

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) Meeting

January 22nd, 2024

- Call to Order 7:05 PM

In-Person Attendance: Becky Becker, Talia Block, Cheryl Braude, Harold Dembo, Hillary Elkins, Suzy Hakimian, Jill Hartzman, Dr. Wendy Latash, Roz Mokhtarian, Jill Olefsky, Neil Rosengard, Jill Roter, Dr. Alan Shapiro, Laura Shulman, and Alan Zelkowitz

Zoom Attendance: Ari Footlik, Linda Foster, Annie Goldman, Diana Lewis, Bret Maxwell, Edna Schrank, Brad Shaps, Dr. Andy Wagner, and Alyssa Weisbach

Absent: Andy Lebovitz, Steve Elisco, Howard Freidin, Fern Roseman, Howard Sigel, and Sara Weinstein

In-Person Executive Committee: Dr. Bob Spector, Sue Lampert, Ellen Grossman, Arlen Lasinsky, Jackie Zelkowitz, Randy Samborn, Steve Lessman, Charlotte Stern, Robyn Rosengard, Rachel Laven, Rick Dissen, Ray Rokni, Lani Schrank, Bob Goldwin, and Tanya Solomon

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

Past Presidents Absent: Leonard Mason, Brian Miller, Barbara Petasnick, Henry Rabinowitz, Marc Schwartz, Jerry Stanton, Joe Wolke, Michael Zaransky, and Lily Zoberman.

Clergy and Staff (In Person and Zoom): Rabbi Melman, Cantor Stoehr, Rabbi Chapman, Michael Garlin, Michael Schneider, and Stacy Ybarra

- D'var Torah by Cantor Stoehr
- Approval of minutes from December BOT
- Executive Director's Report: Michael Garlin reported that the House subcommittee on security met and decided that for February 2024, we will return to the prior schedule of security coverage unless or until additional security is needed to a viable threat being reported in the Chicago area by SNC and/or the Northbrook Police
- The CBS Mission Moment was given by Ellen Grossman who led a meditation exercise.
- Executive Vice President Report: Elections were held and the 2024/25 Nominating Committee members are: Tanya Solomon, Dr. Bob Spector, Lani Schrank, Bob Goldwin, Sue Lampert, Rachel Laven, Ellen Grossman, Talia Block, Hillary Elkins, Suzy Hakimian, and Laura Shulman.

- Vice President Oral Reports
  - a. Fundraising/Ellen Grossman: 155 people have registered for the Fundraiser so far and the committee's goal is 225.
  - b. Programming/Randy Samborn: The Scholar in Residence Weekend with Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz was a tremendous success and special thanks to the following people for their hard work: Jackie Zerkowitz, Leann Blue, Audrey Taxer, Laura Shulman, and Lisa Dembo.
  - c. Rachel Laven/Youth: 17 families have registered for the Shabbaton weekend @ Pearlstein, May 17 to May 19, 2024 with a goal of 20-25 families.
  - d. Financial Report/Ray Rokni: Ray discussed the current financial reports. Michael Garlin explained that this year adjustments made for religious school families were applied to school fees rather than membership fees.
  
- Old Business: None
  
- New business: None
  
- Good & Welfare: Condolences to Brad Shaps on the passing of his mother Thelma Shaps. Gratitude was provided to Brad for funding of the new CBS donation fund, "Shaps Family Fund supporting programming for families with young children." Mazel Tov to the Hakimians on the birth of baby granddaughter, Scarlett Almeleh. Sue Lampert expressed condolences upon the passing of Rabbi Rosenberg, CBS' first Rabbi. Donald Levine asked that cards be given to the Wolkins for their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary next week.
  
- Move to adjourn at 8:31 PM by Robyn Rosengard and seconded by Wendy Latash

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Solomon (Transcribed by Andy Lebovitz)