

**Kehillat Beth Israel  
Board of Directors  
September 24, 2020  
Zoom Meeting  
Minutes**

**Present:**

Ilana Albert-Novick  
Jay Amdur  
Yossi Bokhaut  
Mordecai Brodt

Norm Ferkin  
David Lyman  
Joel Sachs  
Judah Silverman

Harland Tanner  
Eric Weiner  
Helen Zipes

**Secretary:**

Jodi Gitter

**Clergy Present:**

Cantor Jason Green  
Rabbi Eytan Kenter  
Rabbi Deborah Zuker

**Staff Present:**

Elisheva Brantz  
Rena Garshowitz

**Guest(s) Present:**

Victor Rabinovitch

**Regrets:**

Harvey Slack  
Donna Strauss

**1.0 PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**1.1 Call to Order and Welcome**

**Judah Silverman**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 / Jodi Gitter**

Marlene D'Amico  
Denise Paroli  
Paul Shapiro

Rachel "Rae" Freedman  
Stella Torontow  
Zelda Shore

**1.5 Approval of the Agenda of September 24, 2020** **Judah Silverman**

**A motion was made by Helen Zipes and seconded by Norm Ferkin to approve the agenda.**

**All were in favour.**

**The motion was carried.**

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

**A motion was made by Jodi Gitter and seconded by Jay Amdur to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors for the meeting held on August 20, 2020.**

**All were in favour.**

**The motion was carried.**

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

With respect to item 3.1 from August 20, 2020 minutes: Amendments to By-law No. 1 and Operating Policies No. 1 and 7:

- o Yossi questioned the use of the word "abolished" with respect to a number of the committees. He suggested instead that the committees in question be "removed" from the list of standing committees as they will continue to exist and function but just not as named committees in the By-law.

**A motion was made by Jay Amdur and seconded by Yossi Bokhaut to adjust the wording for the proposed changes to By-law No. 1 to reflect that committees have been removed as Standing Committees and not removed in their entirety.**

**All were in favour.**

**The motion was carried.**

With respect to item 1.7 from July 16, 2020 minutes: **Hebrew Free Loan Proposal**

- o Judah has yet to hear anything back from this organization.

Judah thanked the Board for last month's post-meeting discussion with respect to the change in the By-law and Operating Policies.

## **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.
- Moving forward and for the next 12 months, Elisheva Brantz will be preparing and submitting the Executive Director's Written Statement Respecting the Status of Staff Salaries and Remittances to Government.

### **2.2 Monthly Financial and Membership Update – July and August 2020      Jay Amdur**

- Jay shared the July and August Monthly financial statements.
- KBI is on track with respect to the budget.
- As of September 18, 2020, \$740,000.00 has been booked in membership dues.
- Judah spoke about the Sustaining KBI Campaign and where we are in terms of what we initially projected. We have exceeded the original projections.
- Judah thanked Helen and Eric for their efforts to secure donations toward this endeavour - donations that will take the pressure off dues (the main source of income for KBI).
- Rena said that members who have not yet renewed have been contacted.
- Elisheva said that in order to maintain a connection with those who have not renewed, KBI will reach out again after the High Holy Days.
- Judah mentioned that those who have not yet renewed should still be considered to be members and should be encouraged to continue participating and to remain engaged.

### **2.3 Year-End Financial Update 2019-20      Jay Amdur**

- Jay shared the June (Year-end) Monthly financial statement.
- Overall, membership dues exceeded the budget by \$65,000, maintenance and repairs were down, and utilities were lower than expected.
- Jay explained how our investments fared: Due to market uncertainty, by June 30, 2020, the endowment fund had an unrealized loss of value. Since KBI had not accessed the endowment fund, this loss remains unrealized and as markets regain a stronger position, this loss will reverse itself.
- Jay presented the audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2020 that were prepared by GGFL.
- Jay explained what is included in which sections of the audit (Ex. Kosher Food Bank monies/donations, monies received from the Government to offset salaries during the pandemic, monies being allocated to repair KBI's roof, etc.).

**A motion was made by Jay Amdur and seconded by Yossi Bokhaut to approve the audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2020.**

**All were in favour.**

**The motion was carried.**

**2.4 Corporate Resolution Regarding Signing Authority Jay Amdur**

- Jay explained that since Rena was going to be on parental leave, signing authority needed to be authorized for Elisheva.

**A motion was made by Jay Amdur and seconded by Joel Sachs to add Elisheva Brantz as an authorized signing officer for the Corporation.**

**All were in favour.**

**The motion was carried.**

**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 OPTIONS WITH DISCUSSION BUT WITHOUT VOTE**

**4.1 Rosh Hashana Reflection Rabbi Eytan Kenter**

- Each of the Board Members shared their very positive reflections about the Rosh Hashana “menu” that KBI had offered.

**4.2 Other business raised by any director**

- Ilana would like to see KBI continue to promote the Monday and Thursday morning services especially because many members may be feeling isolated.

**5.0 REPORTING WITHOUT DISCUSSION AND VOTE**

**5.1 Announcement of 2020/2021 Board Slate Helen Zipes**

- Helen, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, thanked its members.
- Helen provided the Board with the slate that the Nominating Committee had compiled and which she will be presenting at the AGM in October.

## **5.2 Reveal of New KBI Logo**

**Joel Sachs**

- Joel explained the process through which the new KBI logo was developed and selected.
- Joel presented the new KBI logo to the Board.

## **5.3 Thank You to Departing Board Members**

**Judah Silverman**

- Judah thanked Joel Sachs and Harvey Slack for their service and commitment to the Board of Directors. Joel said some parting words of praise for his time on the Board of Directors.

## **5.4 Other business raised by any director**

None

## **6.0 IN CAMERA**

## **7.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM.