

OHR ESTHER



Tony Aziz

I am honored to be nominated for Synagogue Board of Ohr Esther again for another term. Our previous term had 8 other superstars as board members and I was happy to help them in whatever way I could. I am the son of Rosalyn and Fereydoon Aziz, husband of Stephanie (Nematzadeh) Aziz and father of two human tornado boys. I have a background in finance working at a Hedge Fund for a few years, but my current career is a Ticket Distribution Professional. I believe with the help of G-d and some great people we can Make Ohr Esther Great Again. (Not that it isn't great already).



Joey Cohen



Oliver Etessami

I have been blessed throughout my life to have role models who not only taught me about the importance of Mashadi life and our community, but who exemplified what it means to be a good person and leader. As the grandchild of Mr. Abdolrahim Etessami and the late Mr. Abdolrahim Zar z"l, I have learned how gratifying it is to serve our community and to do so with a full and happy heart.

It is my goal to give back to the community who has given me so much since my youth. I believe that in order to maintain our unity and to expand on the possibilities for future generations, it is important that we keep an open mind to different options and suggestions, and work together to have our Kanissa's needs met.

If elected, I look forward to collaborating with the upcoming Kanissa board members, and will strive to serve and better our community.

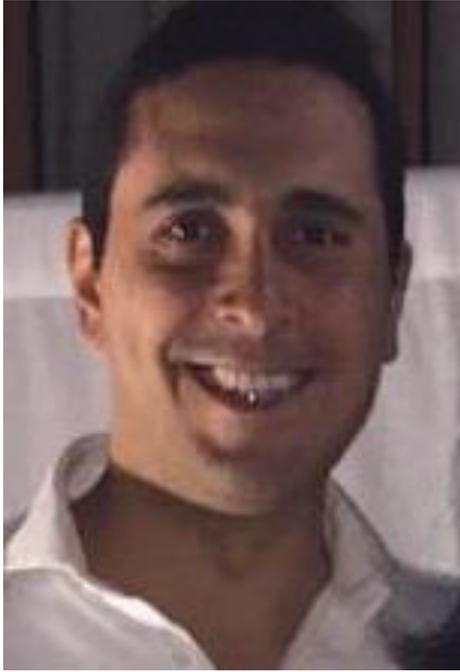


Ariel Hakimian

My Name is Ariel Hakimian, son of Angela and Behnam Hakimian. I am 33 years old and have been married to my amazing wife Daniella Hakimian for 7 years. We have been blessed with 2 wonderful boys Mason and Brooks Hakimian. I graduated from Great Neck South High School in the year 2001 and then went to college at SUNY Albany and graduated from their school of business in 2005.

My father served Behnam Hakimian (Iranian) has served 2 terms on the Central Board and 2 terms on the supervisory council. I have the unique pleasure of working with him as well, which gave me some firsthand experience into what it was like helping out the community. I believe that educating our youth is one of the cornerstones for our community along with keeping our traditions alive.

The reason I am running for the Ohr Esther Kanisa board is over the years the community have given me so much to be thankful for. It is my time to give back and help build this community towards a brighter future.



Elan Hakimian

My name is Elan Hakimian, son of Nasser and Farideh Hakimian. My wife is Carly Hakimian, daughter of Behnam and Mahnaz Hakimi. Since graduating from the Stern School of Business at NYU, I have worked in real estate private equity at a large investment bank and in the development field. My education and experience has helped provide me with strong problem solving skills. I have also volunteered and served in many Jewish and Pro-Israel clubs and organizations.

I hope to give back to the community that has given me so much. Our unity has always been our community's greatest asset. As our community has grown, it is even more important to stress unity and to create more programs designed to keep our youth involved.

If elected, I hope to join the Ohr Esther board to:

- Add more community programs targeting youth participation
- Improve atmosphere during services, so there is increased attendance and people can hear what is going on

- Focus on Jewish education and Zionism programs to inspire the youth
- Assist in fundraising efforts and bring back the charity auction

Make Ohr Esther Great Again



Michael Hakimian

My name is Michael Hakimian, son of Bahram & Janet Hakimian (Jabarzadeh). I attended Great Neck South High School, and graduated from The Cooper Union with a major in Civil Engineering. I worked at Severud Associates, and became a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of New York. I currently work at the Hakimian Organization, as a Managing Director of Construction, overseeing construction and management. I was a volunteer at the Great Neck Vigilant Fire Department for 5 years, and I am an active volunteer at Tomchei Shabbat of Queens, which helps feed needy Jews in Queens and Long Island.

I am running for the Synagogue Board of Ohr Esther because I love our community, I love our synagogues, and I want to help in any capacity that I can. I have previously helped with some improvements and maintenance projects at the building (permanent heychal for the youth minyan, classroom expansion for Shalom school, new mekhitzahs for youth, etc), and I would like to continue help to with similar projects. Additionally, I feel that the main minyan can benefit from a full time Rabbi, or some other type of consistent leadership, to whom couples and parents can turn to for questions, guidance, and counseling.



Rex Hakimian

Son of Behrouz and Suzy Hakimian. Married to Eva Hakimian, and father to 4 kids and one on the way (B”H).

Served on the MYC for 2 terms and has been involved in several community programs.

Graduate of:

NSHA (middle school)

HANC (high school)

Hofstra (Bachelor’s Degree)

Works as a real estate developer for the last 22 years.

