

# SHAARE SHALOM



## **Ephraim Aminoff**

I was born in London in 1951 to Nuriel and Tavous Aminoff. My father had immigrated to London from Mashad in 1930. After high school, I graduated from London University with an honors degree in Chemistry. After a few months teaching, I entered the accountancy profession and after 3 years became a chartered accountant [equivalent to a CPA]. In 1978 I started my own business as a diamond dealer. I served on the Mashadi Central Board in London for a few years until I immigrated to New York in 1991. I served on 2 UMJCA Central Boards: 2007-10 as Assistant Treasurer and 2010-13 as Treasurer. I also served on the current Shaare Shalom Synagogue Board as Treasurer. I have been the English editor of Shalom Week since its inception. I am married to Nili [Kordvani] and we have 3 daughters, Shirlee (Gordon), Candie (Zar) and Kellie.



## **Naim Bakhshi**

Born in 1958 in Mashhad.

Studied photography and photojournalism in NYU and German school of photography. Married to Dina Aziz and blessed with two Sons Elan and Adam.

My parents are Salim and Soraya Bakhshi. My late mother-in-law was Sara Aziz. My dear Father-in-law may Hashem give him refoa shlema is David Aziz. I have been involved with security of 54 since its opening and prior to that Share Tova in queens also. I hope to serve the community in a different aspects now. May Hashem help me to serve with full power. I thank the community for the support.



## **Simon Ghassabian**

Hello my name is Simon Ghassabian. Like most of us, I've been going to Shaare Shalom since it was built. It's always been a comfortable place for me. I'm very familiar with all our synagogues but Shaare Shalom always feels like home. In fact, I attend minyan almost every morning at Share Shalom so I'm quite familiar with the building and many of the congregants and its employees.

Once elected, it will be my goal to follow the paths of our past, hard-working members. To preserve our Synagogue and to make every part of our minyanim meaningful and enjoyable.

Unity is the one reason that we've come so far and we must try our best to keep it for the future of our community!!



**Bijan Hakimian (Mortezazadeh)**

**Education:** Master of Science

**Marital Status:** Married with 2 Children

**Occupation:** Self employed

- Served two terms on Central Board now serving third term
- Served one term on Shaare Shalom's Synagogue Board

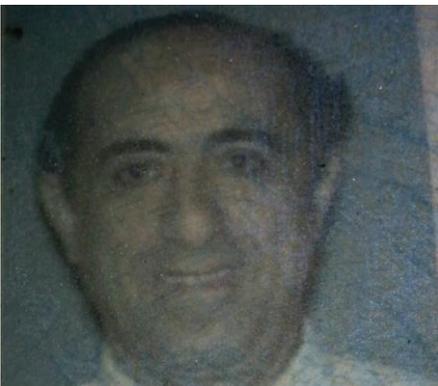


**Khosrow Hakimian**

- Member of the UMJCA
- Running for second term
- Member of committee budget
- Super view of accounting for UMJCA

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



**Nasser Hakimian**

I was born in Mashad and continued my studies in Tehran. From a very young age I was passionate about Israel and Zionism. I volunteered in many organizations and was in the board of the Hehalutz program promoting Jewish education and Zionism for the youth in Iran.

Since my family has always helped with community affairs, I have been asked to volunteer for the Shaare Shalom board.

My goals include: increasing participation at Shaare Shalom, improving the Jewish education for the youth, and keeping our community united.

Also, I hope to focus on preparing budgets for Shaare Shalom that keep costs low while improving services.

### **Michael Hazan**



My name is Michael Hazan, son of late Soleiman and Zilpa Hazan.

I am fifty years old and have been married to Mira (Ramazanov) for eighteen years. We have been blessed with three children, Daniel (16), Naomi (13), and Eitan (8).

I was born in Israel and grew up in Rome (Italy) with only a few Mashadi families living around us. This made us realize even more how important is to live in a caring and supporting community.

My goal is to support all our minyanim in Shaare Shalom and specially work hard for the future of our youth to have a unified leadership, and to teach them the importance of our own Mashadi minhagim as well.

### **Mehran Kohanim**



My name is Mehran Kohanim son of Mrs. Parvin Kohanim and late Mr. Haroun Kohanim. The reason I am running for the Kanissa board is to continue and carry on the beautiful minhagim and traditions of our community that have been installed by our great leaders. I will strive to make the unity in our community stronger than ever.



### **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 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.



### **Parham Shaer**

I'm honored to be considered as a candidate for the Shaare Shalom board in the upcoming elections.

My parents, Mahin and Ebrahim Shaer, started taking me to synagogue regularly when I was 3 years old. Ever since, synagogue has always felt like a second home. Today, I am the proud husband of Natascha Shaer, and father of Alexander, Liam, Emilia and Katia. I have watched our community grow and flourish over the years, always with kanissa at its heart. It would be a privilege to help make Shaare Shalom an even better place for our families.

I have worked in community service for many years, and am aware of what is required to be an effective board member. My experience is as follows:

- **Two terms in the MYC.** During this time we held many well-attended social, Zionist and cultural events for the youth. We had an enthusiastic team and many of our peers are still involved in helping the community today;
- **Two terms in the original Shaare Shalom board from 1998-2001 and 2001-2004.** Together with a dedicated team we set up a system which helped pave the way for future boards, establishing many of the rules and regulations still in effect today.
- **One term as a member of the Transitional Management Team (TMT) of Ohr Esther in 2006.** During this time we helped finalize the construction, hire staff and open the synagogue for community use in a timely manner.
- **Co-Founder of the 8:05 Minyan:** In 2014, with the cooperation of some like-minded community members, we initiated and organized a third daily shacharit minyan at Shaare Shalom, known as the "8:05 minyan". Today we have a regular daily attendance of 40-50 people, with many more for holidays and special occasions. Because of this minyan I am at Shaare Shalom every day, and have become closely acquainted with the needs of the building.

If elected to the Synagogue Board, I plan to streamline activities at Shaare Shalom, keep an open mind to the diverse opinions in the community and attend to the building needs in a fiscally responsible manner.