

**Nanuet Hebrew Center
and Montebello Jewish Center**

Consolidation Update



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CONGREGATION SHIR SHALOM | *Song of Peace*

**UNION OF MONTEBELLO JEWISH CENTER
AND NANUET HEBREW CENTER**

June 27, 2021

Dear Friends,

It is our sincere pleasure and privilege to announce that late Friday afternoon, the honorable Judge Rolf M. Thorsen signed the consolidation order, permitting Nanuet Hebrew Center and Montebello Jewish Center to become Congregation Shir Shalom.

May we all have a bright and prosperous future ahead as we begin this new and exciting adventure.

We look forward to seeing you at our services, and at many future events.

Sincerely,

Gail Kaiser & Jeff Schragenheim
Co-Presidents, Nanuet Hebrew Center

Fred Robinovitz
President, Montebello Jewish Center

June 2, 2021

Dear Friends,

We wanted to personally share with you some updates as to the status of the consolidation of Nanuet Hebrew Center and Montebello Jewish Center. The Steering Committee and all of the joint subcommittees have been hard at work to make sure that this consolidation process moves along in a steady and timely manner.

Here are the most current updates from each of the Consolidation Subcommittees:

- The Legal Subcommittee has submitted the Agreement of Consolidation to the New York State Attorney General's office and the Supreme Court of Rockland County for approval of the consolidation. Since the consolidation is almost upon us, and the committee wanted to take a detailed and thorough approach to writing the new constitution. It was agreed that, in the interim, for no more than the first six months, Congregation Shir Shalom will operate under Montebello Jewish Center's by-laws. Once the new constitution is complete, it will be voted upon by the entire, newly consolidated congregation.
- The Finance Subcommittee continues the process of formulating a joint budget. It is imperative that, in order to accomplish this, we need to be able to anticipate revenue from pledges. We therefore ask that if you have not done so already, please submit your pledge form to the office as soon as possible. If consolidation does not occur prior to this year's congregational meeting, we will continue operating within the parameters of this year's budget,
- The House Subcommittee has undertaken an environmental assessment which revealed the presence of mold, of which you have already been informed. All of the bids have been received and evaluated. Therefore, the mold remediation, along with associated repairs required in the process, will begin as soon as possible. Additionally, bids have been acquired to replace the roof and to fix and repair the HVAC systems. These repairs will begin as soon as the appropriate vendor is approved.
- The Outreach & Engagement Subcommittee is currently working with design companies to develop markups for a new logo, which will appear on our building and letterhead, pending a congregational vote.
- The Ritual Subcommittee voted to adopt the Lev Shalem machzor for the high holidays. They are also reorganizing the High Holiday Committee in preparation for reopening for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- A new committee, the Reopening Committee has been formed and will be meeting on June 2nd. They are charged with creating a plan for reopening and returning back to "normal", including regularly scheduled services and Saturday morning kiddush. This committee includes representatives of the Board of Directors, the COVID Committee, the House Committee, and the Catering Committee. Once we have their recommendations, a complete reopening plan will be communicated to the entire congregation.

Thank you for all of your support. We will continue to provide you with new developments as they occur.

Warm regards,

Gail Kaiser

Jeff Schragenheim

Co-Presidents, Nanuet Hebrew Center

March 2021

Dear Friends,

We are very happy to announce that the memberships of Nanuet Hebrew Center and Montebello Jewish Center, on Sunday March 21, 2021, in separate meetings, approved the Agreement of Consolidation to form the new synagogue, Congregation Shir Shalom. Stay tuned for further updates as the process towards consolidation continues.

We are extremely excited about our future and are looking forward to forming new and long-lasting friendships.

Sincerely,
Gail Kaiser & Jeff Schragenheim
Co-Presidents, NHC



We thank you for your continued support of our consolidation plans and are extremely excited about the bright future of our combined congregations. We appreciate your participation in our online vote on our new name and were very pleased by the high and enthusiastic voter turnout. The clear choice for our new name, with 69.3% of the vote is "Congregation Shir Shalom".

We look forward to Congregation Shir Shalom being our synagogue home where we all join together in a "Song of Peace"!

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Click here for a beautiful rendition of Shir LaShalom, A Song of Peace performed live by Shiri Maimon at State of Israel 60th Anniversary Independence Day celebration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loEjCbSPNjw>