

**Kehillat Beth Israel
Board of Directors
June 27, 2023
In-Person and Zoom
Minutes**

Present:

Sarah Beutel
Norm Ferkin
Jeff Greenberg
Gillian Koh

Adina Libin
David Lyman
Jaimee Mitzmacher
Victor Rabinovitch

David Roytenberg
Jeremy Rudin
Judah Silverman
Olga Strelchenko

Secretary:

Jodi Gitter

Clergy Present:

Cantor Jason Green

Staff Present:

Jeremy Rosenberg

Special Guest:

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl

Regrets:

None

1.0 PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order

Victor Rabinovitch

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

1.2 Call for Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Victor Rabinovitch

None of the members present declared a conflict of interest.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

All

The agenda for June 27, 2023 was approved.

1.4 D'Var Torah

Cantor Jason Green

1.5 Moment of Silence to Commemorate Those Congregants Who Have Passed Away Since the Last Board Meeting

Victor Rabinovitch

No members passed away since the last board meeting.

1.6 Approval of Board Minutes from Board meeting held on June 7, 2023

All

A motion was made by Jodi Gitter and seconded by Adina Libin to approve the Board minutes from the meeting held on June 7, 2023.

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

1.7 Business Arising From Previous Minutes

All

Victor reported that the Interim Rabbi arrangements and preparing for the full Rabbi search continue to be a main focus for himself, Jeremy Rudin, and several Board committees. This evening's meeting will receive more information on these actions.

2.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Jeremy Rosenberg

Jeremy presented the statement for employee wages to the Board.

3.0 REPORTING WITH DISCUSSION AND VOTE

There were no items this month.

4.0 REPORTING WITH DISCUSSION BUT WITHOUT VOTE

4.1 Executive Director's Verbal Report

Jeremy Rosenberg

- 50-60 membership renewals have come in.

- 5-6 new people have become Associate Members. Associate Members maintain their burial rights in the KBI section of JMG. Others become Associate Members in order to maintain their connection to KBI after, say, a move to a different city.
- Membership Renewal Letters were sent out last week.
- Planning for the tent rental for the High Holy Days, as well as security, are underway. The tent option is to accommodate members who remain uncomfortable in a large crowd, or those who want a more relaxed service. Additionally, the Chapel will be used by KBI Youth.

Renovation Updates from the ED:

- The oven functions in the Dairy Kitchen have been repaired.
- A booster for the dishwasher in the Meat Kitchen has been installed.
- A new awning on the pergola outside has been installed.
- Columns outside have been updated.
- The rooftop for the new HVAC system has been readied.
- New bathroom exhaust fans have been installed.
- Curtains in the Min Sanctuary have been updated.
- Cement parging around the lower building has been done.
- The cameras and security system have been updated.
- Flashing around the roof has been installed.
- Jeremy is recommending investing in a washer and dryer to launder linens on our own. This will be considered in the future.

4.2 Ottawa Kosher Food Bank Update

Sarah Beutel

- There will be a High Holy Day and Chanukah Campaign this year.
- There will be 3 donation options.
- Packing and driving volunteers will be needed.
- Grants are also being solicited.

4.3 Introducing Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl

Victor introduced our lead Senior Interim Rabbi, who has been in Ottawa for two days meeting with many people in KBI and the wider community. Victor noted that Rabbi Dini Lewittes will come for an Ottawa visit later in the Autumn, before she begins her January-March stay with us.

Board Members took turns introducing themselves to Rav Baruch, talking about their backgrounds and connections. Rav Baruch replied by stating he would like members' High Holy Day experience to be meaningful and, as such, he encouraged Board Members to write him, in an email, talking about what they are hoping to hear or "get out of" their High Holy Day experience.

4.4 Rabbi Search Committee Update

Jeremy Rudin

The Search Committee has been established and will be announced to the congregation within the coming week.

The search will be conducted in a 3-Phase process.

Phase 1: Consultation Phase

1. Congregation input will be solicited to inform the search and the job posting..
2. A long questionnaire is completed with input from membership.
3. The Board will be involved with the financial components.

Phase 2: Job Posting and Screening Phase

1. The job will be posted after Simchat Torah.
2. Screening of applicants and then invitations will be sent out in early December.
3. 2-3 visits (hopefully) will be scheduled for January/February.
4. Feedback from congregation will be solicited.

Phase 3: Search Committee Recommendation to the Board and Offer Made

1. Before Pesach, we hope

5.0 REPORTING WITHOUT DISCUSSION OR VOTE

None

6.0 IN CAMERA

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 PM.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2023.

