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Dear Friends,

We hope this letter finds you all well. The board is always trying to improve the operation of our Shul. In this regard, as representatives of the Shul membership it is critical for the Board to understand what is important to you. Enclosed you will find a survey that covers a variety of topics related to the High Holidays (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur), Simchat Torah, and other general issues.

Your candid and thoughtful responses will help guide the Board in the decisions that are made for the upcoming holidays and our services in general.

Each survey includes space for two adult members to provide their responses. Please include your name at the top of the survey as either member #1 or member #2. **Your individual answers will remain strictly confidential.**

If any questions do not apply to you, or, if you are personally unsure of the answer, please feel free to skip them. Even partially completed surveys will provide us with valuable information. Thank you in advance for your willingness to be included in this important survey. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve Ostrove at steveo249@verizon.net, or Ari Romanoff at ariromanoff@gmail.com or 908-656-5023.

Please return the completed questionnaire to us by February 8, 2013. A return envelope is included for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Steve Ostrove
Chairman of the Board



JEC Elmora Ave Shul- Holiday Survey

Member #1

Member #2

Name: _____

Name: _____

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

General

1. In general, which of the following options would you prefer during the holiday services:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to listen to the Chazzan during services | <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to listen to the Chazzan during services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to sing with the Chazzan during services | <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to sing with the Chazzan during services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I enjoy both listening to the Chazzan and singing with the Chazzan during services | <input type="checkbox"/> I enjoy both listening to the Chazzan and singing with the Chazzan during services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion |

2. Would you prefer to have a community member or outside chazzan lead the davening on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community member | <input type="checkbox"/> Community member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outside Chazzan | <input type="checkbox"/> Outside Chazzan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No preference | <input type="checkbox"/> No preference |

3. What did you think about the length of services during the High Holidays:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The length of services were just right | <input type="checkbox"/> The length of services were just right |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The services took too long | <input type="checkbox"/> The services took too long |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The services were too short | <input type="checkbox"/> The services were too short |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion |

Please provide any comments you have on the length of specific services:

4. What did you like about your experience at the Elmora Ave Shul on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?

Member #1

Member #2

5. What can we do to improve your experience at the Elmora Ave Shul on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?

6. If you did not attend services in our Shul during Rosh Hashanah and/or Yom Kippur please tell us why:

Chazzan Seth Lutnick

1. Please tell us which of the services you attended where you heard Chazzan Lutnick:

- Shacharit- Rosh Hashanah
- Mincha- Rosh Hashanah
- Shacharit- Yom Kippur
- Mincha- Yom Kippur
- None

- Shacharit- Rosh Hashanah
- Mincha- Rosh Hashanah
- Shacharit- Yom Kippur
- Mincha- Yom Kippur
- None

2. How did Chazzan Lutnick’s role in the Holiday service affect your spiritual connection to the davening?

- Added to my spiritual connection
- Detracted from my spiritual connection
- No change in my spiritual connection
- No opinion

- Added to my spiritual connection
- Detracted from my spiritual connection
- No change in my spiritual connection
- No opinion

What aspect of Chazzan Lutnick’s style made you feel that way?

3. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being excellent and 1 being poor, please rate Chazzan Lutnick’s style on each of the following items. If you have no opinion, please select “N/A”.

	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Leading the Congregation in prayer						
Quality of vocals						
Melodies used						
Enunciation						

	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Leading the Congregation in prayer						
Quality of vocals						
Melodies used						
Enunciation						

Member #1

Member #2

4. Were you comfortable singing along with Chazzan Lutnick?

- Yes
- No

- Yes
- No

Why or why not:

Why or why not:

5. Is there anything that you would like Chazzan Lutnick to change about his davening?

6. Please provide any other comments you have on Chazzan Lutnick's davening:

7. Would you like Chazzan Lutnick to be our Chazzan again next year?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

