

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting 1/24/2022

Call to Order 8:05 pm

Zoom Attendance- Judy Balter, Harold Dembo, Rick Dissen, Jim Donenberg, Steve Elisco, Hillary Elkins, Ari Footlik, Annie Goldman, Ellen Grossman, Andy Lebovitz, Diana Lewis, Karyn Liss, Bret Maxwell, Marjorie Maxwell, Roz Mohktarian, Wes Nissen, Amy Offenbach, Leslie Rogoff, Neil Rosengard, Jill Roter, Edna Schrank, Alan Shapiro, Brad Shaps, Dan Sher, Laura Shulman, Jay Silver, Charlotte Stern, Sara Weinstein, Adam Weinstock, Alyssa Weisbach, Alan Zelkowitz

Executive Board via Zoom: Cheryl Braude, Linda Foster, Howard Freidin, Suzy Hakimian, Sue Lampert, Steve Lessman, Raymond Rokni, Robyn Rosengard, Randy Samborn, Seth Schrank, Bill Shulman, Howard Sigal, Tanya Solomon, Bob Spector, Jackie Zelkowitz

Past Presidents via Zoom- Michael Balter, Larry Grossman, David Hakimian, Fred Katzenstein, Jack Knopoff, Howard Michaels, Brian Miller, Tami Rokni, Glen Roter, Debbie Solomon, Lily Zoberman

Clergy and Staff via Zoom: Rabbi Melman, Cantor Steven Stoehr, Michael Garlin, Susan Karlinsky, Leann Blue, Stacy Ybarra

Absent: Rabbi Ferratier, Barbara Gelfeld, Joel Greenman, Donald Levine, Leonard Mason, Barbara Petasnick, Henry Rabinowitz, Marc Schwartz, Jerry Stanton, Andy Wagner, Joel Weinstein, Joe Wolke, Michael Zaransky

- D'var Torah presented by Rabbi Melman
 - Rabbi discussed Mispatim-many laws related to the children of Israel. Moving forward as a sacred community is not easy. We should have a desire to better ourselves. Rabbi discussed his sabbatical-he has gained new skills and has re-charged himself. Rabbi thanked the BOT for the opportunity for leadership, counseling and spiritual growth.
- Approval of December Minutes and January Committee Reports
- Minutes Approved
- President's Report – Bob Spector
 - Asking for proof of vaccination at services has gone smoothly. Bob acknowledged that Lisa Orlov is doing a great job of uploading and updating this information. the synagogue was only closed for 1 week due to Omicron. Bob hopes to have BOT meeting in person

next month. Bob thanked staff and lay leaders for their support during this wave of COVID.

CBS Connections - I said that there will be an activity each month, including speakers. (Not to be put in the minutes, but the reason I want the Minutes to be accurate is that we do not have speakers scheduled each month. The connections committee is currently discussing if we want to do speakers more often, but as written now, it looks like I superseded the committee and made the decision for them, which I did not do)

- Executive Director Report-Michael Garlin
 - Michael reported there are many jobs to fill at CBS right now: Admin Assistant for the religious school, replacement for Ellie who leaves in the summer, front desk receptionist, replacement for Eric-Youth director, and an Assistant Rabbi
- Immediate Past President-Tanya Solomon
 - Vote for participants for 11 person nominating committee-this was done via computer-committee consists of:
 - Immediate past president
 - Current President
 - Sisterhood and Men's club current president-Jackie Zelkowitz, Andy Wagner
 - 7 other CBS members-Suzie Hakimian, Tami Rokni, Rachel Laven, Randy Samborn, Diana Lewis, Neil Rosengard, Seth Schrank

VP Reports

- Membership – Sue Lampert
 - Yachad has 2 new groups- Downtown Young and New members, Mah Jong-looking for a facilitator/leader
 - CBS connections met last week-small group met in person. Next week a business coach will be presenting. Will provide an activity each month, some months will include a speaker.
 - There will be a 6-week course led by Rabbi Melman on Jewish issues in law. \$50 for members. 9 hours of continuing education credit.
- Programming – Randy Samborn
 - No verbal report
- Finance Committee Report: Cheryl Braude, Howard Freidin
 - No verbal report

- Social Action – Suzy Hakimian
 - Good deeds day Sunday 4/3/22. There will be collections for Bernie’s Book Bank, Beanie Babies, etc. Look in bulletin and Byte for on-line and in person activities.

- Ritual Committee – Bill Shulman
 - Please attend minyan when you can.

- School – Robyn Rosengard
 - Stacy reported on Purim Basket Fundraiser-“That’s a wrap”-Items will be CBS blanket, coin wrappers, fruit roll-ups, re-useable sandwich bags. Email with link will come out next week. Stacy can also take phone orders. 3/13/22 pick up

- Youth – Seth Schrank
 - Eric Goldberg resigned-going to grad school. Last day 1/14/22. Looking for new youth director
 - USY-has weekly lounge nights-this week will be in person
 - Melissa Kaplan-Youth advisor –has been helping with USY.
 - Thank you to USY board
 - Search committee for Youth Director
 - Seth Schrank-chair
 - Suzie Hakimian
 - Cheryl Braude
 - Alyssa Weisbach
 - Annie Goldman
 - Robyn Rosengard
 - Debbie Solomon moved to approve committee. Ellen Grossman second. 48 yes 1 no

- Fundraising: Howard Sigal
 - Sunday May 22nd –Focus is on FUN. An evening program featuring Sidney Freidman The Mentalist. We are honoring our 4 Covid Task Force doctors (Dr. Jaffe, Dr. Shapiro, Dr. Hakimian, Dr. Shulman). There will be a tribute book and a 50/50 raffle. Event will be live and virtual.

- Sisterhood – Jackie Zelkowitz
 - Annual Sisterhood Shabbat Service will be held on Friday, February 4th. If you

cannot attend in person, you can still watch the service through our CBS Livestream.

<https://www.bethshalomnb.org/pray/live-streaming/>

- Thursday, February 24th, Roberta Rosenthal Kwall the author of Remix Judaism: Preserving Tradition in a Diverse World will discuss this new book via Zoom.
 - Sunday, February 27th is our annual Jan Blum Memorial Game Event which will take place at the synagogue. Come and play some of the classic table games – Mah Jongg, Canasta and Bridge.
 - Torah Fund's 80th Anniversary at our Torah Fund Event featuring JTS Cantorial Student, Josh Ehrlich, on Sunday, March 6th.
 - 3/10-floral design event with Edward's Florist-in person or Zoom
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- Men's Club – Steve Lessman, Andy Wagner
 - January breakfast on Jewish Athletes- 56 via zoom.
 - Lox Box will be March 6th, we will deliver to homes as well as donations to Ark and CJE.
 - Sunday, February 6th: Men's Club Breakfast. Guest Speaker Jonathan Eig Author of the Award Winning Biography Ali: A Life.
 - Sunday, February 13rd: World Wide Wrap-8 am instruction, 8:45 service

- House Committee – Ray Rokni
 - See written report

- Strategic Planning Committee-Tami Rokni
 - 1st meeting 2 weeks ago. Will review 10-year strategic plan. Will reflect on all areas of synagogue needs, including staff needs. Will use information/data from JUF survey. Looking at how can we meets needs of all members of the CBS community.

- Long term membership task force-Jim Donenberg
 - Looking to structurally improve growth of membership, school census. We are an aging congregation-fiscally difficult. Dues structure needs to attract young members. Religious school-looking at different structure to accommodate kids who need a different format.
 - Bob thanked Jim and the committee.

- Old Business
 - No old business

- New Business
 - No new business

- Good and Welfare
 - Steve Lessman a grandfather
 - Cantor Stoehr-health progressing after surgery
 - Passing of Len Kososva-husband of Jean Kosova

- Howard Friedin moved to adjourn mtg. Robyn Rosengard second
- Open meeting adjourned at 9:15 and moved to executive session

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Foster