

**Kehillat Beth Israel  
Board of Directors  
July 26, 2018  
Simcha Room  
Minutes**

**Present:**

Jay Amdur	Jodi Gitter	Sam Levine
Victor Rabinovitch	Judah Silverman	Helen Zipes

**Secretary:**

Jonathan Meijer

**Clergy Present:**

Cantor Jason Green  
Rabbi Eytan Kenter  
Rabbi Deborah Zuker

**Staff Present:**

Rena Garshowitz

**Regrets:**

Jane Ehrenworth Shore	Lorne Goldstein	Stuart McCarthy
Betsy Rigal	Jenny Roberge	Joel Sachs
Kivi Shapiro	Harvey Slack	Harland Tanner

**(QUORUM NOT MET)**

**1.0 PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**1.1 Call to Order and Welcome**

**Helen Zipes**

The meeting was called to order at 18:44.

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

**Helen Zipes**

None of the members present declared any conflict of interest.

**1.3 D'var Torah**

**Rabbi Kenter**

**1.4 Moment of Silence to commemorate those congregants who have passed away  
since the last board meeting**

**Helen Zipes**

Morris Karovitch  
Beverley Cogan Gluzman  
Joshua Sherman

Julie Sherman  
Ted Roseman  
Pearl Greenberg  
Alana Perelmutter

**1.5 Approval of the Agenda of July 26, 2018**

**Helen Zipes**

The agenda was approved in principle.

**1.6 Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors, June 21, 2018** Jonathan Meijer

Deferred to next meeting, due to lack of quorum.

**1.7 Business arising from Minutes or submitted reports**

**Helen Zipes**

No business arose.

**2.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**2.1 Treasurer Report on Financial State of the Organization**

**Sam Levine**

The June financial statement was not presented. Sam reported that the expenses at the end of June were a bit higher than expected, and that the investments are up in value. The report for the end of the financial year will be presented at the August board meeting, and the full report after the summer. The audited report will be presented to the board not long before the AGM.

**3.0 REPORTING OPTIONS WITH DISCUSSION AND VOTE**

**3.1 Other business raised by any Director requiring Board decision or authority**

No business was raised.

**4.0 REPORTING WITH DISCUSSION BUT WITHOUT VOTE**

**4.1 Reports from committees**

**Ritual - OVH**

**Rabbi Kenter**

Rabbi Kenter presented an update on the negotiations with Ottawa Va'ad HaKashrut (OVH).

## 4.2 Reports from working groups

### a) High Holiday Planning/Kol Nidre Appeal

**Rabbi Kenter**

Rabbi Kenter mentioned that we are making incremental improvements. While an appeal booklet with foldable tabs will once again be sent to members, a very compelling one-page letter will be included in the mailing. The booklet will still serve as an admission ticket. A few proposals are shared: to put last year's pledge on each member's booklet; to work on self-pride, and not be embarrassed to ask for money; to choose the right language: "to be a donor" instead of "to donate". Rabbi Kenter and Helen both said that they would talk about financial needs in their remarks on Yom Kippur . The Board members agreed that this would be positive.

### b) Building our Future working group (Development)

**Helen Zipes**

Helen indicated that the Building our Future working group (Development) has been working very hard. The subject of fundraising came up during many of the Parlour meetings and the mood was positive. The subject of including KBI in the members' wills also came up last night (July 25), and members want to know more about it. Helen has prepared a letter that can be sent to the membership regarding legacy giving. Paul Finn reviewed the letter and thought it could go out as written and would be an effective means to fundraise for the longer term.

The architect submitted some very preliminary sketches. The next step is to cost the proposal to see whether it is in the expected range. Before choosing an honorary chair for the campaign, we have been advised that we should have more information. Also, we have been counselled that any major donor would want to know if we would be prepared to sell part of the land that is not used near Laperriere and also the approximate value of this land. There is a subgroup looking at this. Another subgroup has looked at naming opportunities and has compiled a draft list with suggested dollar amounts.

It has been suggested to ask the architect to come to High Holiday services. Helen agreed to call and suggest this to her.

## 4.3 Other business raised by any Director

### Parlour meetings

**Helen Zipes**

There were 12 participants last night (July 25) but some meetings had fewer participants. To date, there have been about 100 members who have attended these sessions, led by Rabbi Kenter, Rena Garshowitz and Helen Zipes. There was very good dialogue, and often the meetings were multi-generational.

The following were raised at some of the parlour meetings: Members asked about committees and their membership; Helen agreed it was a good idea to post this information on the website.

It was suggested we approach AJA (Active Jewish Adults), a very successful programming organization as they are always looking for a place to do things and perhaps we can garner some revenue by renting them some unused space, during the weekday.

Most people felt that clergy visit the elderly and sick is a priority.

The telephone answering tree was a source of irritation to some of the older members. As well, they want to ensure that when they do leave a message, someone calls them back in a timely fashion.

## **5.0 REPORTING WITHOUT DISCUSSION OR VOTE**

### **5.1 Other business raised by any Director**

#### **a) AGM Preparations**

**Rena Garshowitz**

Proposed date for the AGM: Sunday October 28, 2018. The financial audit is scheduled to start on the day after Yom Kippur. Rena will send to the Governance committee a set of proposed changes to the By-laws so they can be reviewed and possibly adopted by the Board.

#### **b) Membership**

**Rena Garshowitz**

Sending the membership renewals in May has made a world of difference. 224 units renewed so far, about a third flagged in the database.

Helen commended Rena for formalizing the process for dues consideration. She shared the form with other USCJ members and they were impressed.

#### **c) Nominating**

**Helen Zipes**

Nothing to report until next meeting.

#### **d) Cantor's report**

**Jason Green**

(Please see the Cantor's Report in **Appendix D.**)

## **6.0 EVALUATION OF THE MEETING**

## **7.0 IN CAMERA**

## **8.0 NEXT MEETING – August 30, 2018 6:30 PM**

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.**

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Jonathan Meijer, Secretary

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Date of approval

(Edited for publication on the website.)

## **APPENDICES**

The following appendices follow this page, in order:

- Appendix A: Ritual Committee Report
- Appendix B: President's Report
- Appendix C: IT Working Group Report
- Appendix D: Cantor's Report