



# Finance Committee Agenda

## City of Newton In City Council

### Special Meeting

**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**

**7:30 PM**  
**Room 211**

#### **Items scheduled for discussion:**

- #96-19**      **Mayor's appointment of Suzanne Offit to the Taxation Aid Committee**  
HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing SUZANNE OFFIT, 1429 Commonwealth Avenue, West Newton as a member of the Newton Taxation Aid Committee for a term of office to expire December 31, 2021. (60 days: 05/03/19)

All other items before the Committee will be held without discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard J. Gentile, Chair

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To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to appoint Suzanne Offit of 1429 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton as a member of the Newton Taxation Aid Committee. Her term of office shall expire on December 31, 2021 and her appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller  
Mayor

Cc: Elizabeth Dromey, Director, Assessment Administration  
James G. Reardon, Treasurer/Collector status

### Application Form

#### Profile

Suzanne

First Name

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Middle Initial

Offit

Last Name

1429 Commonwealth Avenue

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Newton

City

MA

State

02465

Postal Code

#### What Ward do you live in?

Ward 3

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Hebrew SeniorLife

Employer

Rabbi/Palliative Care Chaplain

Job Title

#### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Taxation Aid Committee: Submitted

#### Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

#### Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I am interested in serving my city of Newton and supporting the work of Mayor Fuller. I am a Rabbi and Chaplain working mainly in geriatrics.

Bio-Rabbi\_Suzanne\_Offit.pdf

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## RABBI SUZANNE OFFIT

*Board Member*

**Rabbi Suzanne Offit** was ordained at the Hebrew College Rabbinical School, which she entered enthusiastically as one of its founding students in 2004. (Like Rabbi Akiva, she started her deep Jewish learning in earnest at 40; unlike Rabbi Akiva, she experienced tremendous guilt when glorious hours of Jewish learning took her away from her children.) She is a Board Certified Chaplain and serves as the Palliative Care chaplain in post-acute services at Hebrew SeniorLife in Boston. Her focus is geriatrics and end-of-life work with patients and families. Rabbi Offit is dedicated to understanding through her many experiences and research how best to serve vulnerable populations in our society and how substance use disorder, moral injury, chronic illness and racism affect families. She is the immediate past Chair of the Hadassah Foundation. Among other institutions, she has served on the board of Gann Academy, is the long serving Chair of the Pluralism Committee (which brings together rabbis and educators from across the Jewish spectrum who are dedicated to living pluralism in the high school experience), and is on the founding board of Zaggo Care, an organization dedicated to helping patients and families navigate the health care system during a health crisis. She is married to Andy, and together they have three boys. She also loves agrarian activities, beekeeping, biking and poetry.