

## 2023 SESSION

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### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 180

Offered February 23, 2023

*Commending Dovid Asher.*

Patron—Morrissey

WHEREAS, Dovid Asher, an esteemed faith leader and rabbi of Keneseth Beth Israel in Henrico County, has provided thought-provoking and uplifting spiritual counsel to his congregation and served the community through various outreach endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Dovid Asher grew up in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and was drawn to community service through his participation in the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) and his synagogue; and

WHEREAS, Dovid Asher attended the Jewish Educational Center in Elizabeth, New Jersey, for high school, during which time he was the regional president of the New Jersey NCSY and led many chesed programs and Shabbos retreats; and

WHEREAS, Dovid Asher next went to Israel to study Torah at Yeshivat Sha'arei Mevasseret Tzion and then studied at Yeshiva University, where he received a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in business; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of his rabbinical studies, Dovid Asher received his rabbinic ordination, or Semicha, from Yeshiva University; and

WHEREAS, as part of his rabbinic training, Dovid Asher had several internships at Jewish organizations in New York, while he concurrently worked toward receiving a master's degree in mental health counseling from Pace University; and

WHEREAS, Dovid Asher later joined the Gruss Kollel, an affiliate of Yeshiva University, and after completing his studies moved to Chicago to take part in a fellowship that focused on community education; and

WHEREAS, Dovid Asher has served as rabbi at Keneseth Beth Israel since 2011, where he leads a thriving center of traditional Torah Judaism and a congregation with origins dating to the mid-nineteenth century; and

WHEREAS, Dovid Asher notably led an invocation prayer on the floor of the Virginia House of Delegates in 2019 and published *Outreach in the Torah; Weekly Inspiration and Examples of the Mitzvah of Reaching Out* in October 2021; and

WHEREAS, Dovid Asher is a source of inspiration, stability, and spiritual guidance to countless members of the Henrico County community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Dovid Asher hereby be commended for his legacy of service as a faith leader in Henrico County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Dovid Asher as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his contributions to the Commonwealth.

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