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162nd Anniversary Celebration.

honoring

Lisa Smith

President of the Congregation

Sunday, June 10, 2018

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Greetings from the 162nd Anniversary Commemorative Journal Committee

Welcome! Tonight we celebrate the presidency of Lisa Smith as well as the 162nd anniversary of the founding of Congregation Baith Israel Anshei Emes, the longest surviving Jewish congregation in Brooklyn.

Rena and I are both long time members; when we joined, the fact that Kane Street, a Conservative shul had a female president, Nancy Fink, was quite the cause for comment. When a few years later we hired Rabbi Deborah Cantor, it created quite a furor. These days, the glass ceiling of shul presidency has been shattered over and over again, by Judy Greenwald, Ellen Bowin, Susan Rifkin, and Vicky Vossen.

Lisa's tenure as a member, board member and president has been notable not only for her leadership—the growth and development of the personnel committee, the strategic fundraising committee and the reappearance of the weekly print and online synagogue newsletter, Kane Street Connections, are all efforts that she spearheaded; she also helmed the Capital Campaign, starting during Jon Sack's presidency. The Capital Campaign has raised the funds to renovate the façade and roof of the sanctuary and is now moving on to plans to reconfigure our historic sanctuary. Lisa is also exemplary as a Kane Street member for the growth of her Jewish learning and leadership. In the course of time, she learned, as an adult, to lead services, to *leyn*, to chant haftarah. Lisa exemplifies the growth that can occur in an open and encouraging environment, one in which leaders are developed, not hired.

The contents of this journal reflect Lisa's effect on her community; read through the many thanks, congratulations and kudos heaped upon her by her *kahal*. Her family, and we, have much to be proud of and thankful for.

To you, our esteemed guests and generous journal contributors, we thank you; because of your generosity, Kane Street continues to go from strength to strength, and from generation to generation.

A heartfelt *todah rabbah* for joining us in the recognition and celebration of Lisa's significant achievements.

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We'd also like to thank Rabbi Sam and Rabbi Val for the valuable assistance they provided.

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From the 162nd Anniversary Celebration Dinner Committee

Welcome to this special evening celebrating Lisa Smith, our outgoing President.

The Committee is grateful to the dedicated members and staff who have made this evening possible. We thank:

- Vice-Presidents Danny Tamman and Jessica Schoengold for their support on all fronts, including spreading the word of this celebration on Kane Street's many platforms.
- Tonight's Master of Ceremonies, Danny Magill, for his superior oratory skills and elegant crowd control.
- Trustee Judy Greenwald, as always, for her deep institutional memory and gracious assistance with matters large and small.
- Wine and music consultant Meir Kahtan for enhancing the enjoyment and festivity of this evening (and being available 24/7).
- Executive Director Alan Bell for taking care of the many seen and unseen logistics, ensuring the smooth execution of this event.
- Administrative Assistant Erica Southward for her help preparing materials for tonight.
- Building Staff Nestor Restrepo and Julio Medina-Gomez for setting up for this event and making other preparations with their usual good cheer.
- Security Guard Trevor Malcolm for attentively smoothing our frequent comings and goings in the last few weeks.

162nd Anniversary Celebration Dinner Committee Gillian Kahtan, Chair

Message - Rabbi Sam Weintraub

Dear friends,

The mission statement for my synagogue, my family, and my life, was composed by Shimon HaTzadik, Shimon the Righteous, two thousand years ago: "The world rests on three things: Torah study, prayer, and deeds of lovingkindness" (Pirke Avot, Ethics of the Fathers 1:2).

Now, at this time of reflection, as I evaluate our community against these standards, I am grateful. We continue to engage Jews, and those interested in Judaism, in passionate and earnest study from toddlers through people in their 90s. Our Shabbat gatherings instill an early passion for Yiddishkeit in very young children. In our Hebrew School, 152 children learn the building blocks of Judaism and search moral and spiritual questions. Open Beit Midrash draws over one hundred adults to study classical texts taught by New York's finest Jewish academics.

In prayer, we join in praise and personal reflection. Every Shabbat, we are a destination for scores of individuals and families to pray, sing, meet friends, and experience love and well-being after a week of achievement and stress.

We also practice *g'milut chasadim*, acts of lovingkindness. We provide support for our members in times of joy and sadness. Led by our Social Justice Committee, we commit ourselves actively, and as Jews, fulfilling mitzvot of Torah, to projects supporting immigrant rights, security for domestic workers, local environmental cleanup, the homeless, victims of family violence, and more. In collaboration with neighboring synagogues, we also tackle international issues, such as security and democracy in Israel and refugee resettlement.

All of this righteous activity not only sustains the world, but nurtures intentionality and spirit among our members. This success is assured by the constant, and generally unsung, devotion of many committed lay leaders, volunteers, and staff. They are too many to list here, but I would like to mention a few:

Lisa Smith, our president these past two years, has served us *yomam va'layla*, (often early) days and (often late) nights, for the past two years. Lisa's love for our synagogue is unending. Somehow on top of a demanding professional position and an active household with three children, she finds the time to plan synagogue priorities, efficiently lead Board and other meetings, advise numerous lay and staff leaders, fulfill leadership and advisory roles in dozens of happy and unhappy matters including financial management, personnel hiring and review, Capital Campaign, facility repair and development, Israel activities, member relations, and preschool and Hebrew School supervision, and also lead us in prayer and Torah reading, study with Music Director Judith Berkson, extend personal support to those who are ill or bereaved, and more. She has shown unflagging dignity even in trying circumstances. I hope that Lisa's example will inspire others, and that she will now enjoy a well-deserved transition to the status of Past President.

I would also like to appreciate Adina Solomon, our Executive Vice President these past two years. Adina has furthered many parts of our mission, from leadership of services to consultation on Preschool and Hebrew School matters to financial management and, not least, her energetic leadership of the Capital Campaign. I look forward to continued service with Adina. I would like to thank all of the officers, trustees, and committee chairs for giving so much of their time, talents, and material resources to our community.

You and I also benefit from our devoted staff. Rabbi Valerie Lieber has, with characteristic passion and strength, led Hebrew School and family programming. Through her efforts, our Hebrew School has enjoyed a dramatic surge in enrollment, and established an atmosphere of discipline,



learning and joy for which it is now widely respected. Rabbi Jason Gitlin has, with warmth and devotion, increased the interest of young families in our services and community, enhanced Jewish learning in the Preschool, and supported much of our Synagogue communications. Judith Berkson, our Music Director, provides superb instruction and encouragement to our growing cadre of lay leaders, and inspires us with her exquisite voice and liturgical knowledge. Alan Bell is kind and organized as our Executive Director, and regularly tackles mountains of financial and other information in order to make our office responsive and efficient. Administrative Assistant Erica Southward supports many of our efforts—Capital Campaign, synagogue administration, member relations, educational and social activities, etc.—with grace and patience. Rebecca Caplow is now directing our preschool with pedagogic insight and great love of the children and Yiddishkeit. Our custodians, Nestor Restrepo, Pedro Sanchez, and Trevor Malcolm, are friendly and supportive, working long and hard hours to make sure that our facilities are clean, safe, and well-appointed for our services and programs.

Finally, my deepest thanks to several volunteers who have worked selflessly to assure the success of our 162nd Annual Celebration.

Gillian Kahtan, our Chair this evening, has graced our celebration through her love and caring for Kane Street, aesthetic sense, and great sensitivity to the values and aspirations of our synagogue. Rena Schklowsky and Barbara Solomon-Speregen have, once again, with abounding love and loyalty, devoted many hours to leading the fundraising efforts of our Journal.

To these leaders and to all who helped organize the invitations, dinner arrangements, financial solicitations, and so much more, *Yashir Koʻach!*

And for the many whom I did not mention, I conclude with this from our Shabbat morning prayers: "May the One who blessed our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah, and Rachel, bless all who are involved faithfully in the needs of the community,...remove from them every illness and forgive their every sin...and send blessing and success to all their endeavors, along with all Israel, their brothers and sisters, Amen!"

B'virkat Shalom,

Rabbi Weintraub



Reflections of President Lisa Smith

Parshat Naso, which we read a couple of weeks ago, spends 80-some verses repeating 12 times the exact same details of the exact same *korbanot* (offerings) brought by the prince of each tribe to the dedication of the *mishkan*. The text is long, repetitious, and even boring. Our tradition famously teaches that there is nothing superfluous in the Torah – every single word, every single letter has meaning. But why repeat the identical verses 12 times?

