



Dear Congregant:

December 21, 2011

Happy Chanukah and welcome to winter in the Rogue Valley. The Rabbi Search Committee (RSC) continues to actively pursue the careful series of steps necessary to identify our next Rabbi that we made available to you earlier this fall in the timeline graphic that we sent to you. Since Rabbi Marc retired this summer, we have accomplished a great deal. I have previously written letters to Temple members of our efforts during the summer and early fall. Today, I would like to announce the latest development leading into the winter.

As you know from previous meetings, letters, and emails, the RSC made available an online and a printed survey. In them, we solicited information from you regarding interests, needs, and desires regarding a new Rabbi. We also asked you to provide us with self assessment information about our Temple and our congregation. The RSC has spent a good deal of time combining those results with personal meetings, email inputs, and the opinions expressed during a full congregational meeting that took place during the last week of October.

We have now completed a website, <http://www.juddrobbins.com/RabbiSearch.html>, that will offer ongoing information to congregants about our efforts, plus detailed information to prospective rabbis who may be interested in applying for our rabbinic position. As you will see when you go to this website, we include all of our previous letters, our graphic timeline, the results of the online survey that a large percentage of our congregants completed in October and November, and this current letter.

The combination Rabbi Information and Application package provides prospective rabbis with helpful information about our Temple and its membership. Importantly, this document will reflect our most important needs and interests, which will enable candidates to better decide if they will be a good fit for our congregation. At the same time, this document will provide the RSC with important guidelines for ensuring that our next Rabbi will be the best fit for our congregation, both now and into the future.

During the latter half of December, the RSC is placing a variety of printed and online advertisements in a range of media to announce our rabbinic position. We naturally value personal connections highly, and we request that you pass on the website in paragraph 3 above to friends, family members, and other contacts you have who may know of rabbis appropriate for our Temple and available for the position. Beginning the first week of January, the RSC will formally accept applications from interested Rabbis for our position that will be available in summer of 2012. Please have a happy and enjoyable Holiday Season.

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