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Dear NATE Members:

We are pleased to announce that the NATE Nominating Committee for 2007 has been formed. The Committee consists of: **Lynda Gutcheon, RJE, Chairperson, plus Lauren Chizner, RJE, Cheri Ellowitz, RJE, Wendy Grinberg, RJE, Debra Siroka, RJE, Lesley Silverstone, RJE, Rachel Sisk, Anne Stein, and Rabbi Stan Schickler, RJE, Ex-Officio.**

We are required to fill ten (10) board positions for the term that will commence on July 1, 2008 and end on June 30, 2011. The Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations through Monday, June 18, 2007 from members who are eligible to sit on the NATE Board of Directors according to the current criteria as stated in our constitution:

1. Must be a member of NATE as defined by Article IV, B.1. (If you have any questions concerning your membership status, please contact Rabbi Stan Schickler, RJE, Executive Director, at 212.452.6510, Fax 212.452.6512 or E-mail nateoff@aol.com)
2. Must be a dues-paying member of NATE for a minimum of the past three (03) consecutive years.
3. Must be a member in good standing, i.e., dues are current.
4. Must have attended a minimum of two (02) of the last three (03) NATE conferences, *kallot*, etc.

People who fulfill the above criteria will receive a separate letter inviting them to nominate themselves for consideration. If you know someone who is eligible to serve on the NATE Board, please encourage that person to apply. Please contact Lynda Gutcheon at lindagutcheon@comcast.net with any questions or concerns.

It is our hope that your school year is winding down in a smooth and meaningful way. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us if anything needs clarification.

L'Shalom,

Lori B. Sagarin, RJE
President

Rabbi Stanley T. Schickler, RJE
Executive Director

Enclosures

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MISSION STATEMENT

NATE serves Jewish educational leaders working for the advancement of Reform Jewish education by

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- ***Advocating for the profession of Jewish education by improving the context in which educators work.***

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NATE primarily serves educational leaders who focus on congregational education. We define this broadly to include all educational leaders who work within congregational settings as well as those who serve or support congregational programs. All professionals engaged in the work of Reform Jewish education are welcome and encouraged to be a part of NATE. While we may provide different services for various constituencies depending on needs and resources, we further seek to support all of our members by partnering with other professional organizations.

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We live in a demanding and ever-changing world and, as such, we must continually expand our knowledge and improve our skills. As educators, we also know that people learn in different ways and need different types of professional growth opportunities. NATE provides an expanding range of growth opportunities including conferences, kallot, mentoring, the NATE News and the NATE list, and the fostering of collegial relationships. Through our membership categories and the support of the title Reform Jewish Educator (RJE), we honor educators who reach for high levels of professional competence.

“Advocating for the profession of Jewish education by improving the context in which educators work.”

We believe that Jewish education improves when educators work in a supportive, collegial and congenial work environment. NATE actively advocates for a positive working environment by consulting with institutions and educators who are in the placement process. NATE also aims to set standards for educational programs and practices through the process of school accreditation. In general, the services that NATE provides to its members help each individual educator and the profession as a whole.