As Rabbi Sam told us in his dvar Torah that Shabbat morning, Ramban suggests that the Torah goes to these great lengths in order to honor each individual prince. The Torah is teaching us that it is worthwhile to spend an overabundance of time in order to respect and honor each person's unique needs and contributions.

With that teaching in mind, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has volunteered their time and lent their talents to Kane Street over the past two years. Working in partnership with our professional staff, they made it possible for us to accomplish critical goals and build a foundation for future growth. I cannot possibly name them all because, unlike the princes in Naso, their number is far greater than 12, and they each brought a different gift to our community. Nonetheless, in the spirit of the 12 princes and their *korbanot*, I am proud to share 12 accomplishments that our community has achieved together:

1. The renovation of the East and West towers and the northern façade of our sanctuary building is almost complete, and the scaffolding is scheduled to come down in late summer. Meanwhile, the plans for renovating the interior of our main sanctuary building are shaping up nicely as we near the end of the design development phase. Either one of these projects – the exterior and the interior – would have been a tremendous undertaking by itself. The fact that our Building Co-chairs Laurie Lieberman and Ellen Bowin have shouldered both at the same time is truly remarkable. In addition, our long-held dream of creating a rooftop community space and children's playground is becoming a reality thanks to the hard work of Past President Susan Rifkin.

- 2. Under the leadership of Executive VP Adina Solomon, the capital campaign has raised over \$2.8 million to date and is gearing up to formally launch the public phase of the campaign this fall. Adina's work on all aspects of the campaign over the past four years has been extraordinary.
- 3. We obtained a \$1 million loan to finance the renovation of the exterior of the synagogue building, enabling us to pay our bills while we raised funds. Past President Ralph Kleinman and Trustee Shawn Fox were instrumental in guiding us through this process from inception to closing.
- 4. Our mailing lists have been updated, our email blasts are better coordinated, and our marketing materials are more effective. Danny Tamman, our tech-savvy VP of Communications, has led this effort and is brimming with ideas for more innovations.
- 5. Our financial house is in order, due largely to the discipline and devotion of our Finance Committee led by Treasurer Hedi Hruby and Financial Secretary Jill Rose. My tremendous thanks also go to Jessica Schoengold, who has been overseeing the Kol Nidre appeal, Yizkor Book, and Mishloach Manot for many years; to Bena Gershon and Jonathan Bloom, who co-chaired Trivia Night (formerly known as the Hebrew School Auction); to Laureve Blackstone for chairing the Brooklyn Israel Film Festival; and to trustee Rena Schklowsky and Barbara Solomon-Speregen, who have been our Journal co-chairs for three years straight (and promise to keep it up for at least two more). Due to their efforts, as well as the generosity of all of our donors, our major fundraising efforts all met or exceeded expectations.
- 6. We established a personnel committee that reviewed all of our key employees each year. Chaired by VP Leslie Wilsher, the committee drafted surveys, conducted interviews, analyzed the data, wrote summaries, presented at board meetings, and had one-on-one meetings with all of our key employees. They created a system from scratch that will continue to benefit both our staff and our community.
- 7. Hebrew School enrollment for 2017/18 was a record-shattering 154 students (10 years ago it was 67). We are indebted to Rabbi Val Lieber and the Hebrew School Committee co-chairs Judith Hoffman and Reed Lowenstein for setting standards of excellence for our school. Thanks in part to the surge in Hebrew School enrollment, our congregation has grown to 335 households.
- 8. We have focused on engaging new and potential members in a way that we never have before, through special programming (such as Friday night dinners), outreach to our preschool families, and individual follow-up. VP Jenny Breznay has been a driving force behind this initiative, working closely with Engagement Director Rabbi Jason Gitlin.

- 9. Our community has raised \$10,000 and put employment, social, and other support systems in place to meet the immediate needs of resettling a refugee family. We are now awaiting the arrival of the family, whose identity and date of arrival are not yet known. A huge thank you to Rabbi Sam, Rabbi Jason, and Social Justice Committee Co-chairs Bronwen Haskel and Flora Margolis for their commitment to this and other projects to help refugees.
- 10. We have applied for a \$50,000 grant from the State of New York to make our buildings more secure, and are in the processing of applying for a \$150,000 security grant from the US Department of Homeland Security. We are fortunate that Recording Secretary Joanne Robinson and VP Jessica Schoengold have dedicated themselves to completing these incredibly technical and complicated grant applications.
- 11. We hired a new educational director of Kane Street Kids, Rivka Seeman, who will join us in August. I am grateful to Jeremy Kaplan and Emily Fox who co-chaired the search committee, to Kane Street Kids Committee Chair Shira Berger who provided critical guidance, and to Past President Judy Greenwald who (once again) went above and beyond the call of duty.
- 12. During Rabbi Sam's six-month sabbatical, the Ritual Committee was even busier than usual, arranging for coverage of all of the rabbi's ritual duties in addition to the usual tasks of assigning prayer leaders and Torah readers. Kudos to co-chairs Lisa Kleinman and Rena Schklowsky who always rise to the occasion with grace and humor.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our dedicated professional staff: Rabbi Valerie Lieber, the director of our Hebrew School and family programming; Kane Street Kids Director Rebecca Caplow; our wonderful Hebrew School and preschool teachers; Engagement Director Rabbi Jason Gitlin; Executive Director Alan Bell; Music Director Judith Berkson; our administrative staff Erica Woodward and Priscilla Murphy; and our maintenance and security staff Nestor Restrepo, Pedro Sanchez, and Trevor Malcom. I would especially like to thank Rabbi Sam Weintraub. Rabbi Sam has been a source of encouragement and support to me, and he has always been available to advise and guide me over the past two years. I have come to appreciate the many facets of his role as spiritual leader of our congregation, and the depth and breadth of his Jewish knowledge.

I am grateful to my predecessor Jonathan Sack. Jon has been a true mentor and friend, and has taught me that in every conflict there is a way to find common ground. Jon has been there when I needed him, always willing to listen and offer his assistance.

Thank you to Gillian Kahtan, who one again applied her magnificent organizational skills and exquisite taste to chairing the anniversary celebration, and to all who supported the event and this journal.

Finally, I would like to thank my successor and dear friend Adina Solomon. As a second generation, lifelong Kane Street member, Adina is deeply rooted to our past and equally committed to our future. I could not have asked for a better executive VP, and I am excited to see the wonderful things that she will do for our community as president.

Thank you all for the privilege of serving as the president of Kane Street Synagogue.

Lisa Smith Biography

by Noah Millman

It might seem that Lisa Smith's path to the Kane Street presidency was overdetermined. For years, she has been a mainstay of Shabbat and Chag mornings, reading Torah, serving as gabbai, and leading services. She and her husband Alan have raised three children at Kane Street, and all three have continued to be active since their bat- and bar-mitzvahs. How could someone so clearly devoted to shul as a central part of her life not have risen to the honor, and the challenge, of leading Kane Street as president?

But as Lisa herself describes it, much of that story is nothing she herself expected. She was not raised in a regular shul-going household. Nonetheless, in her youth she made her way to synagogue on her own, a lone nine-year-old among the older folks. Why did she go? She thought she was supposed to. But she was the only member of her Hebrew school contingent who felt that way, or acted on those feelings.

By the time she was an adult, she had long since lost that habit. So how did she first come to Kane Street? In the mid-1990s, she had moved to New York from Philadelphia, and a friend mentioned to her that he knew a Conservative shul with a woman rabbi. A Conservative shul? This she had to see—and see it she did. The sight of Rabbi Debbie Cantor on the bimah made a lasting impression. Though they had not belonged to a synagogue before, she and Alan began going regularly on Friday nights.

Only a year later, she left for Washington, D.C., and she became active in a shul near her new home. But when she and Alan planned their move back to New York, she made sure to join Kane Street (and pay their dues) before they even moved back. "I guess I thought it was a competitive process?" she recalls. Rabbi Weintraub was so puzzled to receive a check from someone he'd never met, and who didn't even live in New York, that he called to find out who this strange person was.

He soon learned. She and Alan made the trek weekly from Park Slope with their new daughter, Bayle, and quickly formed friendships with other families who had new babies. And she was once again impressed by Kane Street's spirit of casual lay leadership. She remembers going to Simchat Torah services in 1999, and seeing Beth Steinberg and Lisa Kleinman leading the singing from the Bimah. "This is a place where you can just do things," she says. And so she started doing things. She took a class at HUC to learn how to leyn and read haftarah. She joined the board—"I don't remember how that happened"—and the membership committee founded by Mickey Green. Kane Street became a vital center of her world.

