

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES Meeting

January 27th, 2025

- Call to Order 8:09 PM

In-Person Attendance: Becky Becker, Talia Block, Cheryl Braude, Jeremy Elkins, Frannie Goldwin, Suzy Hakimian, Jill Hartzman, Roz Mokhtarian, Jill Olefsky, Neil Rosengard, Jill Roter, Randy Samborn, Edna Schrank, Laura Shulman, Howard Sigal, Tanya Solomon, and Alan Zerkowitz

Zoom Attendance: Annie Goldman, Arlen Laskinsky, Alan Shapiro, Andy Wagner, and Sara Weinstein

In-Person Executive Committee: Sue Lampert, Scott Rogoff, Jackie Zerkowitz, Brad Shaps, Charlotte Stern, Robyn Rosengard, Andy Lebovitz, Leatte Gelfeld, Ray Rokni, Lani Schrank, Bob Goldwin, Steve Zaacks, Rick Dissen, and Bob Spector

Excused: Ron Rabinowitz, Fern Roseman, and Howard Sigal

Past Presidents (In-Person and Zoom): Jack Knopoff, Barbara Gelfeld, Joel Greenman, David Hakimian, Michael Balter, Brian Miller, Lily Zoberman, Tami Rokni, Glen Roter, Larry Grossman, Tanya Solomon, and Debbie Solomon

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

Clergy and Staff: Cantor Stoehr, Rabbi Chapman, Michael Garlin, Stacy Ybarra, Lauri Holmes, and Lisa Weisner

- D'vah Torah given by Cantor Stoehr
- Approval of December 2024 Minutes
- President's Report: Sue Lampert announced that Rabbi Chapman's Installation Shabbat will be held on May 10th, 2025. Scholar in Residence weekend will be February 14th-16th, 2025. Thanks to our new Staff Appreciation Committee who hosted refreshments at the 1/6/25 staff meeting. Also, on behalf of the BOT, a \$2,500 donation to several relief funds associated with the California Wildfires was made. We have made a job posting for JASA Director as of 1/6/25 and have had several interviews. Finally, Ark Adventures has received a grant to allow it to expand into Toronto and Boston.
- Nominating Committee elections were held. The 2025 Nominating Committee members are: Jeremy Elkins, Leatte Gelfeld, Wendy Latash, Roz Mokhtarian, Randy Samborn, Edna Shrank, and Tanya Solomon, along with Ex-Officio members; Bob Spector, Sue Lampert, Lani Schrank, Bob Goldwin.
- Leatte Gelfeld discussed Hunger Free Northbrook and received BOT donations.

- A clergy search update was given by Lily Zoberman. Rabbi Shira Rosenblum visited CBS this past weekend and Rabbi Anina Dassa will be visiting this weekend. There are 2 additional candidates that may be asked to visit CBS in February.
- House VP Scott Rogoff Motion to allocate up to \$20,000 from the Building Fund to remedy the basement flooding in the Longvalley parsonage, seconded by Neil Rosengard. Motion Passes.
- Programming VP Steve Zaacks motion to fill a professional staff position of Senior Director of Learning and Engagement, seconded by Bob Goldwin. Motion passes. The search committee appointed by Sue Lampert and approved by the BOT is: Edna Schrank (chair), Ray Rokni (Finance), Steve Zaacks, Charlotte Stern, Howard Sigal, Robyn Rosengard, Becky Becker, Diane Hornstein
- Motion by Jill Olefsky to raise the annual BOT Good & Welfare contribution to \$25 per person and to designate specific disbursement of funds collected, seconded by Laura Shulman. Motion Passes. Full text of the Motion is in the Board Portal.
- VP Reports
 - Fundraising/Brad Shaps gave an update on the Purim Shpiel
 - Men's Club/Bob Goldwin gave updates on the Lox Box (March 2nd) and World Wide Wrap (February 9th). There will also be a Men's Club Breakfast on Scholar-In-Residence weekend. The CBS Men's Club Man of the Year is Jerry Agrest and an event in his honor will be held on 3/9/25.
 - Programming/Steve Zaacks - Distinguished Speaker on April 3rd, Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of ADL
- Rabbi Chapman gave a short speech on International Holocaust Remembrance Day which is today, January 27th.
- Old Business: None
- New Business: None
- Good and Welfare: Condolences to Howard Sigal on the death of his wife Jodi's Stepfather Dr. Harold Weisberg, Mazel Tov to Ray and Tami Rokni on the wedding of their son Ari, Cantor Stoehr on the engagement of both of his daughters, and to Glen and Jill Roter on the birth of another grandchild
- Motion to adjourn at 9:13 PM by Charlotte Stern seconded by Robyn Rosengard.

Respectively Submitted,

Andy Lebovitz