

**Kehillat Beth Israel
Board of Directors Meeting
June 27, 2024
Minutes**

In Person:

Sarah Beutel
Howard Cohen
Norm Ferkin
Adina Libin

David Lyman
Janice Pleet
Victor Rabinovitch
Jeremy Rudin

Olga Streltchenko

Zoom:

Jeff Greenberg

David Roytenberg

Acting Secretary:

Olga Streltchenko

Clergy Present:

Rav Baruch Frydman-Kohl

Staff Present:

Jeremy Rosenberg, Sasha Kathron (for item 3.1 only)

Regrets:

Jeff Greenberg, Gillian Koh, Jaimee Mitzmacher, Sheldon Wiseman

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order

Jeremy Rudin

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

1.2 Call for Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Jeremy Rudin

None of the members present declared a conflict of interest.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

All

A motion was made by David Lyman and seconded by Victor Rabinovitch to approve the agenda.

The motion carried.

1.4 D'Var Torah

Rabbi Frydman-Kohl

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

Edward (Ted) Ramsey
Michael Robern

1.6 Approval of the Board minutes of April 28, 2024 **Olga Streltchenko**
A motion was made by Olga Streltchenko and seconded by Norm Ferkin to approve the minutes of May 30, 2024.

The motion carried.

1.7 Business Arising from Previous Minutes **All**

Norm Ferkin reported that the holiday torah mantles will be shown for the first time at the Slichot service.

2. FINANCIAL MATTERS

2.1.Executive Director’s written statement respecting the status of staff salaries and remittances to government **Jeremy Rosenberg**

This report was received.

3. REPORTING WITH DISCUSSION AND WITHOUT A VOTE

3.1. Youth Programming for High Holidays **Sasha Kathron**

Sasha presented her plans for Youth Programming during High Holidays. We will be hiring OTT and OJCS teachers to help with the programming, which will be split into four age groups. Tots and their parents will have their own service in the playroom in the late morning, led by Chani Teitlebaum. The playroom space will be open to everyone after the services. Grades 2-5 will have programming in the OTT basement, led by an OTT teacher. Grades 6-8 will have an age-appropriate service in the late morning led by an OTT teacher. They will join the programming in the OTT basement afterwards. There will be three options for high-school age youth: attend the main service, assist the teachers with younger children, use the designated teen lounge.

Three additional issues were raised in discussion: the importance of publicizing the youth programming well in advance, and the issue of noise from the north basement reaching the sanctuary, and whether and when to have children join the service in the main sanctuary.

3.2. Adult Education Committee Report **David Roytenberg**

David Roytenberg discussed the mandate of the Committee and its plans for the coming year. He proposed that the Committee be mandated to organize two major programs, one in the fall and another in the spring, along with smaller events and a movie series. The board enthusiastically endorsed this plan.

Discussion followed on two related topics: how best to organize programming that does not fit under the adult education heading (e.g., trivia nights), and how to create programming that will appeal to younger members.

3.3. Rabbi Transition and Onboarding

Jeremy Rudin

Jeremy noted the USCJ advice to create a group that would oversee transition. Naomi Starostrza has agreed to take charge of this.

3.4. Fall Planning Issues not covered earlier

Jeremy Rudin

The board discussed the timing of commemoration of the October 7 attack. The board discussed its preferred options, and decided to refer the final decision to Rabbi Polansky.

3.5. Review of Board Agenda for the year

Jeremy Rudin

The Board reviewed the forward agenda until the end of the summer.

3.6. Review of Spending Authorities

David Lyman

David reminded the board that Committees may have budgets, but they have no spending authority. Committees need to work with the Executive Director to ensure that all spending is approved by the appropriate authority (the Executive Director, Finance Committee or the Board, depending on the amount), follows the requirements set out in the Bylaw or Operating Policies, and is executed by the staff.

5. REPORTING WITH DISCUSSION AND A VOTE

5.1 Budget for 2024-25

David Lyman

David explained the minor changes that had been made to the budget based on the discussion at the previous board meeting.

A motion was made by David Lyman and seconded by Adina Libin to approve the budget for 2024-25 as presented.

The motion carried.

6.0 IN CAMERA SESSION

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Olga Streltchenko and seconded by Howard Cohen to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2024; in person if possible with a Zoom option.