It remained so even during Lisa and Alan's three-year sojourn in Israel. They planned their move right after the second intifada, a time when it felt to them that Israel really needed people to come who had a choice not to. "If we weren't going to move there, what kind of place would Israel become?" Even as they immersed themselves in Israeli society, with all its distinctive meshugas, Kane Street remained present. Every few months, another family from

Kane Street would fly across the ocean to visit. The Skop-Steinbergs even came to stay.

So when they came back, of course they rejoined their Kane Street family. The Shelanskis housed them while they looked for a home and Lisa looked for a job. The shul was a primary locus of stability at a time of constant change in every other sphere. When it was time for nominations to the board, Lisa nominated herself. "Clearly, I should not have!" And when then-president Harry Chevan asked her to join the executive committee, she said yes, though it had never occurred to her that she would be asked.

Has she modeled her presidency on any of her predecessors? Not explicitly, but she has her heroes, chief among them Judy Greenwald, who was president when she first came to Kane Street. "Judy has really been someone I have grown increasingly to admire. She's 77 or 78 years old now, and she hasn't been president since 1995 or '96, and she is still in the thick of things, still cares. . . . As sharp, committed and energetic as someone half her age."

What is she most proud of about her presidency? "I'm proud that we finally had a board retreat, something we'd been talking about for many years. I'm proud that we have a personnel committee, because for many years we didn't have a real system for reviewing our employees. I'm proud that our fundraising has been going really well, and that the capital campaign has moved forward. If all goes well, the scaffolding for the exterior should come down before my term is done. I'm proud of the roof project finally moving forward. Susan Rifkin has really been the mover and shaker behind that, but it's happening on my watch." Giving credit where it is due is not just a habit: it's a reflection of reality. "As president—in theory anyway—you don't do the actual work. You're just supposed to make sure that all the balls stay in the air."

What was the biggest surprise of her presidency? She laughs. "I had no idea how many contracts I would have to sign. As a lawyer, to have to sign contracts constantly is really unnerving." In some ways, the job might have been less-stressful if she were less conscientious. But then she thinks, and comes up with something else:

"I really enjoyed getting to know the bar- and bat-mitzvah families, because I really didn't expect that. I thought that that would be kind of awkward and weird, but it's not. It turns out it doesn't really matter if people have set foot in shul, or if I know them or I don't know them. Parents are basically the same, and they all love their children, and they all love to talk about their children, and they are all happy on the day of the bar- or bat-mitzvah. And it's nice to have a reason to call them and ask them about their kid."

Finally, what advice would she give to her successor? "Adina at the retreat said something that I think is very wise, and even though it's advice that she gave to herself, I'm going to second it, and that is: she should find something to be happy about in this position every day. Because it's easy to just look at the work and the stress, and forget to find the joy in it. And that's a great mindset to enter this position with. Because some days are really stressful, but there's also a lot of great things."

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Thank you for leading services, reading Torah and Haftarah, and delivering *Divrei Torah* on Shabbat and Holidays. We pray each week through your leadership.

Lay ritual leadership is a core value at Kane Street. If you'd like to learn to chant Torah or Haftarah or lead services, please contact Rabbi Weintraub at rabbi@kanestreet.org.

The Kane Street Synagogue Salutes and Celebrates

The Kane Street Kids Preschool

Congratulations on another remarkable year of growth, learning and creative expression.

With heartfelt thanks for the professional skill and dedication of:

Rebecca Caplow, Preschool Director

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Yasher koach and todah rabah to all who lead, learn and grow in Hebrew School and youth programs at Kane Street Synagogue!

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Eyal Hai, Gan Teacher

Jordyn Jacobs, Bet & Hey Teacher, USY Advisor

Nadav Kesler, Gimmel Teacher, Hashomer Hatzair Advisor

Itai Kris, Alef Teacher

Moran Lantner, Bet Teacher

Omer Lev, Shinshin

Sarah Rebell, Kinder Minyan Leader

Lior Shtivi, Alef & Gimmel Teacher

Noam Wiesenberg, Dalet Teacher, Kadima Advisor

Melissa Zimmerman, B'nai Mitzvah Tutor, Trope Teacher, Minyan Noar Leader

Teen Madrichim for Hebrew School & Kane Street Sundays

Max Abrahams, Yona Browne, Eli Gaige Cohen, Nathaniel Greenberg, Lucy Isaacs, Michelle Kallo, Simon Kesler, Josey Klein, Caleb Kohn-Blank, Sophie Lieberman, Zoe Martin del Campo,

Sammy Nassau, Ethan Ordower, Naama Sarfati-Magill, Josephine Stevens

Hebrew School Students

Mazal tov to our Hebrew School students, who have spent the past year strengthening their Hebrew language skills, celebrating Jewish holidays, learning Jewish values, engaging in social justice work and finding their own personal meaning in our rich traditions.

Roshanim (Pre-K)

Reese Bassett, Sebastian Brodale, Daniel Bruton, Brody Hantman, Jacob Pliner-Bloom Micah Ritter, Aria Rubenstein, Jacob Stein, Alexander Swetzoff, Penelope Tamman, Raffaella Tamman, Alice Umansky

Gan (Kindergarten)

Tovi Allam, Eitan Berger, Sophie Cohen, Sophie Cooperman, Paz Elul, Leo Feuerstein, Gideon Fox, Ruby Gershon, Theodore Greene, Rosalyn Griffin, Alexander Korn, Nathaniel Lerner, Lucas Levy, Maya Margolis, Lucie McMahon, Clark Scheihagen, Milo Stein, Asher Treister, Ethan Warner Ruf, Elias Zaklad,

Alef (Grade 1)

Theo Abrams, Rose Blackstone Gitlin, Livi Fletcher, Elikai Friedman, Lilah Haskel, Sylvie Indig, Meitar Lantner, Sylvie Millstone-Rivo, Dashiell Nadaner, Maimouna Ndao, Frasier Panagiotidis, Norah Panas, Samson Pennington, Stella Plener, Alice Poliner, Jacob Ritter, Yaniv Robinson, Nava Stein, Tallulah Tamman, Isaac Umansky, Livie Yosha

Bet (Grade 2)

Tyler Bassett, Isla Berg, Ilana Friedel, Ulla Gershon, Ryan Gilbert, James Griffin, Jackson Horlick, Maya McMahon, Ariel Mikics, Madeleine Pollock, Georgia Reavely, Sage Rosen, Noah Schacher, Vera Segal, Malcolm Seifman, Samuel Silver, Dylan Springer, Maggie Springer, Max Stein, Jonah Sugarman, Ella Swetzoff, Aviva Treister, Aaron Vais, Dylan Warner Ruf, Ethan Weitz Lily Westrom, Isabella Wiesenthal

Gimmel (Grade 3)

Renzo Cohen, Gemma Coplan, Nava Elul, Samuel Fensterheim-Bronstein, Mili Fletcher, Isaac Klein, Zachary Kohler, Anna Kuflik, Elan Landesberg, Madeleine Plener, Charlotte Ryan, Rafael Winer

Dalet (Grade 4)

Ella Cohen, Ruby Feuerstein, Rose Geen, William Geen, Abigail Gladstone, Mira Goldhaber, Eve Harris, Max Klopper, Julius Kohn-Blank, Alexandra Lowenstein, Miles Paschke, Talia Salz, Maya Sugarman, Tali Susman

Hey (Grade 5)

Gideon Browne, Elijah Edmonds, Devra Goldhaber, Avi Grosgold, Noah Kueny-Lichtman, Talya Landesberg, Arielle Lichtman, Bayard Parker, Gilad Robinson, Benjamin Schacher, Jakob Warner Ruf

Vav (Grade 6)

Talia Ben-Eli, Daniel Cleek, Emily Cleek, William Gaige Cohen, Daniel Davis, Caleb Fumusa, Benny Gedanke, Sadie Gladstone, Becca Greenberg, Sarah Kohler, Talia Kohn-Blank, Ariela Lowenstein, Eleanor Macks, Pearl Nadaner, Zorah Schlesinger, Joela Susman Violet Westrom, Charlie Winer

Miftan (Grade 7)

Lion Brauer, Abebech Cohn, Noah Goodman, Nina Harris, Elias Kessler, Max Klein, Jones Millstone-Rivo, Kai Otani-Hudes, Lucas Paschke, Benjamin Ryan, Oliver Ryan, Elena Shefsky, Willa Umansky

Bogrim (Grades 8-10)

Caleb Browne, Max Abrahams, Caleb Kohn-Blank, Harry Nadaner, Samuel Nassau, Esme Brauer, Simon Kessler, Michael Elkayam



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June 10, 2018

Kane Street Synagogue 236 Kane Street Brooklyn, NY 11231

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to everyone gathered for Kane Street Synagogue's 162nd Anniversary Celebration.

