

# **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)**

**August 25th, 2025**

- Call to order: 7:05

In-Person Attendance: Becky Becker, Talia Block, Cheryl Braude, Harold Dembo, Ellen Grossman, Suzy Hakimian, Debbie Hamilton, Steve Lessman, Liz Neiberg, Raymond Rokni, Jill Roter, Randy Samborn, Carly Sear, Alan Shapiro, Lauren Stein, Michael Stern, Jackie Zelkowitz and Alan Zelkowitz

Zoom Attendance: Annie Goldman, Bob Goldwin, Jill Hartzman and Andrew Wagner

In-Person Executive Committee: Sue Lampert, Scott Rogoff, Edna Schrank, Stephen Zaacks, Jill Olefsky, Charlotte Stern, Andy Lebovitz, Robyn Rosengard, Roz Mokhtarian, Leatte Gelfeld, Rick Dissen, Arlen Lasinsky and Frannie Goldwin

Zoom Executive Committee: Ron Rabinowitz

Excused: Bob Spector, Howard Sigal and Brad Shaps

Absent: Jeremy Elkins and Fern Roseman

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

Past Presidents Absent: Joel Greenman, Leonard Mason, Barbara Petasnick, Henry Rabinowitz, Marc Schwartz, Deborah Solomon, Tanya Solomon, Jerry Stanton, Joe Wolke and Michael Zaransky

Clergy and Staff: Michael Garlin, Rabbi Chapman, Rabbi Honig, Stacy Ybarra and Carly Wallenstein

- D'var Torah given by Rabbi Honig
- June BOT minutes were approved

- President's Report: Please sign and return your Membership Responsibility Contract. Add meetings to your calendar. Our next BOT meeting is September 29<sup>th</sup> which will include financial reports, a Legacy update and a Strategic Plan update.

Rabbi Chapman gave an update on Club Spark. We have 13 children attending. He welcomed Rabbi Honig. She is building deep and meaningful relationships. In her first eight days she visited a member in hospice, wrote a D'var Torah, wrote a Shabbat Byte, learned how we lead weekday services, planned with the religious school, made a shiva call, worked with Randi Simon on torah reading software and more. She has a goal of 100 coffee dates with members.

- CBS Mission Moment: Sue read an e-mail from a member that felt welcomed to another table when he was sitting alone
- Leatte Gelfeld asked for help with donations and purchasing food bags for Hunger Free Northbrook.
- Executive Director's Report: A plan for High Holiday Security will be sent out to the congregation. Tickets will be required for all services, including Erev Rosh Hashanah, Second Day Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur evening. Wood Oaks will also have security and parking lot attendants.
  - Rabbi Chapman explained the Family Guest Pass that is \$100 and allows for attendance to all family programming. If the guests decide to become members, the \$100 will be applied to their membership.
  - Sue shared an organizational chart of the Staff members on the Staff page of our website. Michael provided a basic job description for each Staff member. Michael asked that he be the point of contact for anything lay leaders need from Staff.
  - We are to use the Facility and Setup Form (in the BOT portal) for meetings and events. It should be submitted to Mara at least one week in advance.
- VP updates
  - Membership (Edna Schrank): Yom Beth Shalom is Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. There are 300 registered for the welcome back dinner. The deadline to register is this coming Thursday.
  - Men's Club (Ron Rabinowitz): Men's Club Opening Dinner is September 15<sup>th</sup>, featuring Mike Bernman, NBC 5 Chicago sports journalist.

- Sisterhood (Frannie Goldwin): Sisterhood Opening Dinner is Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup>, featuring Renee Rosen, Chicago author of Let's Call her Barbie.
  - Ritual (Jilly Olefsky): BOT name tags are now in a black folder. Ruach Shabbat is joyous. Join on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Introduction to Judaism is a fabulous class join on Tuesdays at 8:15PM via Zoom.
  - Legacy (Fundraising) (Glen Roter for Brad Shaps): Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> is a Legacy event for members 80+ primarily who attend Shabbat Service, hosted by the Hakimians. Let David H know if we want others invited to it.
- Good and Welfare: Roz Mokhtarian read a thank you note from Inspire Through Flowers for our vase donations and a note of gratitude from the Ben-Dov family.
  - Motion to adjourn at 8:42 by Charlotte Stern, seconded by Robyn Rosengard

-Rosalyn Mokhtarian  
Administrative Secretary