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Dear NYHS Community,

The board of trustees is thrilled to announce the appointment of Mr. Jason Feld as head of school. His appointment comes after a comprehensive and international two-year search supported by the important feedback of parents, students, alumni, faculty, and members of the community. Mr. Feld will start July 1, 2017.



Mr. Feld is a warm and innovative leader who is committed to inspiring the next generation of Jewish leaders. His deep understanding of Jewish and General Studies education and track record for consensus building make him an excellent match to bring together the Seattle community and achieve the mission of the school.

Mr. Feld joins NYHS from Shalhevet High School in Los Angeles, California where he currently serves as dean of students. At Shalhevet, Mr. Feld created a nationally recognized Israel studies program, is noted for his cutting-edge pedagogy, and has played an integral role in the tremendous enrollment growth at the school.

About the opportunity, Mr. Feld says, “From the moment I stepped on the NYHS campus, the warmth and energy of the school were palpable. The amazing students, incredible faculty, supportive parents, and dedicated community leaders share a singular vision to nourish the soul and nurture the intellect. I am excited to utilize my experience in educational leadership to advance NYHS’s sacred mission of delivering an unparalleled Orthodox Jewish education to our most precious asset, the Jewish leaders of tomorrow, and our family is honored to become part of this remarkable community.”

NYHS is grateful to Rabbi Ron-Ami Meyers for serving as interim head of school this year and for his continuing service to NYHS next year as a Judaic Studies teacher and the school’s halachic authority.

While Mr. Feld and his family will be moving to Seattle in June 2017, he has already begun the

transition process and will be visiting Seattle monthly until the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Please take advantage of the many opportunities you will have to spend time with the Feld family and to welcome them into the NYHS and Seattle communities.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the board of trustees for its dedicated leadership; the 2015-16 and the 2016-17 search committees, under the able direction of Deanne Etsekson and Ruben Owen and with the assistance of Atid Services, for its determination and focus; the faculty and staff of NYHS for its tireless work; and the parents, students, and wider NYHS community for its participation and essential feedback throughout the search process.

We look forward to working with you to build NYHS's exciting next chapters.

Kol tuv,

Steve Phillips
Board President

Jason Kintzer
Incoming Board President