

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) Meeting

August 26th, 2024

- Call to Order 6:08 PM

In-Person Attendance: Becky Becker, Talia Block, Cheryl Braude, Annie Goldman, Frannie Goldwin, Ellen Grossman, Suzy Hakimian, Debbie Hamilton, Jill Hartzman, Arlen Lasinsky, Wendy Latash, Roz Mokhtarian, Jill Olefsky, Ron Rabinowitz, Fern Roseman, Jill Roter, Randy Samborn, Edna Schrank, Alan Shapiro, Laura Shulman, Andy Wagner, and Alan Zelkowitz

Zoom Attendance: Jeremy Elkins, Neil Rosengard, and Howard Sigal

Absent: Bob Goldwin, Brad Shaps, and Sara Weinstein

In-Person Executive Committee: Sue Lampert, Scot Rogoff, Jackie Zelkowitz, Steven Zaacks, Steve Lessman, Charlotte Stern, Robyn Rosengard, Rachel Laven, Andy Lebovitz, Leatte Gelfeld, Ray Rokni, Lani Schrank, and Bob Spector

Zoom Executive Committee: Rick Dissen

Past Presidents (In-Person and Zoom): Michael Balter, Barbara Gelfeld, Larry Grossman, David Hakiminian, Jack Knopoff, Donald Levine, Tami Rokni, Glen Roter, Debbie Solomon, and Lily Zoberman

Past Presidents Absent: Leonard Mason, Jerry Stanton, Barbara Petasnick, Henry Rabinowitz, Joel Greenman, George Platt, Joe Wolke, Marc Schwartz, Michael Zaransky, and Brian Miller

Clergy and Staff: Rabbi Melman, Cantor Stoehr, Rabbi Chapman, Stacy Ybarra, Anat Pissetzky, and Michael Garlin

- Mindy Block Gordon, Synagogue Consultant, Central District, USCJ, lead a leadership vision workshop and review of the BOT self-assessment, in preparation for the Retreat on 9/29/2024.
- D'var Torah by Rabbi Melman
- President's Report: Sue Lampert suggested ways for the BOT to greater enjoy our meetings; some of these include respecting each other's opinions, not having everyone speaking about every topic (for the sake of brevity), being at each meeting (preferably in-person), being prepared for each meeting (e.g., reading the VP reports ahead of time), being supportive of others' ideas, being involved at the committee level, being active in the CBS "experience", and finally, honoring the BOT pledge that each member has signed. On another note, help in various ways is needed as the High Holidays approach. Finally, there will also be a CBS BOT Retreat on 9/29/24 here at CBS.
- Two CBS Mission Moments were given; the first was by Michael Balter who related how the CBS family helped him get through two serious health issues in the past year. A second Mission Moment was given by Edna Schrank who emphasized the great degree of inclusion shown at CBS.
- Executive Director's Report: The L'shana Tovah call list will be sent to BOT members soon. BOT volunteers are needed to help at Yom Beth Shalom on Sunday, 9/8/24. Ambassadors for High Holiday services will also be needed.

- Approval of minutes from June BOT
- Programming VP Steven Zaacks made a motion to spend up to \$10,000 for the December 2024 speaker and up to \$20,000 for future speakers this fiscal year. Motion seconded by Jack Knopoff. Motion passes.
- House VP Scott Rogoff made a motion to change the language of the CBS policy manual, which was amended by Rick Dissen, providing as follows:

**Any expenditures in excess of \$15,000.00 for House-related infrastructure and operating equipment expenditures and in excess of \$7500.00 for all other expenditures from any budget must be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval. All House related expenditures, pursuant to the terms of this paragraph, shall be approved by the House Committee, however, the Executive Director, after consulting with the President and House VP, may use their discretion to spend whatever amount they deem necessary for emergency matters related to building structural integrity, security or personnel safety. (8/26/2024)**

Motion seconded by Ray Rokni. Motion passes.

- Old Business: None
- New Business: None
- Good and Welfare: The Board expresses its deepest condolences to the following:
  - Rabbi Melman on the passing of his father Neil
  - Ray Rokni on the passing of his mother Mehri
  - Marc Schwartz on the passing of his father Arthur
  - Sara Weinstein on the passing of her sister Rebecca
  - Howard Sigal on the passing of his step mother-in-law Cheryle
  - Brad Shaps on the passing of his father Harvey
  - Mazel Tov to Robyn Rosengard on starting her new job
  - Mazel Tov to Tanya Solomon upon the marriage of her daughter Mollie
  - Mazel Tov to Cantor Stoehr for another successful and entertaining Clergy Boys concert
- Motion to adjourn at 8:52 pm by Robyn Rosengard and seconded by Arlen Lasinsky

Respectively Submitted,

Andy Lebovitz