This egalitarian Conservative synagogue, Congregation Baith Israel Anshei Emes, has served the spiritual, cultural, and social needs of its membership and fostered a greater appreciation of Jewish identity while encouraging charity, unity, and friendship throughout the area. I commend everyone affiliated with this well-respected synagogue for their generous support and dedicated involvement in the Cobble Hill neighborhood of Brooklyn.

Tonight, you come together to look back at a year of achievements serving as a center for Jewish life and learning. I join in congratulating your distinguished honoree, Lisa Smith. Her leadership as your board president and her many years of meaningful contributions will long be of benefit to the grateful people of Brooklyn served by the Kane Street Synagogue.

With warmest regards and best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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Kane Street Synagogue 236 Kane Street Brooklyn, NY 11231



Dear Friends:

Please accept my warmest greetings and congratulations as you gather for the Kane Street Synagogue's 162nd Anniversary Gala. It is a privilege to recognize the fine work of the Kane Street Synagogue, its members, leadership and tonight's honoree on this wonderful occasion.

Since its inception, Kane Street Synagogue has been the cornerstone of downtown Brooklyn and has made significant cultural and religious contributions to the New York City community. With a vibrant history of famous composers and American heroes that have called the Synagogue home, Kane Street Synagogue continues to maintain its founding principles of individual rights, equality and fairness. As an enriching house of worship in the Jewish community, I commend Kane Street Synagogue for diligently serving the needs of all New Yorkers and breaking down barriers to create innovative cultural initiatives. Kane Street Synagogue has provided its congregation and the New York community with the moral and social teachings needed to become productive members of our society.

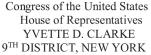
Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to this evening's distinguished honoree: **Lisa Smith**, Board President of Kane Street Synagogue. Board President Smith has dedicated many years of service to the Kane Street Synagogue, working to enrich the shul as well as empowering Kane Street's members in the community. Lisa has dedicated her time and talents to enriching the lives of Brooklyn residents through her leadership and expertise and I am pleased to join everyone gathered here tonight in recognizing her commitment to Kane Street Synagogue.

Again, thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. I know that Kane Street Synagogue will continue to serve Brooklyn and all New Yorkers for many years to come. Best wishes for a wonderful event!

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer United States Senator







June 10th, 2018

Greetings,

On behalf of the people of the Ninth Congressional District of New York, it is my pleasure to extend greetings to the congregation of Kane Street Synagogue, celebrating the 162nd anniversary of service to our community.

Although Kane Street boasts a deep history of service, I commend your most recent successes and look forward to the plans you have to prosper our community in the future. In the past year you've increased your membership by over 100 members, welcoming 46 households. You have connected to community members through educational courses, family activities on Shabbat, and the Brooklyn Israel Film Festival, where you welcome filmgoers into your congregation. Thank you for your commitment to social justice through serving the underserved in our community and assisting refugees in their first year of resettlement.

I would like to acknowledge the leadership of the Kane Street Synagogue, including Rabbi Samuel Weintraub and the executive board who continues to lead with integrity and zeal.

Congratulations to this year's honoree; President of the Board of Trustees, Lisa Smith. Thank you for your years of dedicated service and commitment to the betterment of the Kane Street Community.

Best wishes for continued success!

Sincerely,

Yvette D. Clarke Member of Congress





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ERIC L. ADAMS
President

June 10, 2018

Rabbi Samuel H. Weintraub Kane Street Synagogue 131 Remsen Street Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Rabbi Weintraub:

Brooklyn has a time-honored tradition of recognizing our venerable spiritual institutions. I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to you and the congregants of the Kane Street Synagogue. It is a great honor to join you in celebrating the synagogue's heritage, longevity, and profound and ongoing contributions to the community.

Brooklyn has long been renowned as the "Borough of Synagogues," and our synagogues have been at the forefront of ensuring our residents' spiritual, social, and physical well-being. The Kane Street Synagogue, a magnificent and historic institution, stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration by providing services to worshippers of all ages. I congratulate Lisa Smith, president of the congregation, for the outstanding contributions she has made in the community over the years. Today, Brooklyn joins with the members of the synagogue in celebrating its 162 years of spiritual service to the community of Cobble Hill and beyond.

On behalf of all 2.6 million Brooklynites, I salute you, Rabbi Weintraub, for your unwavering leadership. I commend the professional staff for all of their hard work and dedication to the operation of the synagogue, and the congregants, past and present, who have been instrumental in the synagogue's growth and longevity; and I thank all those present for helping us move forward as *One Brooklyn*.

Sincerely,

Eric L. Adams

Brooklyn Borough President





We congratulate former Kane Street Synagogue member and present Israeli citizen, Beth Steinberg, for receiving a prestigious award: the Sylvan Adams Nefesh b'Nefesh Bonei Zion. This prize recognizes the achievements of outstanding Anglo Olim.

While at Kane Street, Beth and her husband Ira Skop demonstrated their commitment to Jewish life by immersing themselves and their family in all aspects of synagogue leadership. After making Aliyah, Beth put the same kind of time and energy into Jerusalem's communal life. She, along with Miriam Avraham, founded Shutaf Inclusion Programs in Jerusalem, an innovative, informal-education program for children, teens and young people, with and without disabilities. Close to 300 participants, ages 6-23, enjoy inclusive, year-round activities. Shutaf is a place of complete acceptance and inclusion for participants of all abilities, and from all religious and cultural backgrounds.

Beth has also been part of Jerusalem's active English-language cultural scene, co-founding Theater in the Rough (TiTR) in 2010 with her eldest son, Natan Skop, and Toby Trachtman. TiTR is dedicated to bringing quality, affordable and engaging theatrical experiences to Jerusalem audiences including summer Shakespeare in a Jerusalem park. The initiative represents the best of the age-old tradition of local theater coupled with training and developing talented actors with a community mindset. TiTR's summer Shakespeare offerings have attracted thousands of English-language-theater enthusiasts from all over Israel to Bloomfield Gardens, where longtime and budding fans of the Bard enjoy classical theater presented free and out of doors, accessible to all. It's arts for the people, by the people.

Kol ha-Kavod, Beth!

We are so proud of your success and dedication to Kane Street over many years and your work as its President these last two years.

Thank you for not forgetting about us during this busy time! You helped Bayle and Caleb with their college application process, prepared Fayanne for her Bat Mitzvah, and cooked nearly every dinner -- all while working a full-time job!

And a special thanks to Kane Street's Board for only making the term two years!

WE LOVE YOU!

Alan, Bayle, Caleb, and Fayanne





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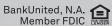
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Angels

Thank you, Lisa, for your commitment to our synagogue and our community. You are an inspiration to us all.

Tracy Makow and Howard Brickner



Congratulations, Lisa, on a job well done — Your most challenging marathon to date!

Thank you for your steadfast leadership and unfailing equanimity.

Ann Powell & Barry Nass

Gabbai, leyner, davener, fund-raiser, shul President.
Lisa, you've managed your many roles with aplomb. And now you can add that most sought-after title of all—
Immediate Past President. Enjoy your well-deserved return to civilian life and thank you, thank you for your extraordinary service. Mazel Tov on a job very well-done.

Lisa and Jonathan Sack







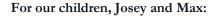
For our steadfast champion, Lisa Smith, who like King David:

Shepherded them according to the integrity of (her) heart. And with the wisdom of (her) hands, guided them. Psalms 78:72



For our tireless leaders - Trustees, Rabbi Sam, Rabbi Val and Rabbi Jason:

Where there is no guidance, the people fall. But with an abundance of counselors, there is salvation. *Proverbs* 11:14



A peace
without the big noise of beating swords into
ploughshares,
without words, without
the thud of the heavy rubber stamp: let it be
light, floating, like lazy white foam.
A little rest for the wounds—
who speaks of healing?

(And the howl of the orphans is passed from one generation to the next, as in a relay race: the baton never falls.)

Let it come like wildflowers, suddenly, because the field

must have it: wildpeace.

"Wildpeace" Yehuda Amichai

Gratefully, Jenny Breznay and Dan Klein



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Congratulations to

- L Lovely
- I Intelligent
- S Sweet
- A Accomplished

Chalk up another win for the ladies. You have done a great job as the Leader of our Synagogue Community.

