



PROCLAMATION

Park Avenue Synagogue Board of Trustees | Leadership Shabbaton Board Meeting
December 23, 2018 | 15 Teves 5779

WHEREAS, Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City is one of the largest conservative, egalitarian synagogues in the United States, serving 1,700+ member families; and

WHEREAS, Park Avenue Synagogue is proud to celebrate its 136th Birthday and Israel's 70th Birthday in December 2018 on the largest ever single synagogue Congregational Israel Trip; and

WHEREAS, Park Avenue Synagogue's mission is to inspire, educate and support our membership towards living passion-filled Jewish lives; and

WHEREAS, Park Avenue Synagogue believes that Israel is the Jewish homeland for all Jews; and

WHEREAS, Park Avenue Synagogue seeks to foster deep connections with the State of Israel and its people through engagement in our lifelong education and travel programs; and

WHEREAS, Park Avenue Synagogue believes that all Jews should be able to practice their Judaism freely; and

WHEREAS, Park Avenue Synagogue believes in the Jewish values of *K'lal Yisrael* (uniting the Jewish people) and *Kol Yisrael Arevim Zah Bazeh* (all of Israel are responsible for each other); and

WHEREAS, Park Avenue Synagogue supports the like-minded mission of Masorti, the Conservative movement's partner organization in Israel, which maintains the pluralistic and egalitarian prayer space at the *Kotel* known as *Ezrat Yisrael* or Robinson's Arch;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that Park Avenue Synagogue does hereby lend this Torah to the *Ezrat Yisrael* egalitarian prayer space of the *Kotel* so that more Jews from Israel and the Diaspora visiting Israel's capital of Jerusalem can participate in the mitzvah of reading Torah.

Passed and adopted this 15th day of Teves 5779 corresponding to the 23rd day of December, 2018.

Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove

Marc Becker, Chairman

Natalie W. Barth, President