

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) Meeting

March 18, 2024

- Call to Order 7:33 PM

In-Person Attendance: Cheryl Braude, Harold Dembo, Hillary Elkins, Ari Footlik, Dr. Wendy Latash, Diana Lewis, Roz Mokhtarian, Jill Olefsky, Jill Roter, Edna Schrank, Dr. Alan Shapiro, Brad Shaps, Laura Shulman, Howard Sigal, Sara Weinstein, and Alan Zelkowitz

Zoom Attendance: Becky Becker, Talia Block, Annie Goldman, Jill Hartzman, Bret Maxwell, Alyssa Weisbach, and Dr. Andy Wagner

Absent: Steve Elisco, Linda Foster, Fern Roseman, Neil Rosengard, Howard Freidin, and Bob Goldwin

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, Andy Lebovitz, and Tanya Solomon

Zoom Executive Committee: Rick Dissen, Ray Rokni, and Lani Schrank

Past Presidents (In-Person and Zoom): Barbara Gelfeld, Larry Grossman, David Hakimian, Jack Knopoff, Brian Miller, Tami Rokni, Glen Roter, and Lily Zoberman

Past Presidents Absent: Michael Balter, Joel Greenman, Donald Levine, Leonard Mason, Barbara Petasnick, Henry Rabinowitz, Marc Schwartz, Debbie Solomon, Jerry Stanton, Joe Wolke, and Michael Zaransky

Clergy and Staff (In-Person and Zoom): Rabbi Melman, Rabbi Chapman, Michael Garlin, Lauri Holmes, Leann Blue, and Stacy Ybarra

- D'var Torah by Rabbi Melman
- Approval of minutes from February BOT
- President's Report: On February 22nd, Dr. Bob welcomed a new grandson, Tyler. Bob also married his daughter and (now) son-in-law in early March.
- Executive Director's Report: Last week CBS held a K'ilu lab hosted by Jonathan Schmidt Chapman. The presence of this lab has established CBS as being nationally recognized for families with young children. Also, in furtherance of the Strategic Plan Area of Focus ("Achieve and Maintain Financial Stability") Michael introduced a fundraising initiative, a donation level to be called "L'dor V'dor", starting at \$10,000 which would include certain member perks and stewardship. More information regarding this program will be provided as the program develops.

- The CBS Mission Moment involved BOT members talking about and remembering Rabbi Carl Wolkin, of blessed memory.

- VP Reports
 - Steve Lessman/Ritual discussed bringing a new Shabbat prayer book, Siddur Lev Shalem, into CBS
 - This is the companion book to our High Holiday Mahzor
 - This book has more commentary than our current book
 - This book has red text with more transliteration as well as commentary
 - This book is overall more 'inclusive' than our current book
 - This book is 1/3 heavier than our current book (35 oz vs. 25 oz)
 - \$30,000 is needed to buy enough books for the congregation; \$15,000 has already been donated by one family as well as another \$5,500 from Ritual Committee members.
 - For the April BOT meeting, a motion may be made to utilize the Prayer Book Fund to buy these books in time to introduce them to the congregation for Shavuot.

 - Robyn Rosengard/Social Action: On April 4th Mizrahi Market will give 10% of all purchases to the Northfield Food Pantry on behalf of CBS.

 - Charlotte Stern/School and Rachel Laven/Youth gave updates of how the School Board and Youth Committees, respectively, have attempted to utilize and adopt various tactics as stated in the CBS Strategic Plan

- Motion by House VP Arlen Lasinsky to approve the purchase of a used JCB S1930 Scissor Lift, not to exceed \$14,000. The funds will come from the Building Fund. Seconded by Jill Olefsky. Motion passes.

- Chair of the Nominating Committee Tanya Solomon presented the 2024/25 slate of Officers and the Board of Trustees.

- Old Business: None

- New business: David Hakimian encouraged the BOT to approve additional funding in the 2024-2025 budget to support additional needed youth programming.

- Good & Welfare: Jill Olefsky noted that Michael Balter recently underwent back surgery and is recovering at the Shirley Ryan Ability Center. Rabbi Melman noted that Past President Marc Schwartz's mother-in-law passed away earlier today.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:43 PM by Ellen Grossman and seconded by Barbara Gelfeld.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Lebovitz