



## **RABBINIC SEARCH: WHERE WE'RE AT AND WHERE WE'RE GOING, PART II**

In the weeks since the last update a lot has happened with the ongoing work of the Rabbinic Search Committee. This tireless group completed the Pulpit Rabbinic Search Questionnaire. The mammoth document (32 pages!), which was thoughtfully written to reflect who we are as a congregation and what needs we have when it comes to selecting our next rabbi, was successfully submitted to the Rabbinic Assembly, and our job posting went live as the last few days of 2020 slipped away.

Happily, we've received CVs from four qualified candidates so far, and the committee is now deep into planning the interview process. In addition to speaking with these candidates, we will also be participating in Interview Week, which gives kehillot looking to hire a new rabbi the opportunity to interview the students graduating from the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and the Rabbinical School of the Jewish Theological Seminary. While our inclination is to hire a rabbi with prior pulpit experience, there may be some very viable candidates to be considered among the graduating seniors.

On a nice note, we've gotten positive feedback from both RA staff and the candidates that the questionnaire we submitted is really a master work. Comments include, "It looks great, and I can tell you did a very thorough job of filling it out," and "Your rabbinic hiring questionnaire...describes a community passionately committed to prayer and learning, and a community that is confident in its ability to sing its own melody." The many weeks of careful data dissemination, writing and editing to present the final questionnaire are paying off.

We will continue to update you about the search progress in regular messages, which will also be posted on our website. If you have specific questions about the committee's work, please contact chair Anne LeVant: [anne@prahls.com](mailto:anne@prahls.com) or Marje Jacobson: [marjej2@gmail.com](mailto:marjej2@gmail.com).

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