Thanks for your hard workNancy Fink





In honor of
well-loved President Lisa Smith
for her superb leadership and unfailing devotion to
Kane Steet Synagogue
during challenging years.

Judy and Seth Greenwald

Congratulations to Lisa on her superb leadership of our synagogue.

Kudos to her supporting cast – Alan, Bayle, Caleb and Fayanne for enriching our experience week after week.

Vivien and Mike Shelanski





Congratulations to President Lisa Smith who leads us by example. Through her calm and steady Board leadership, we have overcome all the obstacles thrown our way this year and come out stronger. Thank you for all your hard work and time. You have our respect and admiration forever.

Bill and Susan Rifkin

Champions



Congratulations to Lisa Smith
And thank you for the extraordinary contributions that
you have made to Kane Street and its congregants

Ronnie and Dean Ringel

Lisa

It's been an amazing sixteen years.
There's no one I'd rather have been on this wild ride with.
Enjoy your retirement.

Talk to you tomorrow.
-Adina

Champions

"If you're someone people count on, particularly in difficult moments, that's a sign of a life lived honorably." - Rachel Maddow

Mazel tov, Lisa! What a challenging two years—two college searches, a bat mitzvah, a demanding full-time job...and of course, serving as president of Kane Street. And you do it all with intelligence, good cheer, and a positive attitude. We're proud to be your friends.

With gratitude and much love, Ralph and Lisa

IN HONOR OF THE GRADUATION OF NINA MARGALIT SHELANSKI FROM POUDRE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL FORT COLLINS, COLORADO



WITH LOVE FROM HER GRANDPARENTS
VIVIEN AND MIKE



In Memory of Tovah Hechtman 2/12/67 - 4/4/08 In our hearts forever

Daniel & Fay

Mazel tov to Lisa, A president who inspired by shining example.

Carole and Allen Rubenstein



Congratulations to Lisa Smith for her dynamic leadership and never ending enthusiasm!

Adam Lichtman and Jaquelline Perlman-Lichtman

In memory of Arthur Lichtman and Maier Perlman

Adam Lichtman and Jaquelline Perlman-Lichtman

Mazel Tov Lisa!

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Thank you for all that you do for Kane Street! Kaplan Family

(Melissa, Jeremy, Raya, Aviv, Leyla & Lena)



Congratulations to Lisa Smith for her leadership at Kane Street and all the good works she does for the Greater Jewish Community.

Shira & Stan

Mazel Tov Lisa Smith and The Kane Street Synagogue

The Baumrind Family

To my walking companion, Lisa: Thank you for the Shabbat walks and talks. What will there be for us to kvetch about?

(And don't worry, Lisa. I'll still drive you home after board meetings, even if you're no longer president.)

With great respect and gratitude, Rena

With deep thanks to the Kane Street Synagogue Board of Trustees, Hebrew School Committee, and Kane Street Kids Committee for your devotion and service to this great institution.

-Adina and Torsten

To Adina Who is keeping the torch lit (and paid for) for the next generation Remember: Maui awaits

All Our Love, Torsten and Clark The Kane Street Synagogue
Board of Trustees
honor
Lisa Smith

for her extraordinary dedication to and leadership of our community







Congratulations to Lisa Smith for her dedication to our community.

Arnie and Barbara Badner

A big, big TODAH RABAH to the fabulous 2017-2018 Hebrew School Committee and Jewzapalooza (Trivia Night fundraiser) Team!!!

Hebrew School Committee

Jonathan Bloom
Leslie Budnick
Norman Cohen
Allison Day
Sari Fensterheim
Dominic Fumusa
Bena Gershon
Jeff Klein
Denise Kohn
Aviya Landesberg
Michal Lewin-Epstein
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Rachael Burton
Adrienne Cohen
Betsy Griffin
Jillian Levy
Eric Pliner
Marcy Rubenstein
Kim Salz
Danny Tamman
Vicky Vossen

You have added so much to our Kane Street community with your commitment, hard work, judgment, and ruach.

We also wish to thank Rabbi Valerie Lieber for thoughtfully and carefully shepherding our children.

> With gratitude, Judith Hoffman and Reed Lowenstein, Hebrew School Committee Co-Chairs



Dear Lisa

We are so looking forward to you rejoining us as just another Jew in the pew.

Of course, most mornings you'll probably be at the amud. But we won't hold that against you.

Yasher koach.

Love, Noah, Carolyn and Moses



Honoring a splendid season for epee fencer, Isaac Shelanski.

Mazel tov Lisa. You have done an amazing job! Thank you for all that you do.

Laura Barbanel & Ernest Fried

"Who is worthy of honor? One who honors others."

Ben Zoma, Pirke Avot, Ethics of the Fathers 4:2

For Lisa, who stewarded our community with dignity, wisdom and chesed/kindness, through both calm and challenging times.

With respect and affection, Rabbi Sam Weintraub



Congratulations to
Lisa Smith
for all that she has done for Kane Street Synagogue.

Gary Gottlieb

Honoring Lisa Smith for her distinguished service to the Kane Street community

Matt Fassler and Mandy Greenfield



We remember Our Parents
Irving Bregman and Esther Bregman Bialer
Robert and Rose Rabin

We honor
Kane Street Synagogue
Bob and Rose's much beloved Jewish Center
On its 162th Anniversary

Bob shared his skills with the Synagogue
He taught Talmud and Torah and Cantillation
He read Torah and Haftarah, officiated
as Gabbai, and led Services
He taught his children those skills and took
pride in their accomplishments

We honor Lisa Smith, our outgoing President
Lisa has shared her skills with the Synagogue
She has worked toward the renewal of the Synagogue
She reads Torah and Haftarah, officiates
as Gabbai, and leads Services
She taught her children those skills and
takes pride in their accomplishments

We look forward to Lisa's continuing contributions

Bill Bregman and Sheila Rabin

Congratulations to Lisa Smith for a job well done, expanding the Congregation, and reaching out to the Community in a number of areas.

Isaac Druker and Marjorie Pollack

In blessed memory of our parents Beno and Rivka Anavi Hasko and Violette Zalman

Ben and Desi Zalman

Congratulations to
Lisa Smith
For her exemplary leadership as President.

Ben and Desi Zalman

Congratulations Lisa. Thanks for your service to our community.

Marsha & Eliot Solomon

Congratulations to our daughter, Lisa, on her just completed tenure as KSS president.

From your earliest years to the present, you were always involved in your "community", be it playing piano for your elementary school programs, volunteering in public benefit programs in high school, college and law school, as well while living in Israel; and, more recently advancing the interests of Hadassah and your involvement in KSS. Always taking your responsibilities to heart, you have touched many lives in your commitment to Judaism, family and community.

We are very proud of your accomplishments.

With love, Laura & Ed Smith

Mazel Tov, Lisa! And thank you.

Service to God is called "Avodah" which can also be translated as "work." Lisa, you have never shied away from very hard work to do service to God and the Jewish community. You are truly a role model for everyone.

Thank you for your support, guidance, and for setting a high bar for all of us to fulfill in the service of God.

With Admiration, Rabbi Val Lisa, wishing you a mazel tov! Thank you for all your hard work, dedication, and commitment to Kane Street. Much is appreciated, hats off to you!

Alissa, Mark, Zoe, and Jordan Owens

Celebrating Kane Street Synagogue

David and Sara Erlij

Dear Lisa; You have set quite a pace for shul presidency. Hoping that your successors will be able to keep up!

> Love, Barbara and Mike

"If you are going through hell, keep going." -Winston Churchill

Lisa,

I have never worked with someone who had more poise under pressure, a greater capacity for problem solving on the fly or a dedication to doing what is right no matter the circumstance. You have fortified our shul over the last two years, beating back unfortunate circumstances and the seemingly long shadow of impending disaster from every corner and cubbyhole. But did you stop to bloviate, or cry, or cast blame? Never! You never capitulated to events over which you had no control. You found ways through or around those challenges,...defending our island whatever the cost, fighting on the beaches and the landing grounds and on the fields and in the streets, also on hills. You never surrendered! You are the Winston Churchill of Kane Street.

In Admiration, Hedi Congratulations, Lisa... and a heartfelt yasher koach for a job well done.

Harry Klug

Mazal Tov Lisa! You've done a wonderful job these past few years. Many, many thanks!

