

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT)

**October 29th, 2025**

- Call to order: 7:05 PM

In-Person Attendance: Becky Becker, Talia Block, Cheryl Braude, Harold Dembo, Jeremy Elkins, Bob Goldwin, Ellen Grossman, Jill Hartzman, Liz Neiberg, Raymond Rokni, Fern Roseman, Jill Roter, Randy Samborn, Carly Sear, Howard Sigal, Lauren Stein, Jackie Zerkowitz and Alan Zerkowitz

Zoom Attendance: Annie Goldman, Suzy Hakimian, Debbie Hamilton and Andrew Wagner

In-Person Executive Committee: Sue Lampert, Brad Shaps, Scott Rogoff, Edna Schrank, Stephen Zaacks, Jill Olefsky, Charlotte Stern, Andy Lebovitz, Robyn Rosengard, Roz Mokhtarian, Rick Dissen, Arlen Lasinsky and Bob Spector

Zoom Executive Committee: Frannie Goldwin

Excused: Leatte Gelfeld, Ron Rabinowitz and Michael Stern

Absent: Steve Lessman

Past Presidents (In-Person and Zoom): Michael Balter, Larry Grossman, David Hakimian, Donald Levine, Brian Miller, Tami Rokni, Glen Roter, Deborah Solomon, Tanya Solomon and Lily Zoberman

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

Clergy and Staff: Rabbi Chapman, Rabbi Honig, Stacy Ybarra, Carly Wallenstein and Lauri Holmes

- D'var Torah given by Rabbi Chapman
- September BOT minutes were approved
- President's Report:
  - New passwords were given for the portal. Membership numbers and Circle of Giving numbers will be reported next month.
  - Rabbi Honig shared about the NOVA music festival exhibit that will be in Chicago. This exhibit includes artifacts and testimonies. It opens November 4<sup>th</sup>. Sunday

November 9<sup>th</sup> at 2PM there will be an informal CBS meet up. Members should buy their own tickets and meet there. CBS High teens will be going and will be taking a bus. Contact Audrey and Stacey for more information. Rabbi Honig will host a debrief at CBS to discuss the exhibit.

- CBS Mission Moment given by Robyn Rosengard. She discussed how beautiful the Youth Mincha Yom Kippur service was.
- Andy Lebovitz passed around an envelope to collect money for the Northfield Food Pantry. \$500 was collected from the BOT.
- Legacy Society presentation by Brad Shaps. The Legacy campaign is here to sustain the future financial success of CBS. The financial security of CBS has been dependent on previous campaigns such as Henienu. They have successfully asked the Past Presidents to participate in legacy giving. They would like the BOT to participate. Please contact Glen Roter or Harold Dembo. Information will be presented at the December 7<sup>th</sup> Men's Club breakfast.
- Chanukah Palooza Update presented by Carly Wallenstein. It will take place Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup> right after religious school at 12:15. This is an event for the entire congregation to celebrate together.
- VP and Strategic Plan Update
  - Finance Strategic Plan Update (Rick Dissen). The Finance Committee is working under the goal to achieve and maintain financial sustainability. They are doing this by creating a fundraising strategic roadmap and creating a greater culture of donor giving. They are performing an ongoing review of dues structures by comparing to other congregations. This will give a better understanding so they can plan for adjustments. They are also reviewing and assessing the existing budget process. They will now budget by month. They will record a more in-depth revenue/expense report by program to help guide the following year's budget.
  - Sisterhood (Frannie Goldwin): October 26<sup>th</sup> was the annual Torah Fund event. Over 50 women attended the event. They are approaching their financial goal commitment to the Torah Fund. Rabbi Honig spoke about her upbringing in a conservative Jewish home with her mom. She shared how she found her way to rabbinical school and CBS. The Holiday Boutique is this Sunday November 2nd. Please sign up to help with the Judaica Shops tables.
  - Men's Club (Bob Goldwin on behalf of Ron Rabinowitz): The Erev Thanksgiving program will be a Rock and Roll Bingo Game Show night. You can sign up on the website.

- Programming (Steve Zaacks): There will be a JUF training on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM about responding to threats online and in the community. It will be an interactive program 60-90 minutes in length. It is free to the community. Please register online.
- Michael Garlin reported:
  - November 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a Havdalah program with Mike Dangerous and his band. Come for Motown music, dancing and drinks.
  - Michael is creating an office supply box that will be kept in the office for members that need supplies. He asks that we do not take supplies from staff members' desks.
- Good and Welfare:
  - Condolences to the family of Barabara Gelfeld. Barbara was a Past President of our congregation and an active participant. This tremendous loss is felt by our entire community.
  - Condolences to the family of Ron Rabinowitz on the passing of his father Jay.
  - Mazel tov to Lily Zoberman on the birth of her granddaughter Brett Goldie. Mazel tov to Randy Samborn on the birth of his grandson.
- Motion to adjourn at 8:29 PM by Arlen Lasinsky, seconded by Scott Rogoff

-Rosalyn Mokhtarian