

BY: Senator MAYER

HONORING Senior Rabbi Jeffrey J. Sirkman upon the occasion of his designation of special recognition for 36 years of service to Larchmont Temple

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors, and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Senior Rabbi Jeffrey J. Sirkman upon the occasion of his designation of special recognition for 36 years of service to Larchmont Temple; and

WHEREAS, Senior Rabbi Jeffrey J. Sirkman is being honored for his dedication to his position as Senior Rabbi and also for serving as a teacher, mentor, community leader, and friend to many; and

WHEREAS, Serving Larchmont Temple for 36 years, Senior Rabbi Jeffrey J. Sirkman has a special connection with youth, inspiring them to go out into the world with a solid moral compass; his "kids," as he calls them, stay in touch with him for years; and

WHEREAS, Ordained by HUC-JIR in 1987, Senior Rabbi Jeffrey J. Sirkman received his B.A. in Religion and his M.A. in Theology with a Certificate in Modern Jewish Thought from Boston University; he has served the Temple and Jewish community in a number of roles from Chair of the Program Advisory Committee for URJ Eisner Camp, to Admissions Committee of HUC-JIR, to board member on a variety of community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Having forged strong relationships with neighboring faith-based communities, Senior Rabbi Jeffrey J. Sirkman facilitates monthly inter-faith dialogues and hosts Strait Gate Church's MLK celebration each year; he focuses on establishing a face-to-face faith and building sacred relationships to affirm that every person who seeks can find a place within the Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, At the core of his leadership, Covenant remains the mission that gives meaning to Temple membership and Jewish life; Senior Rabbi Jeffrey J. Sirkman cherishes the gift of Torah, whether learning with dozens every Shabbat morning at our Temple's Chevrah Torah table, or guiding students in Religious School from their Bar or Bat Mitzvah to post Confirmation; and

WHEREAS, Engaging with both young and adult learners through a spectrum of scholars and sacred teachers, Senior Rabbi Jeffrey J. Sirkman works to affirm the bond we share with Israel and has led hundreds of congregants and their extended families in hands-on and inspirational visits to Israel; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to educating others on the Jewish practice, Senior Rabbi Jeffrey J. Sirkman is currently the Rabbi Stephen Wise Visiting Scholar at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion teaching 5th year rabbinic and cantorial students, the year-long course for senior students in professional development; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his late wife, Susan z'l, and their four children, Aaron, Alexander, Gabriel (Chelsea) and Sophie, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Senior Rabbi Jeffrey J. Sirkman has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Senior Rabbi Jeffrey J. Sirkman, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Senior Rabbi Jeffrey J. Sirkman upon the occasion of his designation of special recognition for 36 years of service to Larchmont Temple; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Senior Rabbi Jeffrey J. Sirkman.