The Lieberman Telzak Family

Congratulations to Lisa Smith for her contribution to the Kane Street Community

Fred Terna and Rebecca Shiffman

In Memory of My Beloved Husband, Hebert A. Weinstein and Son, Bob Weinstein

Blanche Weinstein

Mazel Tov Lisa! Thank you for all your tireless work at Kane Street and for helping to make it a wonderful place! We're proud of all that you've done.

> Love, Yael, Philippe, Aaron and Tal Visser

Congratulations, Lisa Level headed Great athlete Torah reader Quiet leader

I admire you. Fondly, Miryam Wasserman

Congratulations, Gabriel Wasserman, for getting a 3-year post doctorate at Hebrew University to further Siddur Scholarship

In appreciation of the support of Rabbi Samuel H. Weintraub at my mother's funeral.

There are no words, Rabbi Sam, that can express our appreciation for your support at that difficult time.

With enduring love, Barbara and the gang.

Congratulations
to
Lisa Smith
the most successful graduate ever
of the KSS Audit Committee

Howard & Arlene Schneider

Congratulations Lisa Smith
Great President
Thank you for all of your hard work.

Evelyn Rubenstein

To Our Great President! Long Live Lisa!!

Thanks so much, Debbie and Alan Polinsky As it is written in Pirkei Avot, "The world rests on three things: Torah, service, and acts of loving kindness."

Kol hakavod to our long-time friend Lisa for her years of service to Kane Street Synagogue. She has made her community and our world a better place.

Mazal tov on this well-deserved honor!

Scott & Barb Richman Jen Ritter & Dan Katz



Congratulations to Kane Street on its 162nd Anniversary from the Sunday Morning Minyan. Everyone is welcome to join our friendly egalitarian less-thanan-hourlong service and for coffee and babka afterwards!

To our dear friend Lisa, congratulations on going the distance and gracefully crossing the finish line with your smile intact. KOL HAKAVOD!

Naomi & Jay

Lisa, You ran this marathon with true grace — Enjoy your victory lap!

Love, Gillian, Meir, Ben, Rachel and Abigail KANE STREET PERFECT

(with apologies to Ed Sheeran)

We needed someone

To look up to.

Lisa you dove right in,

Said, "Follow my lead."

Savvy and smart,

You kept your cool;

And we knew we had found the someone we were looking for.

'Cause without question you gave your all.

Where someone else might fall
You took us through the past two years.

It was a wild, wild ride;

But with you as our guide
We were spared lots of angst and tears.

Lisa we're not wandering in the dark,

Or kicking up a fuss.

Through the months we went

Doing what we must,

Organized and sure

Fondly, Leslie Wilsher and David Freed

(or at least more so than before).

Here's hoping it was worth it, 'Cause you were perfect for us.





Mazal Tov to Honoree Lisa Smith and to Kane Street Synagogue

From Your Friends at Hannah Senesh Community Day School

Seek Meaning. Build Community. Learn Joyfully.



Congratulations to
David and Bessie Sadownick
on the birth for their daughter
Emma Rose.

אהבה שושנה

Grandma Paula and Popa Robert

"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see."
-Edgar Degas

Shae,

Congratulations on your acceptance to LaGuardia High School. We are exceptionally proud of you and we know that in the future, your art will make the world see more clearly than it does today.

Love, Mommy, Daddy, Irving, Grandma & Grandpa

גדולה אהבה אך גדולה שבעתיים ידידות

Great is love, but greater seven fold is friendship
Rabbi Benjamin

יכול אדם להסתר מאויביו ולא מאוהביו

You can hide from your enemies but not from your friends Rashi on Psalm 55

Dearest Lisa,

Thank you for dedicating these last years to our schul. Your careful and considered leadership has hopefully set an example for those who will follow in your footsteps. In board meetings and on the bimah you were in every way an example of the best kind of leadership we can hope for. And we were fortunate to manage to squeeze Uri's Bar Mitzvah into the end of your term.

Welcome to that most rarefied of groups, the past presidents of Kane Street Synagogue. Take whatever break you need (you certainly deserve it). But we know that you will continue to be an important presence Kane Street – how could it be otherwise?

All our love,

Anne-Maureen, Danny, Eliana, Na'ama and Uri

To my co-chairs Lisa Kleinman and Barbara Solomon-Speregen: Thank you for your support and forbearance.

-Rena

To my loving and patient family:

Andre: thank you for all the dinners cooked and shopping trips to the Coop
Pablo: Mazel Tov on your new position at Facebook
Francesca: Congratulations on receiving your research grant Raphael: Kudos on your recent and continuing successes as a teacher and director at Herndon High School Chloe: Mazel Tov on becoming an aunt of twin boys and on your outstanding accomplishments as a special educator and fabulous mother.

Congratulation to Lisa Smith for this well-deserved recognition!
Lisa has worked tirelessly, and always with a smile, in support of Kane Street.

Mazel tov and thank you.

Adam, Joanne, Ethan and Will.

Congratulations to our son Will on his graduation from Packer!! We love you and are so very proud.

Mom and Dad

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Our thoughts and prayers
For our family and friends both near and far:
The Kane Street Synagogue
The State of Israel

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Live by the adage; Think Globally and Act Locally

Toda raba to all Kane Street Volunteers!

The Margul Family



Thank you, Lisa! For your service to the Synagogue, for your tenacity, patience, and determination through many challenges these past two years!

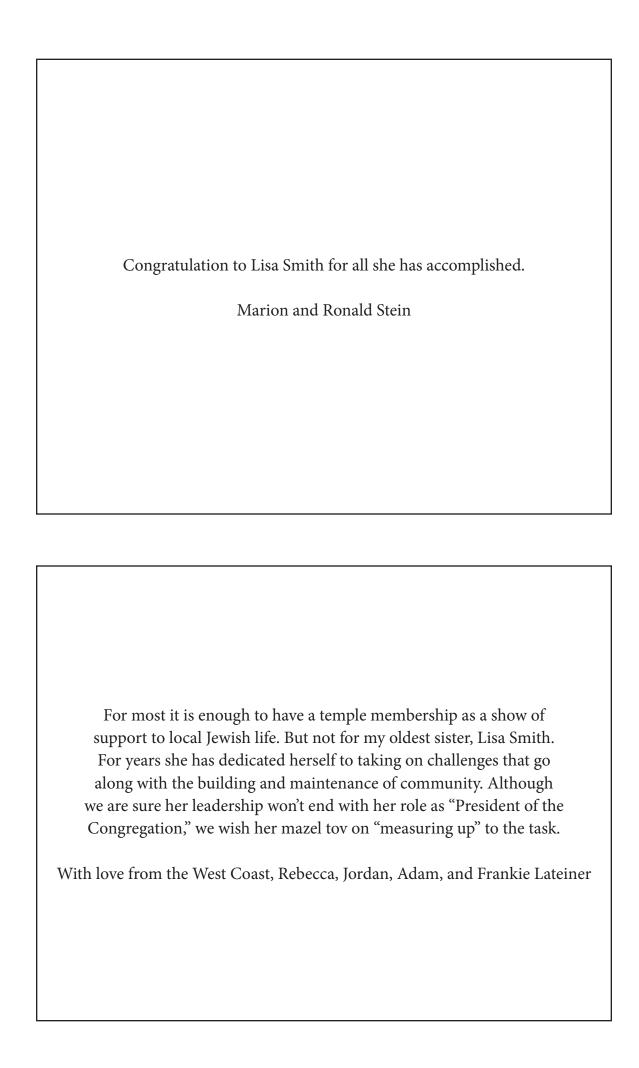
Thank you to Rabbi Sam, Rabbi Val, Rabbi Jason, the synagogue staff, the Hebrew School teachers, and all of our fellow volunteers for creating a wonderful environment for the community.

Kane Street is a home-away-from-home for us, and we thank the community for making it a welcome place for our family, regardless of the occasion.

Happy 162nd Anniversary, Kane Street!

Laura, Danny, Tallulah, Penelope, and Raffaella Tamman







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Congratulations so well deserved to Lisa Smith, for presidency and all accomplishments before.

Acknowledging Rabbi Sam Weintraub for his ongoing dedicated efforts.

James Goldman

Lisa,
With deep appreciation for your outstanding leadership,

Ellen and Alan Bowin

לא עליך המלאכה לגמור, ולא אתה בן חורין להבטל ממנה

פרקי אבות 21:2

You are not required to finish the work, but you are not free to desist from it either.

Ethics of our Fathers 2:21

Lisa

In admiration of all you give to Kane Street Synagogue.