Goals:

- To make physical improvements to Ohr Esther in order to help the men and women better hear the chazzan and speakers.
- Add decorative elements to the building.
- Improve the food and candy distributions on Shabbat



Shelby Hakimian (Norooz)

As a student I attended Great Neck North High School and graduated from Baruch College with a BBA in Real Estate Development and a Minor in Political Science. My activities as a community member include being co-treasurer of MYC, member of Marriage Committee, Gabbai for the Youth Minyan, participation in SHORE4life and Israel Zionism Committee. I joined the Israel Zionism Committee in 2011 and helped 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. I have been active as a Gabbai in the singles minyan at Ohr Esther for three years now. As a Gabbai I participate in daily discussions about our needs and how we can improve our minyan. Through the help of our dedicated Rabbanim and Hazzanim I am confident to say that we are running a successful minyan.

During my term in 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 and Shabbatons that brought our community together. Some programs include AIPAC, Poconos Retreat, Winter Retreat, Aladadi, Yom Haatzmaut, Living Room, and numerous Shabbat Lunches. As a member of Ohr Esther Board I will continue to preserve and enhance our Mashadi tradition and culture through religious, Zionist, educational, and social programs and publications.



Michael Kamali

My name is Mike Kamali, husband of Anat, son of Linda and brother of Nick Kamali. I am 45 years old and candidate for Ohr Esther Synagogue Board.

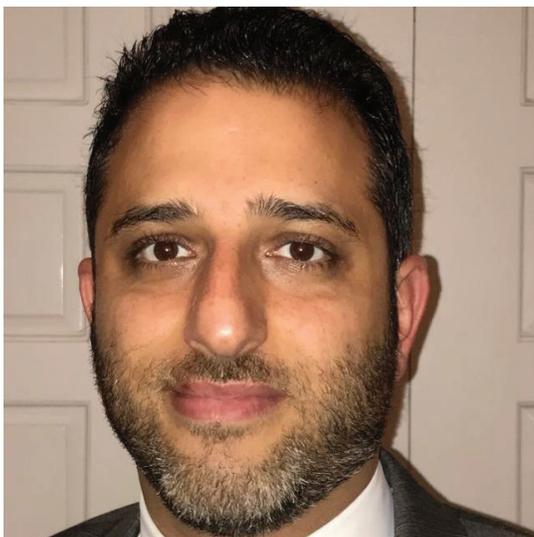
Since the opening of the YMJC building, I've worked on several ideas that were mainly focused on maximizing attendance. One of the 1st ideas was hosting parties inside the social hall (Purim Parties + NYE parties), by decorating the hall with different themes. On the next project, Together with Brian Hakimian, we came up with a Sunday night program for Singles called @130. Years later, this idea was improved and revised by MYC into what is called "Living Room". I've also been blessed to work with a great team and developed:

- Programming at YMJC (organized classes/programs)
- Camp MJC

If elected, my goals for this term would be:

#1 Decorating the Main Sanctuary to create a more spiritual atmosphere and fixing the acoustic issues mainly in the women's section.

#2 Continuing to Maximize attendance for Singles and Married Couples.



Farzan Kashimallak

I am the son of Farajollah and Farideh Kashimallak. My wife Anita and I have 4 daughters and 1 son. I'm a product of the Great Neck school system, a graduate of Great Neck South HS.

I continued to graduate from Boston University in 3 years (2001) with a degree in business management.

I work with my father and brothers (Joseph & Bryan) in our family business.

My goals for joining the board of Ohr Ester include making the building a more welcoming place for all age groups. To continue the strategy the previous board put in place regarding fiscal responsibility. Locating a suitable rabbi for the building. And working closely with the Central Board to acquire/construct a

much needed youth center for our ever growing community.



Mark Kordvani

I am the son of Iris and the late Ephraim Kordvani. I am a proud Mashadi Jew. I work with my fellow Kordvanis in the jewelry business. I live in NYC with my loving wife; Miriam D Kordvani. I am very passionate about the political system. I want to be a part of the Ohr Esther Board and have a positive influence. I want to maximize attentiveness by making Kanissa more fun, yet maintaining the sanctity a synagogue should have. My dream is to make Ohr Esther the cool place to be Shabbat and Holidays. I truly believe as an Ohr Esther Board member we can play a major role – while working directly with the Central Board – to create such an atmosphere. If the Ohr Esther Board is as passionate as I am, we can achieve wonders. Vote for me and together we can #MakeKanissaGreatAgain !!



Daniel Koren

My name is Daniel Koren. I'm the luckiest man in the world to have married Sepi, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Cyrus and Nooshin Elian. God has blessed us with four wonderful children, Naomi, Abigail, Joseph and Jacob. I'm also very fortunate to be the son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & Yudite Koren. Both my father's late parents (Avraham & Leah Kordevani Z'L) and my mother's late parents (Yochanan Nematollah & Miriam Livian Z'L) migrated to Jerusalem from Mashad in the 1920's & 30's with a hope and vision to instill and maintain their Jewish identity along with their Mashadi traditions for generations to come. I'm running for a second term of the Ohr Esther kanisa board to continue my ancestors beliefs and traditions. My goal is to achieve a maximum attendance in our kanisa on a weekly basis. I believe that

our weekly congregation with our family and friends is the source of our community's success. I'm so proud to be a part of this extraordinary community and I'm very honored to serve in any way that I can the needs of our kanisa and community. ‘



Raymond Mordekhai (Mardkhai)

My name is Raymond Mordekhai and I am 46 years old. I am married to Sandy (Ghassabian) and we have 4 children, Emanuel (17), Ethan (16), Hanna (13) and Ezra (9). I have had a full Yeshiva Education and graduated from Hofstra University with a degree in Political Science. I am the Principal Broker and the owner of Forest Park Properties Inc., a commercial Real Estate firm.

I have been a member of the Ohr Esther Minyan since the doors opened. My community and my synagogue are very important to me, and always a priority in my life. I have made it my business thus far to give my children a Jewish education and keep them involved in our community and our programs, and hope to continue to do so. As our community is being challenged by ever changing times, I am hopeful and confident that I can help lead our Minyanim to a higher level. #MKGA