

Senate Resolution No. 1552

BY: Senator BOYLE

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Bay
Shore Jewish Center

WHEREAS, Religious institutions, and the many spiritual, social and educational benefits they confer, play a vital role in the development of the moral fabric of a responsible citizenry; and

WHEREAS, It is the tradition of this State and this Nation to pay tribute to those institutions and individuals who have contributed to the ethical and spiritual values of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Bay Shore Jewish Center, to be celebrated with a Dinner Dance on Sunday, October 27, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Shore Jewish Center is an egalitarian Conservative synagogue and Hebrew School located in Bay Shore on the South Shore of Long Island; its minyan began in 1899, and the community incorporated 20 years later, in 1919; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to its mission, the Bay Shore Jewish Center offers everyone the services and support of a Jewish community; for the newcomer, it is a gateway to learning and prayer; for the spiritual seeker, it offers meditation and an openness to the mystical traditions of Judaism; and for those raised in Jewish homes, it offers continuity and growth; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, the Bay Shore Jewish Center also provides ceremonies for baby-naming, rituals for healing, support and guidance in all the life-cycle events, and a plot of earth for burial; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Shore Jewish Center also provides a free Hebrew school education to the children of members, giving them a foundation which prepares them to become a bar or bat mitzvah; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Rabbi Marvin Demant, the Bay Shore Jewish Center is managed by Cantor Arlene Zucker, who leads services on Friday nights and holidays as well as being a guide for its b'nai mizvot, and Ritual Director, Al Beja, who ensures all worshippers have the opportunity for synagogue honors; and

WHEREAS, The Bay Shore Jewish Center stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades while retaining that spiritual resolve which characterizes its past; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of enduring religious institutions and to bring such institutions to the attention of the people of this Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Bay Shore Jewish Center, fully confident that this commemoration reflects the belief in those values which enhance the dignity and purpose of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Marvin Demant, Bay Shore Jewish Center.