Mazal tov on this well-earned honor!

Chava and Craig Lia, Nate, Maya and Jacob

Best Wishes and Congratulations to Lisa An Angel Disguised as a Shul President Bob Marx	
Mazal Tov Lisa on your dedication and inspirational leadership. Dena and Jason Glasgow	







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Lisa Thank you for your dedication and selfless service to Kane Street.

With great appreciation, Fay

Thank you Kane Street for providing a wonderful community for our family. Flora, Jon, Maya and Ari



Lisa: Mazal Tov. We get exhausted just thinking about how tireless you are!

Francie and Josh Kranzberg



Yasher Koach to Lisa, Alan, Bayle, Caleb, and Fayanne!!!

Lisa, you and your wonderful family have contributed so very much to the Kane Street Synagogue Community!

You have taken very obstacle in stride, without ever becoming a heel. Nobody can say you're over the hill. And you certainly can keep up the pace!

Much love from Sara and Jonathan

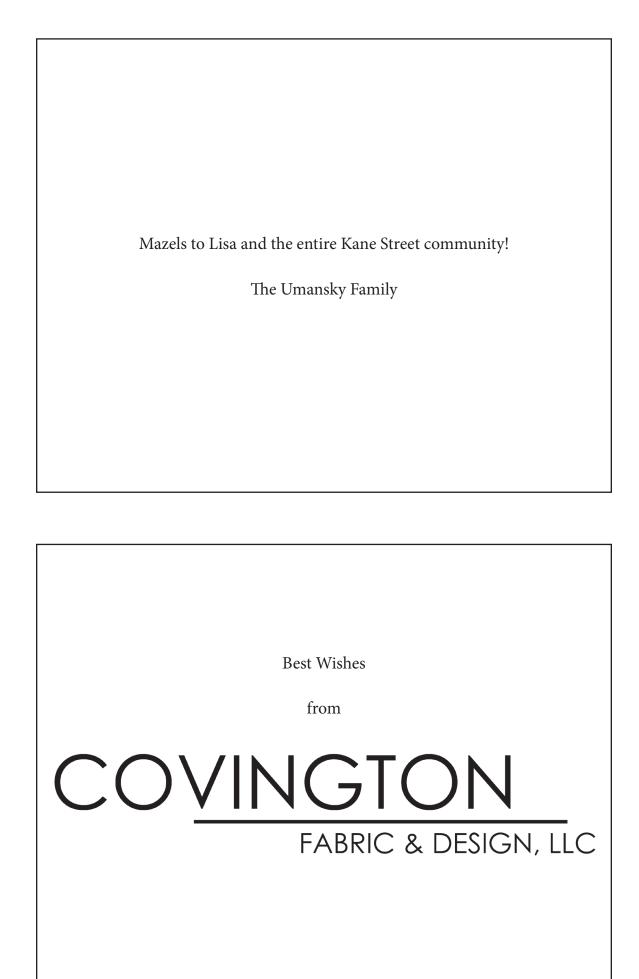
What Lisa was really thinking during shul Board meetings:

- (1) my G-d, my G-d, why hast Thou forsaken me?
 - (2) Democracy is highly overrated.
- (3) My retirement party is June 10, but I'm President until July 31?! Cruel and unusual.

Todah rabah for your hard work, devotion, and sacrifice.

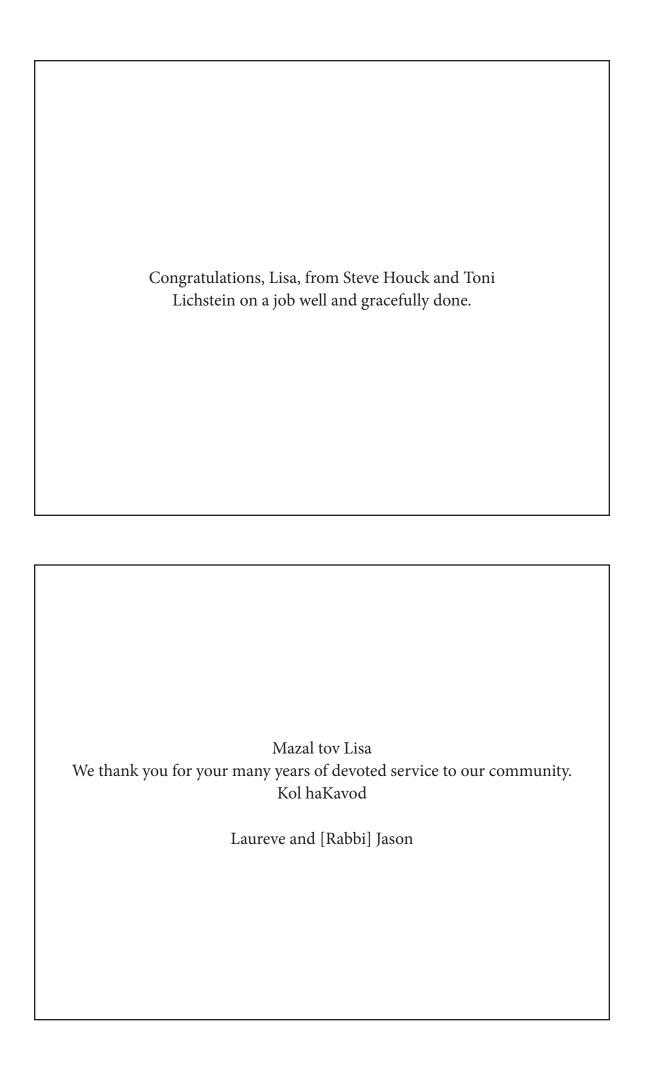
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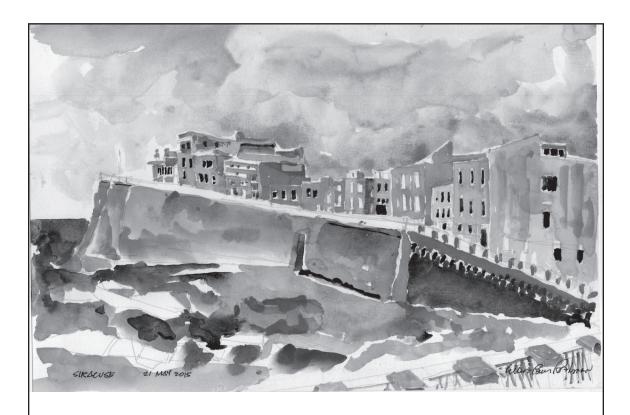
Mazel Tov to Lisa Smith and to KSS! – Seth Seifman, Jen Yang, Malcolm, and Jerome
Congratulations Lisa on a job well done. May all your marathons be successful.
Rachael Burton & Michael Abrahams



leadership and	ations and thank you for your wonderful d dedication over the last two years! ll, Todd, Mathew, Jessie & Jake Rose
	dina! You're going to be a fantastic we always knew you had it in you. Love, Ralph and Lisa







The Rothman Family salutes President Lisa Smith.

Congratulations Lisa. Your commitment to the shul is an inspiration to all of us. Thank you for your humble service. Enjoy your special evening!

> With our admiration, The Schacher Family

Thank you to all our volunteers who keep KSS running throughout the year. Special thanks to Hedi Hruby and Jill Rose for taking over the Treasurer/Financial Secretary positions and for making our financial management more accurate, efficient and transparent. Thank you for teaching me. Don't ever leave. Susan Thank you to Lisa Smith for her great devotion to the synagogue and being the first president to get Mexico to pay for the refurbishing of the synagogue.

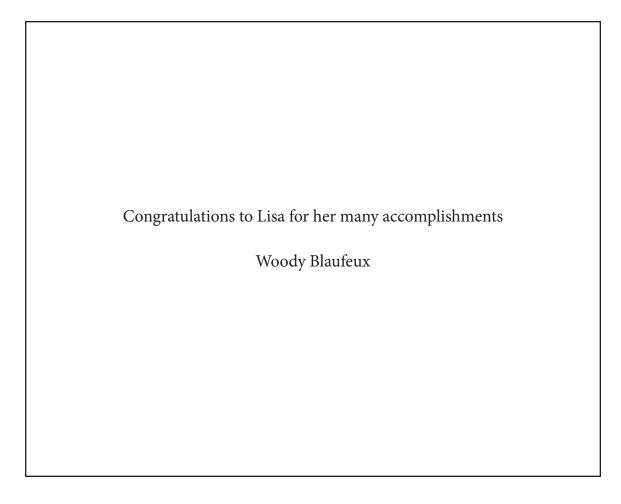
> I would also like to thank Dallis for coming outside to greet me every Shabbos morning and making sure to say Good Shabbos to me as I leave. Her kindness is greatly appreciated.