Chazzan Meshulem Epstein

1. Please tell us which of the services you attended where you heard Chazzan Epstein:

- Ma'ariv- Rosh Hashanah
- Musaf- Rosh Hashanah
- Ma'ariv- Yom Kippur
- Musaf- Yom Kippur
- Neila- Yom Kippur
- None

- Ma'ariv- Rosh Hashanah
- Musaf- Rosh Hashanah
- Ma'ariv- Yom Kippur
- Musaf- Yom Kippur
- Neila- Yom Kippur
- None

2. How did Chazzan Epstein's role in the Holiday service affect your spiritual connection to the davening?

- Added to my spiritual connection
- Detracted from my spiritual connection
- No change in my spiritual connection
- No opinion

- Added to my spiritual connection
- Detracted from my spiritual connection
- No change in my spiritual connection
- No opinion

Member #1

Member #2

What aspect of Chazzan Epstein's style made you feel that way?

3. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being excellent and 1 being poor, please rate Chazzan Epstein's style on each of the following items. If you have no opinion, please select "N/A".

	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Leading the Congregation in prayer						
Quality of vocals						
Melodies used						
Enunciation						

	1	2	3	4	5	N/A
Leading the Congregation in prayer						
Quality of vocals						
Melodies used						
Enunciation						

4. Were you comfortable singing along with Chazzan Epstein?

- Yes
- No

- Yes
- No

Why or why not:

Why or why not:

5. Is there anything that you would like Chazzan Epstein to change about his davening?

6. Please provide any other comments you have on Chazzan Epstein's davening:

7. Would you like Chazzan Epstein to be our Chazzan again next year?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

Member #1

Member #2

8. If we decide to replace either Chazzan for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur would you be willing to sit on the search committee?

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Simchat Torah

1. What did you enjoy about your experience at the Hakkafot?

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2. What can we do to improve your experience at the Hakkafot?

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3. What did you think about the length of the Hakkafot on Simchat Torah night?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The length was just right | <input type="checkbox"/> The length was just right |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too long | <input type="checkbox"/> Too long |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too short | <input type="checkbox"/> Too short |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion |

4. What did you think about the length of the Hakkafot on Simchat Torah day?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The length was just right | <input type="checkbox"/> The length was just right |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too long | <input type="checkbox"/> Too long |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too short | <input type="checkbox"/> Too short |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion |

5. Is the Kiddush on Simchat Torah night something that brings you to the Shul?

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion |

6. What kind of Kiddush would you like the Shul to have on Simchat Torah night?

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Kiddush | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Kiddush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cold Kiddush | <input type="checkbox"/> Cold Kiddush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Kiddush | <input type="checkbox"/> No Kiddush |

7. Is the Kiddush on Simchat Torah day something that brings you to the Shul?

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion |

Member #1

Member #2

8. What kind of Kiddush would you like the Shul to have on Simchat Torah day?

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Kiddush | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm Kiddush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cold Kiddush | <input type="checkbox"/> Cold Kiddush |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Kiddush | <input type="checkbox"/> No Kiddush |

9. Are you interested in volunteering for any of the following during the holidays?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Machzor setup before and after holidays | <input type="checkbox"/> Machzor setup before and after holidays |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Babysitting Committee (RH/YK) | <input type="checkbox"/> Babysitting Committee (RH/YK) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kiddush preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Kiddush preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please indicate below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please indicate below) |

Miscellaneous

1. Are you interested in participating in any of the following during the year?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Torah reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Torah reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Haftarah reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Haftarah reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chazzan | <input type="checkbox"/> Chazzan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shalosh Seudot preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Shalosh Seudot preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kiddush preparation | <input type="checkbox"/> Kiddush preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shul newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Shul newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please indicate below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please indicate below) |

2. Please contact me for any of the following (please provide phone number and e-mail address below):

- Meals for shiva homes
- Meals for families of new mothers
- Meals for families with special needs such as an illness
- Host new families that move into the community for a meal on Shabbos
- Host families who want or need to stay for a Shabbos or Yom Tov
- Call me on Erev Shabbos or Yom Tov to host families who get stranded in Elizabeth

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____