

**Kehillat Beth Israel  
Board of Directors  
December 20, 2018  
Simcha Room  
Minutes**

**Present:**

Ilana Albert-Novick  
Jodi Gitter  
Betsy Rigal  
Harvey Slack

Jay Amdur  
Lorne Goldstein  
Kivi Shapiro  
Eric Weiner

Mordechai Brodt  
Stuart McCarthy  
Judah Silverman  
Helen Zipes

**Secretary:**

Jonathan Meijer

**Clergy Present:**

Rabbi Eytan Kenter  
Cantor Jason Green

**Staff Present:**

Rena Garshowitz

**Regrets:**

Rabbi Deborah Zuker

Jane Ehrenworth Shore

Harland Tanner

**1.0 PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**1.1 Call to Order and Welcome**

**Helen Zipes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

**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**

The following list of names includes those who passed away since November 15, as the list was previously not available:

Edith Birns

E. Max Cohen  
Barbara Fine  
Roza Lang  
Jacqueline Loeb  
Nicola Lyon  
Matthew O'Regan  
Ernie Potechin  
Dr. Therese Lena Shore  
Marion Vexler  
Hyman Yanofsky

**1.5 Approval of the Agenda of December 20, 2018** **Helen Zipes**

**A motion was made by Stuart McCarthy and seconded by Lorne Goldstein to approve the agenda.**

**The motion was carried.**

**1.6 Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors for November 15, 2018.** **Jonathan Meijer**

**A motion was made by Jonathan Meijer and seconded by Harvey Slack to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors for the meeting held on November 15, 2018.**

**The motion was carried.**

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

No business arose.

**2.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**2.1 Monthly Financial Statement** **Jay Amdur**

Jay has instituted monthly Finance Committee meetings, occurring on the Wednesday of the week preceding that of the regular Board meetings. Last week, the Committee had the opportunity to review the October 2018 financial statement that the Board has already seen. From now on, the Finance Committee will review monthly financial statements before they are presented to the Board. For this reason, the November 2018 financial statement will be presented in January.

**2.2 Executive Director's written statement respecting the status of staff salaries and remittances to government** **Rena Garshowitz**

Rena read the statement to the Board.  
(Please find the written statement in **Appendix A.**)

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

#### **3.1 KBI Investment Strategy Proposal**

**Jay Amdur**

The Investment Working Group brought a proposal to the Finance Committee. It recommended that all funds currently invested, along with the proceeds from the \$2.1 million vendor take-back mortgage with Trinity, be invested in the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, because the latter is in the business of investing money and doing so would be a very strong endorsement of KBI's commitment to investing in our community.

**A motion was made by Jay Amdur and seconded by Judah Silverman that Kehillat Beth Israel's investment portfolio be turned over to be managed through the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation.**

**The motion was carried.**

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

No other business was raised.

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

#### **4.1 President's presentation on Board priorities**

**Helen Zipes**

Helen shared her presentation. (Please find the President's Presentation in **Appendix B.**)

#### **4.2 Discussion on vaccination "policy"**

**Rena Garshowitz**

Rena led a discussion on whether KBI needs to adopt a vaccination policy. (Please find the Discussion on Vaccination in **Appendix C.**)

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

No other business was raised.

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

**5.1 Other business raised by any Director**

No other business was raised.

**6.0 EVALUATION OF THE MEETING**

This item will be taken out of future meetings' agendas.

**7.0 IN CAMERA**

**8.0 NEXT MEETING – Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6:30 PM**

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.**

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Jonathan Meijer, Secretary

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Date of approval

## **APPENDICES**

The following appendices follow this page, in order:

- Appendix A: Statement respecting the status of staff salaries and remittances to the government
- Appendix B: President's Presentation
- Appendix C: Presentation on Vaccination
- Appendix D: Building our Future Working Group report
- Appendix E: Ritual Committee report
- Appendix F: Ritual Committee action plan