> > Eddie Goldberg

Thank you Lisa for your inspiration and tireless leadership.
In loving memory of my parents, May and Bernie Kahn, my
grandparents, Rose Freedman Kahn and Max Kahn,
Bea Monoson Horovin and Meyer Horovin, my aunt,
Beverly Kahn, and my uncles, Harold Kahn and Cyril Kahn.
Roberta Kahn
Nobelta Nami
Lisa Smith
A Star in the Kane Street Firmament
A star in the Name street firmament
Congratulations,
Rachel and Melvin Epstein

To our children and grandchildren: Ariel, Eyal, Nerya, Ateret, Halleli Miryam and Reshef Sheetrit All our love, Ima (Bubbe Gloria) and Abba (Sabob Bob)
Mazal Tov to our grandson
Nerya Sheetrit Upon his becoming a bar mitzvah
Bubbe Gloria and Sabob Bob

To our children and grandchildren: Ami, Michelle, Alexis Veronica Blumenthal Best wishes for an easy delivery! All our love, Ima (Bubbe Gloria) and Abba (Sabob Bob) In memory of Maurice H. Blumenthal Genevieve W. Blumenthal Philip M. Blumenthal Norman Shulman Miriam Shulman Bob and Gloria Blumenthal



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Congratulations to Lisa Smith.

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With appreciation to Lisa Mazel tov Lisa! Thank you for and all you do for the Kane Street to Rabbi Jason and Guest Synagogue community. Member-Speakers Sincerely, The Coplans (Steve, Mary, -Two Loyal (perpetual) Learners' Service Attendees Gemma and Caleb) Thanks for your commitment Congratulations, Lisa! We are proud and leadership, Lisa. of all you have accomplished at Kane Street and in everything you do! And thanks to the incredible staff of the Hebrew School. Love always, Pam, Mark, Charlie, Reesa & Willa Lefkowicz Sincerely, The Susman Family

Mazal Tov on running and finishing the ultimate marathon, CONGRATULATIONS AND the KSS presidency. BEST WISHES TO LISA SMITH WHOSE LEADERSHIP, SPIRIT AND !עכשיו? חופש בטן גב CHARM HAVE SO ENRICHED OUR CONGREGATION! Hugs, RITA ZWEIFACH Beth and Ira, et al Thank you Barbara, Rena, Daniel Thank you, Lisa for your gracious Magill, Lisa Kleinman, and all who and intelligent leadership. make Kane Street so special. Penny Owen Penny Owen

Many thanks to Lisa for her Thank you Lisa for your stewardship. splendid leadership. Liz Goren & Michael Silverman Betsy and Hai Knafo and their children and grandchildren With gratitude, fondness and Dear Lisa, You lead with grace no sincere appreciation to President Lisa Smith matter the times. Simha and Simkha The Romanos

In memory of Barnett Berger "A holy melody can bring you to the level of prophecy. Music is the foundation of true attachment to G-d." Kudos to President Lisa Smith! -Reb Nachman of Bratzlav Roberta Weisbrod Howard Ptaszek Marisa Wohl Rita Zweifach Congratulations Lisa for your Congratulations to our grandson, years of service at Kane Street Lev for a beautiful and moving and successful presidency. performance at his Bar Mitzvah! Fondly, Irving & Phyllis Sivin Bob + Carla Cohen

With deep gratitude to LISA SMITH For your compassion, dedication, and leadership Exhausted just thinking about all that you do, Lisa. With thanks and best wishes for your "retirement," Fondly, Marty Brandwein, Susan Ellen Shaw Freed, Ben and Olivia Kol hakavod Lisa. Congratulations! You're an inspiration! Joyce Gordon and Paul Lubetkin Love, Stephanie Kauffman

Lisa Smith is one of the most exemplary members of the Jewish community here in Brooklyn She has made an enormous contribution to life at the Kane Street With gratitude to Rabbi Sam, Rabbi Synagogue community in so many Val, Rena Schklowsky, and all of Elena's ways. Her leadership as President of Hebrew School teachers over the years the Congregation has helped to take us for helping her reach this milestone! toward an even brighter day. We are so very honored to be able to honor Lisa. With love, from the Shefskys With great affection and deep respect, The Kuflik-Day Family Mazel tov to our wonderful daughter, In memory of Bob and Rose Rabin Elena. We're so proud of you! Gloria and Bob Blumenthal Love, Mom and Dad

Mazal Tov, Lisa!
Thank you for all you've done for our community.

The Glick and Lieberman Family

Lisa, you have been a fabulous president. Thank you for your hard work! Joy Fallek

To the family of Lisa Smith:
 Mazal Tov, you made it.
Your contribution of Lisa's time and commitment is greatly appreciated.
Not easy being family of shul President!
(And she did it so well).
I remember it well.

Anita Dinerstein

Congratulations! Naava Grupper & David Broxmeyer on your marriage!

> Congratulations! Eddie Grupper on your great new job and on turning 30!

Love, Yo Mamma!

Thank you, Lisa, for everything you've done for Kane Street!

Judith Gottfried and Stephen Daniels

Nancy Doldus & Philip Chaitman celebrate the first 6 months of our beautiful grandson Eli Olean. Mazal Tov to our children

Maggie and Drew Olean.

Adina: Some time back in the 1980s, someone, maybe Paul Fink, maybe Isaac Druker said, "Hey, she could be shul president in 2021". You beat the spread, sweetie.

Love you. Mom

Lisa
Many Thanks for all that you do
for Kane Street, and all those many
jobs well done!! Mazel Tov
Birnbaum/Krasnow, Jeff,
Ariel, Marah, Manny

Mazal Toy!

David and Linda Inwood

Congratulations Lisa!

From Barat & Jay

Lisa, Thank you for your hard work and leadership during the past 2 years of your presidency. You've done a great job!

> Sincerely, Sharon Neuman

Mazol Tov to our daughter Dr. Mia Tova Minen on receiving her first N.I.H. grant and receiving the National Headache Lectureship Award, and for her other achievements in headache research.

Love mom and dad Inagail and Maurice Minen.

Mazel tov, Kane Street!

Anonymous

Congratulations Lisa, you were a GREAT president!
Thank you.

Elise Bernhardt and Family

To: Lisa, Rabbis All, Exec Committee, Board, Professional Staff, Teachers, Support Staff, Volunteers Todah Rabah now and all year long

Ira Mayer and Riva Bennett

Mazel Tov Lisa and Kane Street!

Lloyd & Debbie Miller

Mazel Tov to Lisa Todah Rabah for your years of dedication to Kane Street

Howard Ptaszek and Marisa Wohl

Mazal Tov Lisa on completing your term as president of KSS

Much love, Jody & Eric Steinhardt Mazal tov Lisa for a job well done!

Linda Kane

Congratulations and thank you to Lisa Smith

from Barbara Zahler and Martin Gringer

Congratulations to all this year's B'nei Mitzvot and to their families! Alex Baldwin, Katelyn Brickner, Caleb Browne, Caleb Coplan, Kai Otani Hudes, Uri Sarfati Magill, Lucas Pashke, Jones Millstone Rivo, Benjamin and Oliver Ryan, Elena Shefsky, and Willa Umansky –

From the Shefskys

Thank you, Lisa, for your heroic leadership! –

From the Shefskys

Mazal Tov Lisa! Thank you for your guidance and support during my first year on the board.

Norman Cohen



Congrats to M, J, and S for HS graduation, sophomore year and 1st year of grad school!

The Elkayam Family

Our Children — Our Jewels

Shae Hruby Irving Hruby

Naomi Stein Najman Daphne Steinberg Tzvi Najman Ephraim Najman Eliana Najman Avishai Najman

Rose Batzion Blackstone Gitlin

Rumi Cornier Shai Cornier Noah Blyer

Anton Sack Gemma Sack

Jacob Kleinman Roger Kleinman Elliot Kleinman

Silas Brickner Kate Brickner

Sebastian Brodale

Nathaniel Lerner Zachary Lerner

Isaac Samuel Greenwald Miriam Anna Greenwald Rosalind Clara Greenwald Nina Devi Harris Eve Juno Harris

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Tallulah Memory Tamman Penelope Novella Tamman Raffaella Charlotte Tamman

> Frances Rothman Russell Rothman

Congratulations to Lisa for her outstanding work and dedication!



