Banilivy

Farshad Kalaty

Mansour Karimzadeh

Jacob Karmily

Andy Levian

Eddie LeVian

## **195 Steamboat Community Center Operating Committee**

### Mission Statement:

When the building opens, the TMT will dissolve and this committee will take over. This committee will run the entire facility: as opposed to the individual school board, Kanissa board, and community center board.

### Members:

Tony Aziz

Oliver Etessami

Brian Hakimian

Doron Hakimian

Steve Ijadi

Moossa LeVian

## **Financial Review Committee**

### Mission Statement:

To conduct financial reviews of all Central Board committees, synagogues and member organizations in order to ensure that spending is aligned with their overarching purposes and to instill confidence by the community in the operation of all Central Board entities.

### Chairperson:

Marty Bassaly  
Seda Livian

### Members:

Marty Bassaly  
Charlene Dilmanian  
Justin Hakimian  
Bobby Hematian  
Moossa LeVian  
Seda Livian  
Ilan Dilmanian

## Senior Citizen Club

Mission Statement:

Provide weekly programming for our Senior Community members.

Chairperson:

Ania Nassimi

Cathy Banilivy

Members:

Nahal Mayer

Monika Anavim

Cathy Banilivy

Dr. Daniel Benilevi

Anna Carmili

Nooshin Elian

Haleh Ghalandar

Mahrokh Ghalandar

Emil Hakimi

Ester Hakimian

Farima Hakimian

Shadi Hakimian

Ania Nassimi

Esther Nissimi

Estherica Nassimi

Janet Navaei Livian

Lily Siouni

## Higher Education Committee

### Mission Statement:

The Higher Education Committee is dedicated to empowering our community's individuals through accessible and transformative educational opportunities. We strive to foster personal and professional growth by fundraising for higher education loans, curating enriching programming for professional development, and facilitating mentor relationships. By nurturing a culture of learning, we aim to enable our constituents to achieve their academic aspirations and reach their fullest potential in their chosen fields, contributing positively to society and embodying the values of the UMJCA.

### Chairperson:

Marty Bassaly

### Members:

Marty Bassaly  
Rueben Ben Yehudah  
Dr. Daniel Benilevi  
Debra Karimzadeh  
Mansour Karimzadeh  
Matthew Livian  
Seda Livian  
Tiffany Livian  
Farshad Namdar  
Emily Nematzadeh  
Houshang Nematzadeh  
Lauren Yaghoubi

## **Camp MJC Committee**

### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of Camp MJC is to provide our campers with a fun-filled and enriching summer experience that is centered around our unique Jewish Mashadi traditions. We are committed to creating a safe and supportive environment where campers from diverse backgrounds can come together and build lasting friendships, while also learning about their cultural heritage. Through a variety of engaging and age-appropriate activities, we aim to cultivate a sense of community and belonging among our campers. Our goal is to inspire our young people to be proud of their Jewish Mashadi identity, and to carry that pride with them as they grow into the future leaders of our community.

### **Chairperson:**

Michael Kamali  
Natasha Shaer

### **Members:**

Nasi Gorjian  
Jonathan Hazghiyan  
Steve Ijadi  
Michael Kamali  
Natasha Shaer



## **Programming Committee**

### Mission Statement:

Plans, schedules, and coordinates programs for Mashadi children and adults, i.e. basketball, classes, etc.

### Chairpersons:

Michael Kamali  
Brian Hakimian

### Members:

Moshe Enayatian  
Babak Kamali  
Michael Kamali  
Brian Hakimian  
Leon Hakimian