

**Kehillat Beth Israel**

**Board of Directors  
April 23, 2020  
Teleconference  
Minutes**

**Present:**

Ilana Albert-Novick  
Jay Amdur  
Yossi Bokhaut  
Mordecai Brodt  
Norm Ferkin

David Lyman  
Joel Sachs  
Judah Silverman  
Harvey Slack

Donna Strauss  
Harland Tanner  
Eric Weiner  
Helen Zipes

**Secretary:**

Jodi Gitter

**Clergy Present:**

Cantor Jason Green  
Rabbi Eytan Kenter  
Rabbi Deborah Zuker

**Staff Present:**

Rena Garshowitz

**Regrets:**

None

**1.0 PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**1.1 Call to Order and Welcome**

**Judah Silverman**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

**1.2 Call for Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

**Judah Silverman**

None of the members present declared a conflict of interest.

**1.3 D'var Torah**

**Rabbi Eytan Kenter**

**1.4 Moment of Silence to Commemorate Those Congregants Who Have Passed Away Since the Last Board Meeting** **Judah Silverman**

Michael Penso

**1.5 Approval of the Agenda of April 23, 2020** **Judah Silverman**

**A motion was made by Harvey Slack and seconded by Helen Zipes to approve the agenda.**

**The motion carried.**

**1.6 Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors**

**A motion was made by Jodi Gitter and seconded by Norm Ferkin to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors for the meeting held on April 2, 2020.**

**1.7 Business Arising from Previous Minutes** **Judah Silverman**

None

**2.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**2.1 Executive Director's Written Statement Respecting the Status of Staff Salaries and Remittances to Government Rena Garshowitz**

Rena presented the statement for employee wages to the Board.

**2.2 Building Our Future** **Eric Weiner**

- Eric said that the Building Our Future Committee has decided to suspend that fundraising campaign for the time being, given our uncertain times during the global pandemic.
- The committee has switched its focus to "Our Future".
- Rabbi Kenter spoke about the paradigm switch KBI has shifted toward, to an "our" synagogue. He spoke about the changing reality that, on a positive note, has allowed for the outreach of people from around the world to join KBI's daily minyan and programs.
- Questions and discussions ensued about upcoming membership dues, about the financial uncertainties around membership and whether "Our

Future” donations may be used to offset dues monies that some members may no longer be able to afford.

- The messaging of the “Our Future” campaign is that no member should be left behind.

### **2.3 Life and Legacy**

**Norm Ferkin**

- Letters of Intent will not be sent out at this time (as was reported in last month’s minutes).

### **2.4 Presentation of Budget**

**Jay Amdur and  
Yossi Bokhaut**

- The Finance Committee presented to the Board four different budget scenarios for the upcoming fiscal year, each budget with a different projected percentage drop in dues revenues.
- With each different scenario, the amount of revenue from investments of each budget is affected and was thus adjusted accordingly.
- Discussion ensued about KBI’s investment income and the interest it generates. There is an obvious uncertainty and fluidity about these times we live in, creating an “unknown” right now as to whether or not the synagogue will need to use those interest funds.
- Judah mentioned that we will have a clearer picture in August and September when membership dues come in.

## **3.0 REPORTING OPTIONS WITH DISCUSSION AND VOTE**

### **3.1 Other Business Raised By Any Director Requiring Board Decision or Authority**

None

## **4.0 REPORTING OPTONS WITH DISCUSSION BUT WITHOUT VOTE**

### **4.1 Other Business Raised By Any Director**

None

## **5.0 REPORTING WITHOUT DISCUSSION AND VOTE**

### **5.1 Other Business Raised by Any Director**

None

## **6.0 IN CAMERA**

## **7.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM.**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM.