

MINUTES OF THE COMBINED BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) MEETING

June 29th, 2026

- Call to order: 7:04 PM
- At-Large:
 - In-Person Attendance: Cheryl Braude, Harold Dembo, Suzy Hakimian, Debbie Hamilton, Jill Hartzman, Steve Lessman, Liz Neiberg, Fern Roseman, Randy Samborn, Carly Sear, Alan Shapiro, Lauren Stein, Michael Stern, Jackie Zerkowitz, Alan Zerkowitz. (Invited 2026-27 Trustees: Hillary Elkins, Diana Lewis, Lawrence LeVine, Hannah Mackler, Neil Rosengard, Susan Shapiro, Laura Shulman and Justin Walder).
 - Zoom: Annie Goldman, Jeremy Elkins and Andrew Wagner
 - Excused: Becky Becker, Talia Block, Bob Goldwin, Jill Roter (Invited 2026-27 Trustees: Lehee Milligan, Elissa Pelts)
 - Absent: Sam Grief and Howard Sigal
- Exec:
 - In-Person Attendance: Sue Lampert, Brad Shaps, Scott Rogoff, Edna Schrank, Stephen Zaacks, Jill Olefsky, Charlotte Stern, Andy Lebovitz, Robyn Rosengard, Roz Mokhtarian, Leatte Gelfeld, Rick Dissen, Arlen Lasinsky, Ron Rabinowitz, Bob Spector, (Invited 2026-27 Exec: Kevin Braude, Ray Rokni and Ellen Grossman).
 - Excused: Frannie Goldwin
- Past Presidents:
 - In-Person and Zoom: Michael Balter, Larry Grossman, Jack Knopoff, Brian Miller, Tami Rokni, Glen Roter, Deborah Solomon and Tanya Solomon
 - Absent: Joel Greenman, David Hakimian, Donald Levine, Leonard Mason, Barbara Petasnick, Henry Rabinowitz, Marc Schwartz, Jerry Stanton, Joe Wolke, Michael Zaransky and Lily Zoberman
- Clergy and Staff: Cantor Stoehr, Rabbi Honig, Michael Garlin, Carly Wallenstein and Lauri Holmes
- D'var Torah given by Cantor Stoehr
- April minutes approved
- President's Report: New Trustees introduced and welcomed. Signed Board Member Responsibility Pledges requested. Reminder no emails, texts, calls re shul business on Shabbat and holidays. The Bulletin will be updated (Microsoft Publisher ending)

Spoof emails (now appearing from Kevin Braude) are making the rounds again, be vigilant. The next BOT meeting is 8/24. Next Exec meeting is 8/6. Next PP on 8/16. Next year the 4th Shabbat of each month will be Shabbat Unwind - light bites and refreshments.

- Year 59 committee update (by Kevin Braude). Chairs: Susan and Alan Shapiro, Suzy and David and Fran Hakimian. “Remembering yesterday, reimagining tomorrow”. Shabbat service on 7/25 to honoring our founding members.
- Mission Moment (by Kevin Braude).
- Vote to approve authorized signers for FY 2026-27 the Northbrook Bank and Fidelity account of Kevin Braude, Sue Lampert, Rick Dissen, Leatte Gelfeld, Arlen Lasinsky and Michael Garlin. Passed.
- Vote to approve Endowment Board for FY 2026-27: Appointed Directors: Jon Laven (Chair), Howard Friedin and Dan Miller. Designated Directors: Kevin Braude (President) Sue Lampert (IPP), Rick Dissen (Treasurer), Arlen Lasinsky (Accounts Receivable Secretary), Leatte Gelfeld (Financial Secretary). Ex Officio Members: Michael Garlin (Executive Director) and Lauri Homes (Director of Finance). Passed.
- Vote to approve the Special Selection Committee to fill the Director of Youth Activities Position: Chair Robyn Rosengard (Youth VP), Rick Dissen (Finance), Andy Wagner, Carly Sear and Lauren Stein. Passed.
- Motion to authorize expenditures of up to \$125,000 for Kamensky sanctuary carpeting replacement and additional chair stuffing (cushion fill), and to authorize expenditure of \$55,000 from funds donated specifically for the installation of a hearing loop, for the purpose of installing a hearing loop, by Scott Rogoff. Seconded by Neil Rosengard.
 - Motion to Amend to include provision that funds for carpeting and chairs to be disbursed from the CBS Building Fund, by Randy Samborn. Seconded by Brad Shaps. Passed.
 - Motion passed
- Executive Committee Updates:
 - Jill Olefsky (Ritual VP) – Calendly to be utilized for Shabbat ambassador sign-up and reminders QR code distributed.
- Rabbi Honig reported that Ruach shabbat will be the 3rd Shabbat of each month beginning in August.

- Good and Welfare
 - Mazel tov to the Roter family as their son Blake Roter was honored in the JUF news for volunteering at the Legal Service Clinic.
 - Past President Barbara Petasnick is not well. We all wish her the best.
 - Sue Lampert read a letter received by the clergy from a non-member thanking them and our congregation for the warm welcome when they said kaddish.
 - Mazel tov to Tami Rokni who was honored at the BOT Installation Shabbat by President Sue Lampert.
 - Mazel Tov to Cantor Stoehr whose daughter is having an auf rauf on 8/15
 - Mazel Tov to Diana Lewis on her grandson's Bar Mitzvah
 - Passing of the "baton" from Sue Lampert to Kevin Braude

- Robyn Rosengard motioned to adjourn at 8:42. Seconded by Carly Sear