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Dear Friends,

Over the past few months, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors have evaluated many fine candidates for the position of Cantor at Beth Jacob. The process has been rather extensive, and has encompassed candidates from the United States, Europe, and Israel. The process included telephone interviews, review of recorded material, personal references, as well as a *probeh* at Beth Jacob for the top candidates.

We are pleased to recommend to the congregation that we engage Netanel Baram as the next cantor at Beth Jacob. Netanel was born and raised in Jerusalem, and was a student at Yeshivat Mercaz HaRav. His cantorial training followed at the Tel Aviv Cantorial Institute under the direction of Chazzan Naftali Herstik. Nati has been a soloist in the Jerusalem Great Synagogue Choir, and has performed throughout Israel, Europe, and South Africa. He has received other offers in Europe and the United States, but was most impressed with the warm welcome he received from the Beth Jacob community. He and his wife Carmit are anxious to join our community, and become integral parts of our kehilla.

Article XVIII, Section 1, of the Beth Jacob By-Laws call for a congregational meeting to vote on the candidate recommended by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. The congregational meeting has been scheduled for **Sunday, September 21, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.** Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

With warm personal regards,



Steven Tabak