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Senate Resolution No. 2153

BY: Senator MAYER

COMMEMORATING the 50th Anniversary of the Young
Israel of Scarsdale

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in New York State is greatly enriched by its religious institutions and the faithful and generous service of those who devote themselves to endeavors of family, faith, and community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of such magnanimous conduct and bearing which demonstrate a deep and continuing concern for others, and in so doing, inspire others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Young Israel of Scarsdale to be celebrated with a Dinner on Sunday, April 3, 2022, in Scarsdale, New York; and

WHEREAS, A Modern-Orthodox Synagogue, the Young Israel of Scarsdale is a dynamic, vibrant, caring and diverse community which is constantly expanding its programming and actively growing its membership; and

WHEREAS, The Young Israel of Scarsdale believes in the principles of Unity (Achdut), Community (Kehilla) and Responsibility for all Jews

(Areyvut), and seeks to engage and inspire its members through a variety of means, including soulful moments of Prayer, stimulating discourses of Torah Study, and creative children's programming; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this vital institution fosters an atmosphere of spiritual growth and continued commitment to Halacha, Am Yisrael, and Eretz Yisrael; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, five young and idealistic families gathered together to form the Young Israel of Scarsdale; the families sought a synagogue that would be filled with spirit and meaning, and would be rooted in Jewish tradition; and

WHEREAS, The congregation's first home was in a house at 43 Baraud Road in Scarsdale, New York, where scores of families were attracted to the aspirations of the synagogue's founders; and

WHEREAS, In less than a decade, the congregation flourished and the demand for expanded facilities led to the construction of a new building on Weaver Street in Scarsdale; continuing to grow through the years, the congregation completed another expansion of its facilities in 1995, building a new sanctuary and social hall; and

WHEREAS, The Young Israel of Scarsdale has developed into one of the most vibrant orthodox synagogues in the State of New York, and continues its tireless work of forging links in the chain of continuity so Judaism will be transmitted to future generations; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Young Israel of Scarsdale offers countless programs and initiatives, including an energetic youth department which is constantly striving to fully engage its children, an active Sisterhood which organizes many events throughout the year, and an adult

education program which promotes lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Head Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern and Associate Rabbi Nuriel Klinger, the Young Israel of Scarsdale now stands on the threshold of tomorrow, prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decades, while retaining that spiritual resolve which has so characterized its glorious 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 50th Anniversary of the Young Israel of Scarsdale; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern, the Young Israel of Scarsdale.