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Dear Friends:

The purpose of his letter is to explain the process involved in becoming a member of the Board of Directors of the JEC Elmora Avenue Shul.

There are 15 positions on the board. The length of each term is three years. Therefore, each year five slots become available. Petitions to join the board are distributed annually. Paid adult members ages 21 years and older in good standing are encouraged to complete and submit a petition to place his/her name in contention for a position on the board of directors of the shul. If the number of submitted petitions is less than or equals the number of vacant seats, then those petitioners become members of the board. However, if there are more petitions than the number of available seats, an election is held. Ballots are mailed to members in good standing via USPS. The completed ballots are to be returned to the shul office where they are then counted. The petitioners with the five highest number of votes become members of the board.

The definition of a member in good standing is someone: 1) whose dues and pledges are paid up through the year prior (in this case this refers to the 2016-17 year that ended August 31, 2017), or has a payment plan in effect to cover any unpaid balance and 2) has committed to paying membership in the current year. Only members in good standing may submit or sign petitions or vote.

Please understand that being on the board is a commitment of time and effort. Meetings are held monthly and it is expected that members will attend the meetings on a regular basis. (Of course there are exceptions due to occasional personal conflicts.) In addition, it is asked that each member chair and/or participate on a committee.

Petitions are due in the shul office by the close of business on Monday, November 27th. Only original, hard copies will be accepted. Please do not email or fax petitions.

Petitioners are asked to attend the general membership meeting on Monday evening December 14th at 7:45 in the main shul so they can introduce themselves to those present.

These matters are discussed at great length in the shul's by laws that may be found at the following link: <http://jecelmorashul.org/member.php>. The document is password protected. To obtain the password, follow the instructions on the shul's website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any current board member. Contact information for current board members can be found on the shul's website: <http://jecelmorashul.org/board.php>.

Thank you,

Rabbi Avie Pinsker,
Chairman of the JEC Elmora Avenue Shul